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In the Giant's Garden

In the final week of term, we enjoyed a great celebration of drama, music and dance, and a chance to showcase our talented Form VII leavers, as they told the story of 'The Selfish Giant' by Oscar Wilde at our final event of the year.

Tears and laughter as the Giant learned to share his beautiful garden, full of trees, flowers, birds and blossom. A wall was built and demolished and the giant experienced some seriously inclement weather!

Well done, everyone, cast and crew!



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Farewell, Form VII!

The bittersweet time has come again to bid farewell to our talented Form VII pupils. Whilst their presence around school will be greatly missed, we are immensely proud of all of their academic, sports and drama success throughout their school years, and confident that they are prepared to excel in their next stage of education.

Good luck, Form VII!



Sports Day 2024

Once again, children battled it out on the running track with running races, hurdles, cone races and the Obstacle Course. The children's best high jumps were demonstrated and everyone took part in House shuttle and netball relays. Certificates were awarded at the medal ceremony as well as 1st, 2nd and 3rd medals for overall winners in each group and the House Cup for the winning House (congratulations Scott!).

Skipping Club performed an excellent routine to Van Halen — 'Jump'.



Maths Legends



Fantastic effort from Adam and Zita this term in 'Mathletics' being our first pupils to ever achieve Legend Certificates! Keep up the hard work!



Music Showcase

Pupils were able to show off their hard work in Speech and Drama lessons and individual and group music lessons in this Year's Music Showcase. The showcase provided a great opportunity for students to perform in

an informal environment, whilst giving parents an insight into pupils' individual achievements, whether they are beginners or more experienced players and performers. Well done, everyone, for taking part!



Reaching New Heights

Our Form VII leavers harnessed their courage and teamwork skills on their adventure day climbing and abseiling down Conwy Mountain. Confident as

ever, none of them admitted to the slightest nerves — a great team-building experience and a fantastic personal achievement for all.

Ballet Exams

Well done to ballet pupils who took pre-primary, primary and grade 1 ballet exams this term.



Butterflies Galore

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The lower school had a magnificent time at Pili Palas for their Summer trip, and it was wonderful to have Kindergarten joining us this year too!

The children enjoyed the butterfly enclosure, learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and finding out about differences between moths and butterflies.

As well as butterflies and moths, the children were able to see a range of bugs, lizards, birds and many other animals. They were

able to stroke a blue tongued lizard as well as a rabbit called David Hassellhop! They watched the meerkats during their feed time too.

After our own feeding time, the children were able to go back indoors to look at all the creatures and animals again. The play area was explored and we even finished our trip with birthday cake from Arabella!



A Step back in Time

Pupils of Forms IV to VII stepped back in time when they visited the Victorian town of Blists Hill, Shropshire.

Upon arrival the pupils dressed up as Victorian children and then headed for the Victorian school where they were greeted by a 'strict' Victorian teacher who gave them an invaluable insight into what it would have been like to attend school in Victorian times.

Having completed the workshop, the children were free to explore the town where they met craftspeople demonstrating their trades. They also had an opportunity to spend the Victorian money that they had been given; the baker's and sweet shop proved to be the most popular!

The day would not have been complete without a visit to the old-fashioned fairground. Great fun was had on the Swing Boats and Chair- O-Planes!

A day enjoyed by all and a wonderful way to experience the sights, sounds and smells of a Victorian town in the late 1800s.



Fairholme Mock Election, 2024

Just before the General Election, the excitement of the hustings came to Fairholme at our own Mock Election! Eight parties fought fiercely to persuade the electorate (Kindergarten upwards!) with campaigning, slogans and speeches. Well done to election winners – Liberty – and to everyone for taking part; some excellent ideas and great confidence shown!



If You Go Down to the Woods Today . . .

Early Years had a fantastic Teddy Bear day, with Teddy games, activities and the Teddy Bears' picnic . . .



After-School Clubs

After-School Clubs have taken off this year with many exciting and varied activities after school from 4pm to 5pm.

