



Fairholme Preparatory School

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Magical Skating Days

A magical two days of fun – we entered school through Lucy’s wardrobe, full of fur coats, into the snow, we enjoyed face painting and skating in Narnia, we honed our archery skills at Susan’s archery range, we built beaver dams, made lion masks, sleighs and WW2 gas masks.

Thanks to Active Hire for the most excellent skating experience, Red Dragon Ventures for once again organising archery activities, Viv Reed for bringing the Narnia characters to life, and all the Fairholme Team getting stuck in to our busiest activities day yet!



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Beautiful Bechstein Grand

We were delighted to receive a beautiful grand piano last week – a very kind gift from a former pupil of Fairholme from around 1964, who, apart from nature walks and the pond, remembers the great impact that music and drama had on his happy Fairholme days!



Welcome to Freddie!



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 over £100 for Cancer Research to support those affected by cancer.

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



Geography Field Trip

Early Years enjoyed their first Geography Field Trip this term, armed with clipboards and very large fluorescent jackets, they walked around the local area studying

various types of houses, as well as discovering local landmarks and a secret shortcut footpath!



Dydd Gŵyl Dewi

Forms II and III enjoyed leading an informative assembly celebrating Wales' special day, dressing up in Welsh clothes and telling us all about St. David. We continued to enjoy the day, eating pork and leek sausages, Welsh cakes and Bara Brith and making our own daffodils to wear.



Burns' Night

We had a great time earlier this term celebrating the famous Scottish poet – Robert Burns – with poetry recital and singing and Scottish dancing for all!



Through the Wardrobe into Narnia



To celebrate the end of term, we enjoyed a fantastic performance of 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' – a musical show involving all the children. Some talented individual and group performances – well done to all our performers and thank you to all the staff for their invaluable contributions.



Shrove Tuesday

On returning from the half-term break, we talked about Lent in a Shrove Tuesday Assembly, following the story of Jesus' temptations in the desert, learnt about the traditions of Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, sang a pancake song to the tune of 'Ode to Joy' by Beethoven and had some disastrous attempts at tossing pancakes!



Budding Scientists

Form II have been learning all about plants this term. They have labelled a flowering plant, sorted out foods into fruit and vegetables and can name a variety of flowering plants. The children really enjoyed our experiment to find out what a plant needs in order to thrive and grow.



Hip Hop Club



A great addition to After School Clubs this term, Hip Hop has proved to be a popular choice for boys and girls! The children treated us to a mini Show last week when they demonstrated a wide variety of hip hop moves.

Watch this space for next term's Commercial Club!



Wellbeing in Action

As part of 'Children's Mental Health Week', our School Council made worry boxes for each class. These will help to support the Mental Health Week aim - to empower, equip and give a voice to all children in the UK.



Youthful Yoga

Yoga continues to be a successful weekly session. The children have further developed their balance and posture skills and we have been working on 'flow' yoga with a series of sun salutations; learning how to sequence our movements. Great effort everyone.

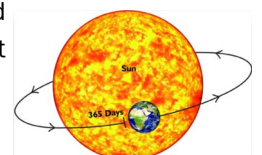
Form V Eruptions

As part of their Geography studies, Form V have been learning about Volcanoes. They were delighted to make their own volcano eruption using baking soda and vinegar!



Learning Leap Years

Way back, at the start of term, we celebrated the start of 2024 singing Auld Lang Syne and finding out why we have leap years with the help of Early Years! We know all about the Gregorian Calendar and how to work out when it is a leap year!



Ready to Recommend

Well done to all the children who came to school dressed and ready to recommend their favourite books to friends for World Book Day. Personal recommendation is a great way to get everyone reading!



Great Mathematicians

We were delighted to attend the Ruthin Maths Challenge once again in March – many rounds of complicated maths problems to solve, indoors and outdoors.

Two teams from Form VI battled against many other teams from schools all over the region in a series of 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.

A fantastic effort from everyone; we were especially delighted to once again take 1st place – our 7th consecutive win (discounting COVID break)!

Meanwhile, a huge congratulations also to Adam in Form I and Zita in Form II who have both earned an Emerald Certificate in Mathematics. Who will be next?

Don't rest on your laurels, however, in addition to Emerald certificates, there are Diamond, Epic and Legend certificates to achieve!



Year of the Dragon

Chinese New Year and the Year of the Dragon was marked with an Early Years Assembly, dressing up and dragon dancing!





Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Thursday 16 May	ALL	School Photos

Events Week – 21st to 25th May



-  **LAMDA Exams – Tuesday 21st May**
-  **Sports Day – Wednesday 22nd May**
-  **Music & Drama Showcase – Thursday 23rd May**
-  **Open Days – Friday 24th & Saturday 25th May**
-  **Open Ballet – Friday 24th May**

Tuesday 21 May	LAMDA	Forms IV – VII	LAMDA Speech and Drama Exams
Wednesday 22 May, 1:30pm		ALL Parents welcome	Sports Day Skipping Club Display 
Thursday 23 May		ALL Parents welcome	Music and Drama performances in Activities Showcase 
Friday 24 May		Ballet pupils Parents Welcome	Open Ballet Class
Friday 24 May, 10am-3pm Saturday 25 May, 10am-3pm		VISITORS WELCOME	Open Days – School Tours for Prospective parents
Thursday 30 May, Friday 31 May		Boys and girls Age 7+	Football Coaching Camp Fairholme & Non-Fairholmers 
Monday 3 June – Friday 7 June		Forms III–VII	Revision Week
Monday 10 June – Friday 14 June		Forms III–VII	Exam Week
Monday 24 June–Wednesday 26 June		Parents welcome	Parents' Evening by appointment
Thursday 4 July, 2:30pm		ALL Parents welcome	End of Year Celebration The Mount Theatre
Friday 5 July, 1:30pm		FORM VII Parents welcome	End of Year Picnic
Wednesday 28 August –Tuesday 3 September		Form I upwards	Drama Workshop 



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