



Fairholme Focus

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Maths Challenge Success!

We were delighted this term to win the Ruthin Junior Maths Challenge for the 4th year in a row, this year winning both 1st and 2nd places! Our two teams of 3 from Form VI battled against 24 other teams from 16 schools over 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. The Form VI teams excelled throughout the day and, much to our delight, Joshua, Lily and Giovanni gained 2nd place, winning £25 vouchers each and Sam, Dhyan and William were announced as the overall winners, given vouchers worth £30 each and winning a laptop for the school!



A Colourful Open Day!

Thank you to all our helpers from Forms V, VI and VII who contributed to a very successful Open Day last weekend. Many colourful activities included some very messy play in Kindergarten, colourful calculations and craftwork in Forms I, and IV, Dreamcoat biscuits in Form II and Egyptian hieroglyphics in Form III.

Pupils were performing some of the songs from our future show, 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat', children enjoyed having their faces painted and Mr. Roberts held a colourful obstacle course competition on the sports pitch.

Science experiments included shining light through prisms to disperse colours and making gyroscopes to diffract light.

Forms VI and VII were on hand to demonstrate experiments and activities to visitors and I received many compliments regarding their enthusiasm, polite manners and helpfulness. Thank you all for coming and contributing to such a colourful day.



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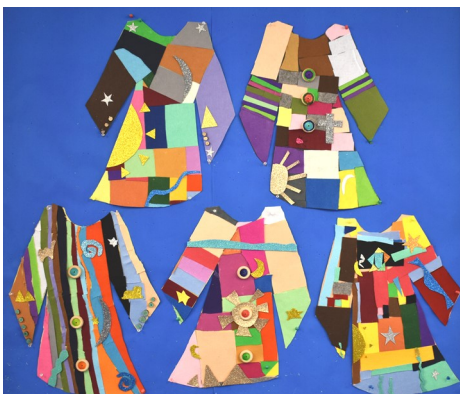
Welcome to Edith and Avyan!

Open Assembly Series

This term each Form is leading a Whole School Assembly referencing our theme – 'Colour'

Forms VI and VII started us off leading the assembly about the science of light and colour, and colours of the rainforest. Form V then concluded with the story of 'The Rainbow People' with the theme of teamwork and sharing. All pupils contributed, confidently sharing with school and parents ideas learnt about and researched in class.

We are looking forward to more colour-themed Form Assemblies next half term.



Dreamcoats

Form VI have been designing their own 'Dreamcoats' in anticipation of our summer celebration. Detailed designs included stars of the twelve brothers, sheaves of corn, pyramids, the River Nile and camels – all ideas developed from the lyrics of the musical. A very colourful display was in place just in time for the technicolour Open Day.

Hands Across the World

Christian Aid week this year was focussing on providing education for girls in Sierra Leone, in Africa. Our assembly looked at the story of a girl, Kadiatu, who, at the age of 11, spends much of her time looking after the family and doing household chores. Kadiatu is determined, however, to get a good education as well, as she wants to become a doctor.



Pupils have since spent time thinking about want they would like to be when they are grown up and have illustrated themselves in outfits they might need in their future careers. Our prefects took our pictures along to the cathedral to make a display. Thank you for your kind contributions which will be used by Christian Aid in giving every child an equal chance to learn and live their dreams.

Kindergarten Caterpillars



Kindergarten have been looking after some caterpillars this half term, feeding them and watching them grow. They have enjoyed the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' as they wait expectantly to release their own caterpillars as beautiful, colourful butterflies.

Roaming Romans

Form IV visited the Grosvenor Museum, Chester, to learn about Roman Life. When we arrived, we were given silver body armour to wear and a large, yellow Roman shield to carry. Then we were led by a Roman soldier called 'Titus' to the remains of the historic Roman amphitheatre. We learnt about how the soldiers fought and defended themselves and carried out drills, including the diamond wedge attacking formation, over the knee punches and stab steps. On the way back to the museum, we chanted a Latin Roman Marching song called 'Sin Dex Sin'. We looked around two of the museum's galleries where there were many interesting exhibits of artefacts and interactive activities. We completed worksheets and drew sketches of Chester's Roman Fortress called Deva.

After lunch, we took part in a Roman workshop, where we learnt about artefacts that archaeologists have discovered and why the Romans decided to settle in Deva. We took part in practical activities about the Roman bath houses and dressed up as Roman slaves as we learnt about herbs and spices used in Roman kitchens.



Cricket Crazy

Many thanks to 'Cricket Wales' for providing extra cricket coaching for Forms II and III this half term. Children have enjoyed practising their throwing, catching and batting skills while taking part in 'Hit the Stumps', Diamond Cricket and 'monster ball' competitions.



New sports kit available
 – visit our uniform sale on 13, 14 June!



May Day

Each year we all look forward to the May Day bank holiday and anticipation of sunny weather to come. This year in our May Day assembly we talked about the spring months, spring flowers and identified some bird calls. We finished the assembly with a Maypole dance by children of KG and Form I.



Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Monday 3 June—Friday 7 June	Forms III—VII	Revision Week
Friday 7 June, 9am	ALL Parents welcome	Open Assembly by Forms II & III
Monday 10 June—Friday 14 June	Forms III—VII	Exam Week
Thursday 13 June and Friday 14 June, 3:30-5pm	ALL Parents welcome	Uniform Sale Forrester Sports in Dining Room
Tuesday 18 June	Form III, IV	Trip to St. Asaph Cathedral
Tuesday 18 June	Form V, VII Ballet pupils	Ballet Exams
Tuesday 18 June 4pm — 7pm	Parents welcome	Parents' Evening
Thursday 20 June, 1:30pm	ALL Parents welcome	Sports Day
Friday 21 June, 9am	ALL Parents welcome	Open Assembly by Forms IV, KG, I
Saturday 22 June	Singing pupils	Music Theatre Examinations
Monday 24 June	Forms I, II, III	Trip to Park Hall Farm
Tuesday 25 June	Forms V, VI, VII	Trip to Catalyst Museum
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 — Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (Tickets available on Eventbrite)
Friday 5 July, 1.30pm	Form VII Parents welcome	Form VII Party and BBQ
Wednesday 28 August —Tuesday 3 September	Form II upwards	Drama Workshop

Busy BeeBot Journeys in Form I High Street!

The children of Form I have been finding out about various modes of transport, past and present, and constructing their own model vehicles. They have talked about journeys they have experienced and the reasons we make journeys. The children particularly enjoyed exploring position and movement whilst programming the beebot to make journeys along the 'high street'. It has been great fun practising their left and right to help the beebot make the correct journeys!

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