Sports have included tennis, badminton and football, while drama has included mime, choral speaking

and musical theatre and dance has included jazz, commercial and hip-hop. Technology proved a hit with bridges and towers!

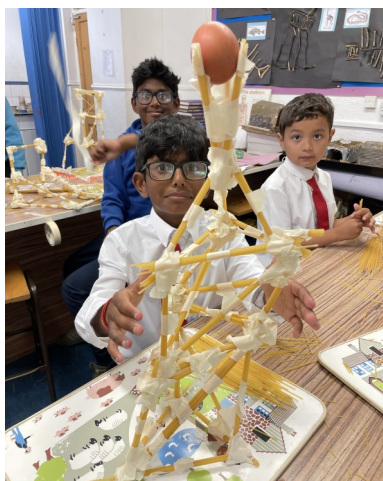
Something for everyone — get ready for more sign-ups next term!

Technological Challenges

For our first technological challenge, each team designed their own truss bridge using lollipop sticks - the aim being to build the lightest bridge to carry the most weight, so the final bridge score was calculated using the maximum load carried divided by the weight of the bridge, the best carrying 83 times its own weight! Well done to all the technology club particularly

AJ Engineers, their winning bridge carrying nearly 10kg!

Our second project involved technology club pairs building spaghetti towers. The challenge was to build the highest tower to be able to carry an egg! Amazingly, two towers reached exactly the same height, each proudly holding the fragile load!



FAIRHOLME SUMMER DRAMA WORKSHOP

28th AUGUST – 3rd SEPTEMBER 2024

The course will include:

- Exploring play characters,
- Making props and scenery,
- Learning, practising and performing,
- Designing posters and programmes.



Sign up now via email or
Satchel One for more drama fun!



Choral Speaking & Music Theatre



Drama Club enjoyed some Choral Speaking, working together to present four poems. Something for everyone as children became orchestra players, animals, tennis players, spectators and crabs!

After half-term, we reformed as the Music Theatre group bringing two of our favourites to life with singing and choreography.

Learning to perform is great fun, promotes teamwork and builds confidence - well done, everyone!

Tennis

Tennis club have been working on forehands, backhands, volleys and serves with games of King of the Court, triples and finally practising rallies with friends.



Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Wednesday 28 August – Tuesday 3 September	Form I upwards	Drama Workshop 
Friday 18 October, Saturday 19 October, 10am-3pm	VISITORS WELCOME	Open Day – School Tours for Prospective parents
Monday 2 December, 7pm	Form III–VII	Lovelight Charity Concert, St. Asaph Cathedral
Thursday 5 December, 2:30pm	KG–Form III Parents welcome	Nativity Play The Mount Theatre
Thursday 12 December, 2:30pm	ALL Parents welcome	Fairholme Carol Service, St. Asaph Cathedral

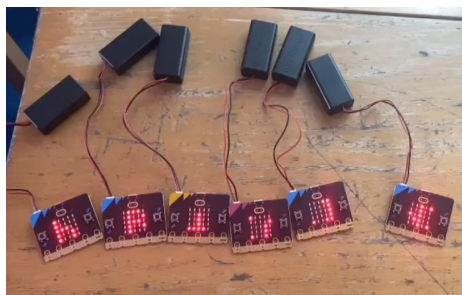
BBC micro:bit

This term, Form V, Vi and VII pupils have started transferring their coding skills to programming micro:bit devices to flash names and messages, react to light and motion and play dice games and 'Rock, Paper, Scissors'!



Celebrating May

We enjoyed celebrating May Day this term in a Spring Assembly, identifying spring flowers and bird calls, and then enjoyed some enthusiastic Maypole Dancing!



Parachuting

The Early Years had great fun in the sun parachuting - running, hiding and bouncing animals on the parachute like a trampoline!



Tranmere Rovers



Congratulations to Josh Williams, our recent sports coach, on his signing to Tranmere Rovers - big fans at Fairholme, old and new!



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