



Fairholme Focus

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One of Our Favourite Things

One of our favourite things this term has been, of course, the production of 'The Sound of Music'. Everyone was involved in preparation work – musicians, ballet and drama departments, costume designers, lighting and sound controllers, and all the children!

All the hard work came to a rewarding conclusion in both the performances. We enjoyed each and every child's performance – Austrian children, townsfolk, soldiers, guests, goats, as well as all the many main roles of nuns, Von Trapp children, Rolf, Maria and Captain.

Thank you to all who contributed to a fantastic show – one we will remember as one of our absolute favourites!



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World Book Day

On Friday, 8th March, pupils from all classes enjoyed coming to school dressed as a character from their favourite book. The children looked fantastic in their wonderful array of costumes and we all enjoyed finding out about the various books chosen in the presentations that each class gave, in our special World Book Day Assembly. We hope children have discovered a book they may otherwise have never picked up and are inspired to continue reading as often as they can!



Book Fair

Once again, our recent Book Fair was a big success. Hosting a wide range of both fiction and non-fiction, there was sure to be something to appeal to all ages and abilities. Pupils from Form VII gained valuable teamwork skills whilst serving as cashiers, advertising specialists and book advisors.

Thank you to all who supported this event.

Music Matters

Well done to all candidates taking ABRSM exams this week. Your hard work and dedication has not gone unnoticed. We look forward to more successful results!



Eggstraordinary!

Well done to all pupils who entered the Decorated Egg Competition this Easter. Some 'eggstraordinary' entries were enjoyed by all. We hope everyone had fun designing their Easter Creations!

Make Way!

The Spring Term ended with an Easter Celebration. All children and parents joined together for Form VI and VII's retelling of the Easter story in drama and song.

Pupils captured the contrasting joy of Palm Sunday with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and sadness of Good Friday with Jesus' crucifixion. The assembly concluded with children singing their favourite hymn, 'Zip Bam Boo'!



Heated Debate

The pupils of Form VII recently participated in a 'Balloon Debate'. This involved the audience imagining the speakers to be flying in a hot air balloon which is sinking and, as a result, some of the occupants need to be removed.

Each pupil adopted the persona of a notable character from history and researched their contributions and achievements which they then incorporated into a persuasive argument as to why they should remain in the balloon.

Well done to Julia (Ada Lovelace) and Krish (Martin Luther King) who were the overall winners.



999 Emergency

Kindergarten have been finding out about the work of the police and how they keep everyone safe. They have enjoyed dressing up as Police officers, answering the telephone and calling each other on the radio. Saindav has been busy typing up the incident reports with a few pupils being put into jail!



Watch Out, the Gruffalo is About!

Urdd Success

Well done to all pupils who took part in the Urdd Eisteddfod this half term. A successful day for all involved – preliminary rounds started at 8.30am and the excitement continued throughout the day until 5pm. The Urdd team gave Fairholme pupils a very warm welcome and, amid much translating and organisation, parents and children enjoyed the day immensely.

Many first, second and third place awards were achieved in singing, recitation, harp, piano and guitar solos by Emily, Giovanni and Rehan. First and second placings were then invited to take part in the County Round where Emily achieved First Place for her Harp solo.



Form II have recently enjoyed reading 'The Gruffalo,' by Julia Donaldson. The children wrote book reviews and presented the story during the World Book Day Assembly. Subsequently, pupils made pancakes with Gruffalo faces to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. From II are now looking forward to reading more books by the same author.



Spring has Sprung!

This half term, Form I have been finding out about the seasons. The children have helped to create our wonderful 'Seasons' display. They have made butterflies, bees, lambs, snowflakes, blossom, flowers and autumn leaves. They have used different materials and enjoyed using 'Purplemash' to create seasonal pictures in ICT lessons. They have written about Spring and it has been wonderful to listen to their many observations as we welcomed in springtime. Pupils enjoyed learning a poem about Jack Frost and listening to the story 'The Selfish Giant'. We have

also cleared up the small matter as to where cotton wool is sourced! "No, children! It does not come from sheep!" The children are showing their favourite topic work in front of our seasons display!



St. David's Day

St David's Day was celebrated this year with children dressing in national dress or Welsh sports clothes, singing Welsh hymns and songs and joining in the National Anthem.

Money was raised for Marie Curie Cancer Care which takes the Welsh national flower, the daffodil, as its symbol. Thank you all for your kind contributions.



Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Tuesday 30 April	Form VI/VII	Junior Maths Challenge
Friday 3 May	Form VI (Team only)	Ruthin Maths Challenge (Please bring packed lunch)
Wednesday 15 May	ALL	School Photos
SATURDAY 18 MAY	Parents and Visitors welcome	OPEN DAY Form VI & VII guides (Please wear School Uniform)
Tuesday 21 May, Wednesday 22 May	Forms VI & VII Forms IV & V	LAMDA Speech and Drama Examinations
Monday 3 June – Friday 7 June	Forms III–VII	Revision Week
Monday 10 June – Friday 14 June	Forms III–VII	Exam Week
Tuesday 18 June 4pm – 7pm	Parents welcome	Parents' Evening
Thursday 20 June 1.30pm	ALL Parents welcome	Sports Day
Saturday 22 June T.B.C.	Music pupils	Music Theatre Exams
Friday 28 June	Ballet pupils Parents welcome	Open Ballet Class Fm II & III (1.15pm–1.45pm) KG & Fm I (1.45pm–2.15pm) Fm IV & V (2.15–3pm) Fm VI & VII (3pm – 3.45pm)
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 BBQ Party
Wednesday 28 August – Tuesday 3 September	Form II upwards	Drama Workshop



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