



Fairholme Focus

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100% Academic Success

A very hard working start to 2019 for all pupils, particularly those in Form VII preparing for their Independent School entrance exams. We were thrilled to hear that, once again, Form VII, ably guided by Mrs. Hall, have had complete success in all entrance exams. Well done to Julia who has been awarded a Queen's Scholarship. This is the fourth year in a row for a Fairholme pupil to win this prestigious award. Well done to Iestyn for his Myddelton Academic Scholarship award, to Charlotte, Emily and Iestyn for their King's places and to Navneet, Krish, Sahil, Charlotte and Louis for their great efforts in Ruthin and Rydal examinations; further scholarship awards are yet to come . . . Congratulations all!



The Year of the Pig

Chinese New Year was celebrated in style this year with the latest in our series of Open Assemblies.

Each Form led a part of the assembly; which was both entertaining and informative. It included a dragon drama, dancing lions, a play about how the years received their animal names, a Chinese fan dance, and information on this year, 2019, the Year of the Pig. Thank you all for joining us for this special event.



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Special points of interest:

- Battling it out at Badminton – read all about the Badminton Club's recent tournament, on page 3
- Choosing Chopsticks – thank you to our kitchen staff for organizing our very tasty Chinese-themed lunch, read on page 2
- Queen's Scholarship awarded to Fairholme pupil for the fourth year running – read 100% Academic Success, here on page 1
- Clay Club have been making Chinese dragons – see page 4



**Welcome to
Jorgie, Jaxson
and Maxon!**



House Detectives

Form I recently participated in a field trip, exploring the local area. Their task was to identify different house types, along with other buildings, such as shops and offices. Donning their hi-vis jackets, they held on to their clipboards and checklists and braved the elements! Fortunately the rain held off. The children had a great amount of enjoyment while developing their observational skills. Well done, Form I!

Choosing Chopsticks

Pupils and staff alike had great fun at our Chinese themed lunch where we were given the opportunity to try out sweet and sour chicken and vegetable chow mein, all eaten with chopsticks. The Delicious meal was rounded off with snowflake cakes and fortune cookies.



Catapult Challenge

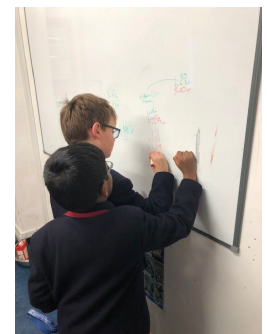
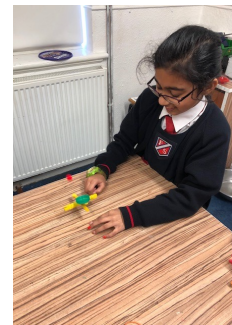
This half term, pupils were set the challenge of building their own catapults using 7 craft sticks, 3 rubber bands, a milk cap and a pompom. They created a simple experiment launching a pompom from the catapult several times and measuring how far it travelled. Pupils used their results to calculate the average.

Tasty Delights

Kindergarten have become chefs, cooking up a variety of dishes using our new domestic science facility.

Fruit smoothies were a hit as each child made their own version. We made dough and learnt how to knead it before shaping in to rolls. We cooked some delicious pizzas, even making some for Mrs. Perkins! Finally, we made some Chinese food and perfected our chopstick skills!

The older children can look forward to a new Cooking Club next term.



The Hills are Alive!

This half term we have started working towards our next musical show, 'The Sound of Music'.

Once again, we were amazed by the outstanding interest shown at auditions held last week. The emerging talent in all classes was very much in evidence.

As always, it was extremely difficult to fix the final two casts; we endeavour to give as many children a chance to speak and sing as possible, giving priority to Forms VI and VII.

Tickets are available on Eventbrite and can be easily accessed through the School Website events page. Feel free to invite as many friends and family as you can to ensure that we have a full house for each of our two performances and offer as much support as we can to our excellent young performers.



Welsh Day

Last week, children came to school in Welsh National dress, Welsh rugby or football kit or anything green or red. Welsh dragons, sheep and daffodils featured as well. After posing for newspaper photos, we welcomed Mr Urdd and enjoyed his good company.



Thank you to all who donated to the Urdd National Eisteddfod fund; we raised a total of £123. The National Eisteddfod will be hosted here in Denbighshire in 2020. We wish our Urdd members well in their Urdd Eisteddfod first heat participation next month. They are industriously perfecting recitations and instrumental pieces.



Battling it out at Badminton!

A first at Fairholme - this half term the weekly badminton club decided to hold a tournament and showcase their skills. 16 players entered the tournament and, following the knock out rounds, the final singles match was watched by all the children. During the build up to the final there were some nail biting and intense games! Well done to Iestyn and Krish K for reaching the semi-finals and Louis and Navneet who battled it

out in the final! Congratulations to Navneet, the overall winner, who won a new badminton racquet. Thanks to all the players for taking part; it was pleasing to witness such good sportsmanship as well as the development of some super skills. There will be more tournaments to come, including doubles matches! Children are encouraged to sign up to this club, particularly if they have not tried badminton before.



Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Monday 25 February – Saturday 2 March	Visitors Welcome Taster Days Available	OPEN WEEK
Thursday 14 March Friday 15 March, 3.30-5.30	Parents Welcome	School Uniform Sale (Forrester Sports) & Scholastic Book Fair
Monday 25 March am	ALL	Dress Rehearsal – The Sound of Music (attend school in black trousers, drama t-shirt and blazer)
Thursday 28 March 2.00pm	ALL–Parents Welcome (attend school in black trousers, drama t-shirt and blazer)	The Sound of Music Whole School Musical Production The Mount Theatre (Tickets available on Eventbrite)
Friday 29 March 2.00pm	ALL–Parents Welcome (attend school in black trousers, drama t-shirt and blazer)	The Sound of Music Whole School Musical Production The Mount Theatre (Tickets available on Eventbrite)
Wednesday 3 April 9am	ALL Parents Welcome	OPEN EASTER ASSEMBLY
Tuesday 30 April	Form VI/VII	UK Junior Maths Challenge
Friday 3 May	Form VI team	Ruthin Maths Challenge
Tuesday 21 May, Wednesday 22 May	Forms VI & VII Forms IV & V	LAMDA Speech and Drama Examinations

Well done to Iestyn – under 12 champion at Cyclo-Cross, bike racing over various hilly and muddy venues across North Wales!



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Chinese Dragons

Clay Club have been busy making dragon faces to celebrate Chinese New Year. The children have learnt how to shape and mould the clay. They have added some good detail using a variety of shapes and colours of paint.