



Fairholme Focus

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Robin Hood Activities!

Fabulous fun was had at our two Robin Hood Activities Days, learning survival skills in shelter building, lighting fires and cooking over the camp fire, as well as having our first attempt at archery.

Saturday provided further outdoor activities as well as raft building, making hats and money pouches, con-

structing castles, dressing up as Robin Hood, a book fair, guessing the bear's name and eating ice cream and sausage rolls!

Thanks to Red Dragon Ventures for all the amazing outdoor activities and to the teachers for organising such an entertaining two days.



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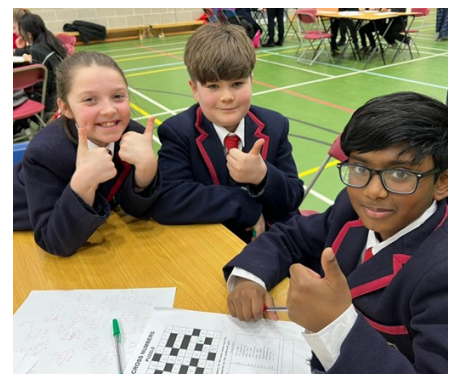
Maths Challenge Success!

We were delighted to attend the Ruthin Maths Challenge in March with our team – the Fairholme Musketeers – taking time out of our busy Robin Hood Activities Day to gain 1st place!

Our intrepid trio battled against many other teams from schools all over the region in a series of mathematical exercises, including sequences, a

crossnumber, a mathematical treasure hunt and the make-or-break maths relay round, with the teams racing to answer as many questions as possible in the time left.

This was the first year Fairholme pupils have managed to attend the challenge since COVID and so it was a very special win for us. Well done all!



Welcome to Christian!



Investigating Woodwind

This term we were pleased to welcome to Mr. Deacon to Fairholme to share his love of music and to demonstrate his woodwind instruments. A very entertaining session which hopefully inspired many to want to take up flute, clarinet or saxophone. If you were inspired and yet have not signed up for lessons, please let me know!



Music Matters

We opened our theatre doors recently to host our annual Music Theatre exams here at Fairholme.

All preparations in place, costumes gathered, scores, programme notes, props, expressive singing in place, with a focused outlook and most importantly a big smile - confident and enthusiastic performances were made by all! Our examiner listened to twenty-one polished performances and there is no doubt, everyone was pleased with their outcomes.

Some of our pianists also ventured to Chester for their ABRSM exams. Some very accomplished playing – well done!



Dydd Gŵyl Dewi

We enjoyed celebrating Wales' special day, by dressing up in Welsh clothes, eating pork and leek sausages, Welsh cakes and Bara Brith, making our own daffodils to wear and learning about St. David, and remembering 'the little things'.



Fantastic Forests

The Early Years role-play area has been turned into a forest this term. The children in Kindergarten and Form I have enjoyed dressing up and using the den, as well as re-telling the story of Robin Hood during their imaginative play.

Meanwhile, Form I children have been learning about wildlife in the forest, and finding out about the changing

seasons. They have also identified how to care for a woodland environment, creating a list of do's and don'ts.

We have some very good animal trackers too as we have looked at animal prints! We know how to identify a badger or a fox on a muddy track!





Rockin' and a-Rollin' Round the Old Oak Tree!



To celebrate the end of term, we enjoyed a fantastic performance of 'Robin Hood' – a musical show involving all the children. Rock 'n' rolling throughout, it was clear the children loved the songs and enjoyed the fast moving plot including sword fighting, archery and jesters. Well done to all our performers and thank you to all the staff for their invaluable contributions.



Fairholme's Friday Appeal

By holding a non-uniform day on the last Friday before half-term, we raised as much money as we could for the Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal, to help DEC (Disaster Emergency Committee) charities provide vital medical care, emergency shelter, food and clean water for those affected by the recent terrible earthquake. Thank you all for your very generous contributions.



Wellbeing in Action

Some regular yoga attendees enjoy this wellbeing activity each week. The children have been developing their balances and postures, and have some favourite poses. We have progressed to learning a sequence of movements including sun salutations. In the summer term we will be adding yoga sessions to our house clubs so that all the children will have the opportunity to join in.



Bird Song

Form III have enjoyed observing the various breeds of birds visiting their classroom's birdfeeder, this half term. It didn't have many visitors to begin with, but has been pretty busy recently! It has been great to see the birds so close up and has been a great addition to our Plants and Animals, science topic.



