



# Fairholme Focus

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## Welcome Week

We were delighted to invite visitors and parents to join us during Open Week for tours of the school, Open Sport and Speech and Drama lessons and our Harvest Festival celebration.

Indoor sports activities included gymnastics, badminton and circuit training. Speech and Drama lessons encompassed individual poetry recitals, duologue acting performances and group choral speaking from 'Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats' by T. S. Eliot.

At our final assembly and Harvest Festival each Form contributed readings, drama, songs and prayers and our usual round of harvest hymns were enjoyed by all.

Thank you to everyone for bringing gifts for our harvest table, beautifully arranged by Mrs. Turner. All the gifts were collected by Save the Family, a local charity based in Chester and North Wales which helps families in difficulty stay together and get back on their feet.

Our next open events will include Christmas Around the World, Valentine's Assembly and World Book Day. Parents and friends are very welcome to attend.



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- Open Week – read all about our open events –here on page 1
- Thank you for supporting Macmillan Big Coffee Morning!
- Read all about our Three Musketeers Drama Workshop – see page 2

**Welcome to Oliver,  
Reema, Bledlyn,  
Scarlett, William, Henry,  
Rupert, Joshua, Lilly,  
Marni and James!**





## Clwb Cymraeg

We've had an industrious half term creating a colourful Autumn display, "Yr Hydref". Leaves were made using weaving and colouring to an autumn colour scheme.

We also created Halloween masks, "Calan Gaeaf" as seen in the picture.

Children have started working on their Urdd solo recitation and singing set pieces. If you would like your child to compete, please see Mrs Williams.

Membership fees will be collected after half term. We also look forward to the Denbighshire Urdd area hosting the National Eisteddfod in 2020.

## All for One and One for All

A fun time was had by all on the recent Drama Workshop just before the start of the Autumn Term. We were delighted to see so many new faces on the workshop with many younger members joining the group.

Some great acting, dancing and singing skills were emerging during the week as pupils negotiated swords, umbrellas and wigs. Highlights during the week were the making of very decorative masks using paint, feathers and gem stones

ready for the 'Masked Ball' and wallpapering the new scenery; highlights of the show included Ben's convincing performance as D'Artagnon, Olly dressing up as Esmerelda and the group dance to 'The Timewarp'.

Participants developed confidence — all pupils from Form I to VII taking speaking roles — and great teamwork skills — very fitting for our theme 'All for One and One for All'! Be ready to join us for the next drama workshop — don't miss out!



## Sports' Slot

We were pleased to join the yearly Netball and Football Tournaments at King's School earlier this term. Each of our teams played six matches against schools from around the Chester area. Both boys and girls played well, had a great afternoon taking part in the competition and the girls played extremely well reaching the cup competition. At the presentation, everyone received medals and certificates. Well done to sports Captains leading their teams in some competitive matches.



## Coffee, Cake and Books

Our world's biggest coffee morning was a very successful event with plenty of cakes to choose from. Pupils enjoyed delicious left overs at breaktime and parents and pupils all donated to raise a fantastic £288 towards Macmillan cancer support. A big thank you to everyone who donated money and cakes.

The book fair was also much enjoyed. Run by volunteers from Form VII, all purchases contributed to free books for school, provided by Scholastic. Thank you once again for your support.



**Congratulations to Dhyan for a fantastic score of 278/282 in Wirral 11+ exam!**



**Well done Krish - 3rd place in the recent Welsh Tennis Championships!**



## Tasty Treats

Cooking club has been busy baking bread, making cookies and designing our own pizza. There have been some interesting combinations from seeded bread to chocolate pizzas!

## Ballet Success

Well done to the ballet exam candidates who did extremely well all achieving distinctions and merits in their recent examinations.



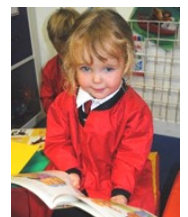
## Exploring in KG

Kindergarten have been busy settling in to school. They have tried many new activities from dressing up to painting their feet. The children have been learning to find and write their name. They especially enjoy looking at the story books in the book corner. Lots of new friends have been made with the older children taking care of them outside.

## Form I Discoveries

Form I have made many exciting new discoveries and have had opportunities to learn about their five senses along the way!

The children have begun to use 'Mathletics' and 'Spellodrome' for the first time. They have embraced the weekly spelling tests with confidence and have enjoyed creating a 'number' display table each week. In the topic 'My World' they have taken part in a range of creative activities about themselves and their family. The children enjoyed our smelling test -lemon and mustard were not favourites! They have been impressive jumping off the box in gymnastics and have learnt many yoga postures with some tricky balances! A great start to the year Form I, well done!



## Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Sunday 10 November 	School Council members and volunteers/parents welcome	Remembrance in St. Asaph Cathedral Service 10:00am or War Memorial 10:45am School uniform please
Tuesday 19 November 4pm—6.30pm	Parents welcome	Parents' Evening
Friday 29 November 9am	ALL Parents welcome	Open Assembly – Christmas Around the World
Friday 29 November 6pm	Singing Pupils and volunteers Form III—VII Parents welcome	Singing at St. Asaph Christmas Fair (Pupils can stay at school for refreshments beforehand)
Wednesday 4 December 2.30 pm	Forms KG, I, II and III Parents welcome	Nativity Play The Mount Theatre
Thursday 5 December 7.00 pm	Singing Pupils and volunteers Form IV—VII Parents welcome	'Lovelight' concert in aid of Tenovus Cancer Charity at St. Asaph Cathedral
Monday 9 December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Spelling Bee Visit from Father Christmas	Please wear a Christmas Jumper to support Save the Children Bring £1 clothes £1 spelling bee
Tuesday 10 December afternoon	ALL	Rehearsal for Carol Service (Please collect children from the Cathedral at usual finishing time)
Thursday 12 December 2.30pm	ALL Parents welcome	Carol Service at St. Asaph Cathedral (Please collect children from the Cathedral after the Service)

## Mother Earth

Forms VI and VII were excited to take part in 'The Seasons' – a cross curricular education project – inspired by the North Wales International Music Festival theme, Mother Earth. The project melded music, art and literature and was inspired by Welsh folk songs. Group leaders for art, visual arts and music visited the school to hold workshops with the children and the project came to fruition at the cathedral, where the children had an opportunity for further group work followed by a folk music performance. Younger children also visited the Cathedral for the Schools concert – part of the NWIMF.



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