



Fairholme Focus

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Any Dream will do!

Music and Drama departments have been working furiously once again this term towards our performance of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'.

At the start of our work, many children had not heard the story of Joseph, his brothers and his rise to power in Egypt. Enjoying learning the catchy songs from Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical in singing lessons, some were surprised to find that this was a Bible story!

Meanwhile, musicians, actors and dancers were working on their contributions to the final show culminating in the marvellous event in The Mount Theatre on Thursday in which all children enthusiastically performed.

Thank you to Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Cotterill, Miss Messham and to all the children for their efforts and contributions to such a memorable event.



Well done to Orla who won the 600m girls' year 5 & 6 race at the Urdd County Athletics competition!

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Gymtastic – Big Waves in Motion!

The gymnastics enrichment club have been working very hard this term, choreographing, practising and performing a gymnastics display for sports day. Mrs Gains was very proud of the children's efforts and would like to say a big thank you and well done to all involved!



Special points of interest:

- Enjoy news and photos from our Technicolor production, here on page 1
- Read about further maths success in the UK Junior Maths Challenge – see page 2
- A Trip to Catalyst Museum - find out about the latest science trip in 'Scientrific Fun' on page 3
- Sponsoring Monty, our first guide dog – see page 4

Sports Day

It was great to be able to return to Fairholme for our Sports Day which included running, hurdles, obstacle races, relays, high jump, and an old favourite – ‘Get Ready for School’ race.

Well done to all children for their great efforts and sportsmanship, thanks to our caterers for the excellent scones and cream and thank you to Mr Roberts for organising this special event.



Farewell Form VII

The time has come, once more, to bid farewell to Form VII. Although we will be sorry to see them go, it is an opportunity to celebrate and reflect on their many academic, musical, dramatic and sporting achievements, of which they should be very proud.

Our thanks go to Charlotte, Iestyn and Poppy, in their roles as Head Girl, Head Boy and School Captain and to all the Form VII prefects for their invaluable help in organising school events and for the assistance and support shown to our younger pupils. We wish them well as they embark on the next chapter of their educational journey.



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Once again, Form VI and VII took part in the UK Junior Maths Challenge. Very well done to Sam, Julia, Sahil and Dhyana who won Bronze Certificates – and to Navneet for the highest Fairholme scorer with a Silver Certificate! Children will have the chance to have another go next year and will continue in years 7 and 8 in most secondary schools.

Weaving Wool and Grinding Wheat

Pupils in forms I, II and III enjoyed a fun-packed day at Park Hall Farm, experiencing country life today and a long time ago. We started the day going back to the Iron Age, sitting in a round house finding out about daily life and having a go at weaving with wool and grinding wheat using large stones. After lunch the children had a tractor ride around the farm before meeting the cows in the milking parlour and learning how to look after smaller farm animals and pets. The day was rounded off by cheering on the racing pigs and a play in the adventure playground.



More Colours

To further the theme of Joseph's coloured coat, children have prepared assemblies all about colour. This half term we enjoyed Form II sharing their knowledge about flags of the British Isles; Form III presented the story of Elmer the Elephant – Elmer wanted to be grey like all the other elephants, but the other elephants missed his lively and colourful character; and Kindergarten skipped and danced with their colourful ribbons and sang ‘I can sing a Rainbow!’ Form IV used the colour theme to share facts about Egypt with many replica artefacts on display, including papyrus, cotton head-dress and a mini Tutankhamun. Form I finished with their drama, ‘The Rainbow Fish’ – the Rainbow Fish would not share his shiny scales, but what use were his scales if he was lonely? We hope parents and children have enjoyed the variety of colourful performances and presentations.



'Scientrific' Fun

This term Forms V, VI and VII were fortunate enough to visit the marvellous Catalyst Museum in Widnes.

