



# Fairholme Focus

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## Elven Action

Friday 23 November was no ordinary day at Fairholme! Children from all forms contributed in raising funds for the local hospice by wearing their own clothes or donning an elf outfit. Running activities took place throughout the day. Father Christmas (aka Mr. Roberts) was continually being chased by elves of various heights in the play ground, on the astro-turf and in the Sports Hall! Phew!

The running club made good use of their weekly running session by completing a

sponsored elf run complete with their elf hats and/or costumes. The rain just about stayed away for our riverside run, with the children covering at least two miles. Well done to all involved and for all the children who purchased an elf hat to raise extra funds. We were able to present St. Kentigern's with a cheque for an amazing grand total of £906, the most we have ever raised for a charity event at school. Thank you all for your generosity.



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## We Choose Respect

During Anti-Bullying Week, a series of special assemblies were held in which pupils were given the opportunity to discuss matters such as the qualities that make a good friend, who to approach if anyone has a concern and emotions we each feel which could lead us into bullying behaviour.

The week culminated with a poster competition regarding this year's slogan 'We Choose Respect'. The standard of entries was very high. Well done to Amelia and Henry who won first prize in their age groups and to the runners-up: Krish K, Seren, Ryan and Sangeeth.

### WE CHOOSE RESPECT



### Special points of interest:

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## The Sleepy Shepherd

KG, Forms I, II and III once again told the Christmas story in the form of a nativity musical. This year, in 'The Sleepy Shepherd', we met a lovable shepherd (Aidan) who just couldn't stay awake. Nearly missing out on the big adventure, he and his shepherd friends (Ryan and Jesse) made it to the stable just in time.

Some very confident narration was provided by Benjamin and Henry and an accomplished and most enjoyable performance given by all. This was an inclusive project, involving every child, and provided as many opportunities as possible to build confidence, as well as learn about the Christmas story.

DVD's are still available to order if you have missed out on this. We are looking forward to seeing much of this emerging talent put to use in our next whole school musical production! Thank you to Mrs. Gains, Mrs. Turner and all the team for their excellent work with the lower school children.



**Well done to Leah and Orla for taking part in the Urdd Swimming Gala – Leah gaining 2nd place in the backstroke; and to Iestyn for completing Bodelwyddan 5km Parkrun in an impressive time of 22 minutes 16 seconds!**

## Exploring the Elwy

Forms IV and V explored the River Elwy as part of the topic, 'Water in the Landscape'. Pupils walked along the beautiful riverbank and discovered the intricate carvings of wildlife, identifying some features of the river they had learnt about in lessons. The children carried out investigations to discover how fast the river flowed, using numeracy skills to measure, time and work out averages. They also observed the depth and width of the river in various locations along its course and observed where erosion had taken place on the banks of the River Elwy, caused by the floods back in November, 2012.



## Christmas in the Community

We were delighted to be invited to sing at both the Myddelton College Christmas Fayre and the St. Asaph Fair held at the Cathedral. Fairholme pupils turned up in force to both events and sang a fantastic Christmas repertoire, much enjoyed by all.



## Trick or Treat?

Kindergarten were busy at the end of October finding out about Halloween. They enjoyed learning about pumpkins, finding out what was inside before getting their hands in and scooping out all the seeds and flesh. Each child designed a different part of the face to make Kindergarten's 'Jack-o-lantern'. In the role play the children dressed up as witches, skeletons, bats and vampires to scare everyone!

## Open Week at The Mount

We were delighted to hold another Open Week when parents could drop in on a number of ordinary lessons and join with us in an Open Assembly. Much enjoyed events included sports lessons for KG to Form V, Gymnastics Club and Speech and Drama lessons in the upper school all held in The Mount Sports Hall and Theatre. It is fantastic to be able to use this facility to enhance our parent partnership and involve parents in ordinary school life.