Mehndi Patterns

Form IV have been learning about Hinduism this term. They have been very enthusiastic in lessons and, to finish the topic, the children created their own Mehndi patterns. Thank you to Saindav for sharing photographs of his parents' traditional Hindu wedding.



Flower Power!

Great flower dissection work in Form VI this term as the children identified various parts of a tulip. Pupils carefully detached each part of the flower, inspected them using an electronic microscope and made a labelled flower collage!



Bread

Weighing, scooping, pouring, kneading, rolling, shaping - all skills learnt in Kindergarten this term during their bread making session. Nothing better than eating the final product though!



Dydd Santes Dwynwen

St. Dwynwen's Day was celebrated in Early years and in Welsh Club, the children making cards, cooking heart shaped biscuits, and decorating hearts and love spoons. Dydd Santes Dwynwen hapus!



United for World Cancer Day

Pupils and teachers united for World Cancer Day! Wearing purple, the colour representing courage and survival, and with balloons and unity wristbands, we raised as much money as we could for Cancer Research to support those affected by cancer.

Cancer is a global challenge. Today, thanks to research, 2 in 4 people in the UK survive their cancer for 10 years or more. Cancer Research is enabling major advances in tackling cancer, benefitting people with the disease both here in the UK and around the world.

Thank you, Miss Pett and everyone at Fairholme, for your efforts in raising vital funds.



World Maths

Pupils throughout the school enjoyed participating in World Maths Day – racing against school children from around the world, and against the clock, answering as many maths questions as possible in one minute rounds. Well done all, particularly to Form IV with an average score gaining 20th place in the World and 2nd place in the UK!

1	Glais Primary School	GBR	WAL	520
2	Fairholme School	GBR	WAL	479
3	Strabane Controlled Primary School	GBR	NIR	412
4	Barnardiston Hall Preparatory School	GBR	ENG	394
5	Drapers' Maylands Primary School	GBR		390
6	Al-Falah Primary School	GBR		379
7	Vicars Green Primary School	GBR	ENG	369
8	Old Palace of John Whitgift School	GBR	ENG	366
9	Bush Primary School	GBR	NIR	365
10	St Mary's Primary School	GBR	NIR	365
11	Mead Primary School	GBR	ENG	341
12	Uxendon Manor Primary School	GBR	ENG	338



Burns' Night

We had a great time earlier this term celebrating the famous Scottish poet – Robert Burns – with poetry recital and singing, piping in the haggis, and Scottish dancing!



Tudor Portraits

Whilst studying Henry VIII and his wives, Forms VI and VII have discovered why portraits were important in Tudor times and how

they were used to communicate wealth, status, power and beauty. As you see, we have a few budding Hans Holbeins!



A Snowy Assembly

Not a traditional Whole School Assembly on Friday 10th March – as children who managed to attend school set about building our newest and very temporary Fairholme Family members!



Some important dates for your diary

Date Forms Event



Coronation Events

- Coronation Picnic – Friday 5th May**
- Coronation Sports – Wednesday 10th May**
- Coronation Showcase – Thursday 11th May**
- Open Coronation Ballet – Friday 12th May**

Friday 5 May	ALL	Coronation Picnic	
Wednesday 10 May, 1:30pm	ALL Parents welcome	Coronation Sports Day Gymnastics display	
Thursday 11 May, 1:30pm	ALL Parents welcome	Music and Drama performances in Coronation Showcase	
Friday 12 May	Ballet pupils Parents Welcome	Open Ballet Class Fm III & IIV1 (1.45pm–2.30pm); KG, Fm I & II (2:30pm–3:00pm) Fm V, VI & VII (3pm – 3.45pm)	
Thursday 11 May	ALL	School Photos	
Friday 12 May, 10am-3pm Saturday 13 May, 10am-3pm	VISITORS WELCOME	Open Days – School Tours for Prospective parents	
Tuesday 23 May	LAMDA Forms IV – VII	LAMDA Speech and Drama Exams	
Monday 5 June – Friday 9 June	Forms III–VII	Revision Week	
Monday 12 June – Friday 16 June	Forms III–VII	Exam Week	
Monday 26 June–Wednesday 28 June	Parents welcome	Parents’ Evening by appointment	
Thursday 6 July, 2:30pm	ALL Parents welcome	End of Year Celebration The Mount Theatre	
Friday 7 July, 1:30pm	FORM VI/VII Parents welcome	End of Year Picnic	
Wednesday 30 August – Tuesday 5 September	Form I upwards	Drama Workshop	



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