On arrival, we went to the main gallery to look at all sorts of phenomena such as solar-powered planes, the formation of polymers and different types of beautiful crystals. Meanwhile, another group had a taste of what it's like to be a forensic scientist as they tried to deduce who was the perpetrator of a 'crime'. This involved the use of processes such as fingerprint analysis, chromatography and DNA testing.

After a delicious packed lunch, we went to the theatre to watch an amazing light show. We experienced many effects, for example, using infra-red cameras to see

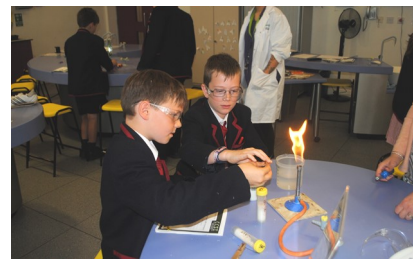
people's footsteps and bending lasers through glass objects. In addition to this, we marvelled at the beauty of bioluminescence.

Following the light show, we went to one of the studios and built our own thirteen-metre-long cable-stayed bridge, which we could walk across!

To wrap it all up, we went up a seemingly never-ending flight of stairs into the observatory, where we looked through the floor-to-ceiling glass at the many types of bridges crossing the River Mersey.

All in all, we had a marvellous experience and it allowed the upper forms to learn a lot about science, the fun way! *(by DV & SH)*

Well done to ballet pupils who took RAD exams this term!



Cricket Fever

Last week, Form VI and VII were invited to St. Asaph Cricket Club by Cricket Wales to join in a fun day of activities to celebrate the Cricket World Cup that is currently taking place over England and Wales.



Cathedral Visit

Forms III and IV recently visited St. Asaph Cathedral, as part of their R.E. and history topics. They learnt about the many special objects inside the Cathedral and their use. The children dressed up as monks, priests, deacons and bishops and also performed a drama role play activity, based on St. Asaph and St. Kentigern. The children designed their own stained-glass windows in which they drew and

coloured their own representations of religious scenes. The children listened to the cathedral's organist play high and low-pitched notes, as well as a variety of tunes, using the fifty-four stops. In groups, each pupil had the opportunity to compose music with hand bells before playing some beautiful scales together!



KG's Picnic

Kindergarten enjoyed a lovely day for their teddy bear picnic. They were joined by a variety of teddies including dinosaurs and giraffes. The children all came dressed in the colours of the rainbow and had a fun packed day. A variety of teddy bear themed activities kept everyone busy and Monty made sure everyone was behaving in the play area!



Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Wednesday 28 August — Tuesday 3 September, 9am — 4pm	Form II upwards	Drama Workshop
Friday 13 September 2pm — 4.30pm	Form VI,VII	Netball and Football Tournament at King's School (Late pick-up ~ 5.15pm)
Monday 16 September	Form VII (optional)	11+ Wirral Examinations
Wednesday 4 December 2.30pm	KG—Form III Parents welcome	Nativity Play The Mount Theatre
Tuesday 10 December pm	ALL	Rehearsal at St. Asaph Cathedral (Please collect from Cathedral)
Thursday 12 December pm	ALL Parents welcome	Christmas Carol Service, St. Asaph Cathedral



Attendance Awards

Full attendance at school is very important. A huge congratulations to so many children who attended more than 99% of school this academic year.



Music Matters

Thirty-eight pupils participated in singing, piano, flute and or Music Theatre exams recently. As pupils took on a plethora of roles to express their music theatre songs, the music room became a hub of costumes, props, scores and incredibly enthusiastic pupils. Well done all for your determined focus and delivering such confident performances.



Welcome to Lexi!



Yummy treats at Cooking Club!



Sponsoring Monty!

Thank you all for supporting our charity Sports Day. We collected a massive £275 from the sale of delicious scones and Pimm's, the raffle and ice creams. Well done to the School Council for coming up with our charity — Guide Dogs for the Blind—to fit in with this term's theme of light and colour.

We have been able to sponsor a guide dog called Monty with your generous donations and we look forward to keeping up with his progress in regular 'pupdates' as he completes his training for this very worthwhile job.



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