## 1918-2018 Centenary

The school council attended St. Asaph Cathedral for the Remembrance Day service in November. A huge display of poppies, made by school children in St Asaph to celebrate the 2018 special centenary, flooded down one corner of the Cathedral. A two minute silence was held at 11am, after which wreaths were laid at the cenotaph by various community organisations. Our representatives laid a wreath on behalf of Fairholme. It is a privilege for us to be part of this important demonstration of respect and gratitude for those who gave 'their today for our tomorrow'. We will remember them.

## Operation Christmas

Thank you to all who contributed a Christmas box for our Operation Christmas Appeal this year. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to show God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world.

Since 1990, more than 157 million children in over 160 countries have received these special shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child. It is a privilege to be part of this fantastic work.



## Straw STEM Challenge

This term, Technology Club pupils were set a STEM challenge (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) to design and build a roller coaster for a ping pong ball out of straws, hot glue, and a cardboard box for a base. Tracks, to hold the ball as it rolled, were laid using straws. Pairs of designers experimented with each section of track before gluing to make sure that it worked and some designs, initially rather complex, were simplified during the building process! Well done to each team for completing some interesting and innovative designs.



## Hero for the Homeless

Over the last few years, Louis has been deeply moved by the plight of homeless people he has seen, both in France and nearer to home in Chester. He was inspired to help them and, with his birthday money and by creating a funding page, raised enough money to purchase many useful items to keep people warm on the streets. Last week, he distributed these items in person to a number of homeless people at the ShareShop in Chester. One couple, who have no shelter, were overwhelmed to receive a pop-up tent. Louis' kindness not only touched people emotionally but will also now be keeping many that bit warmer in the winter months to come. An inspirational hero to us all.

## Food for Thought!

We have been delighted to welcome Newydd Catering this term to provide school lunches, snacks and breakfasts for the school and nursery. Providing healthy, nutritious meals at school is our priority to support pupils' continued growth and development, boosting concentration, improving performance and active participation throughout the school day.

The children have enjoyed the wide variety of choices over a three week cycle throughout the term, culminating in the marvelous Christmas lunch of roast turkey or Christmas pie and all the trimmings last week. Thank you to Mrs. Evans and the kitchen staff for all their hard work!

## Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Monday 7 January – Friday 11 January	Form III upwards	Revision Week
Monday 14 January – Friday 18 January	Form III – VI	Exam Week
Friday 1 February 9am	ALL Parents welcome	Open Assembly Chinese New Year
Monday 25 March	ALL	Whole School Musical – Dress Rehearsal
Thursday 28 March 2pm	ALL Parents welcome	Whole School Musical Production The Mount Theatre
Friday 29 March 2pm	ALL Parents welcome	Whole School Musical Production The Mount Theatre



## Techniquet

The children of Form I and II visited Techniquet in Wrexham. There were many different 'hands on' discoveries in each of the rooms. The children also had the challenge of walking through the mirrored corridor! After our packed lunches the children watched the Christmas Show about Elfy the Elf. Elfy, needed lots of help, to be able to work for Santa. The children helped with four science based tasks to allow Elfy to become a magical elf. The children had lots of fun and their behaviour throughout the day was exceptional.



## Lovelight

Fairholme was, once again, delighted to take part in the Lovelight Tenovus Charity Concert held at the Cathedral last week. A great turn out this year from Fairholme pupils; thank you all for your support and hard work, pupils and staff alike!

Hosted by Welsh Rugby legend, Rupert Moon, we were treated to a fabulous concert including 'Denbigh Male Voice Choir' and Tenovus 'Sing with Us' choir as well as our own talented bunch. All proceeds from the evening went to the Tenovus charity which raises vital funds for cancer research, Mobile Cancer Support Units and the Tenovus Cancer Support Line.



**Well done to Ellis, Sangeeth, Jesse, Amelia G, Shravan, Dhyan and Poppy for their winning performances in this year's Christmas Spelling Bee!**

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