



# Fairholme Focus

## Excellent Inn-Spection Report!

The excellent 'Inn-Spectors' nativity play performed by KG, Forms I, II and III was much enjoyed by all last week. The inn-spectors had arrived in Bethlehem and were not at all pleased with the health and safety nightmare – a baby born in a stable. However, as the Christmas story unfolded, the inn-spectors were convinced that the stable was indeed fit for a King!

Well done to all cast and crew – a nativity that ticked all the boxes!

DVD's are still available to order if you have missed out. We are looking forward to seeing much of this emerging talent put to use in our next whole school musical production! Thank you to Mrs. Gains, Mrs. Turner and all the team for their excellent work with the lower school children.



## Hectic Hustings

The excitement of the hustings came to Fairholme rather unexpectedly this year as the first winter General Election was announced since 1921. We held our own Mock Elections the day before Election Day, this time inviting parents and friends to the Party Political Debate. Fourteen parties fought fiercely to persuade the electorate (Kindergarten upwards!) that they had the best policies. Well done to election winners – Party Pugs – and to everyone for taking part; some excellent ideas and great confidence shown!

In assemblies, we also followed the progress of the real Election discovering names of parties, party leaders and some of the slogans adopted in this year's election campaign.



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### Special points of interest:

- Excellent report for our latest nativity play – enjoy news and pictures here on page 1
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## Lest We Forget . . .

Remembrance is an important time of year at Fairholme when we learn in assemblies about the sacrifice soldiers have made for our freedom, the hardship of war and the importance of peace. We held a special Remembrance assembly which included words from war poets and newspaper articles, alongside drama and songs from the Great War.

School Council and volunteers gathered at the Cathedral on Remembrance day to pay tribute to soldiers who have lost their lives in the two world wars and conflicts since. A two minute silence was held at 11am, after which wreaths were laid at the cenotaph by various community organisations. Our representatives laid a wreath on behalf of Fairholme and another on behalf of The Mount Day Nursery. This event was very well attended by Fairholme pupils, all Forms from KG to Form VII represented.

It is a privilege for us to be part of this important demonstration of respect and gratitude for those who gave 'their today for our tomorrow'. We will remember them.



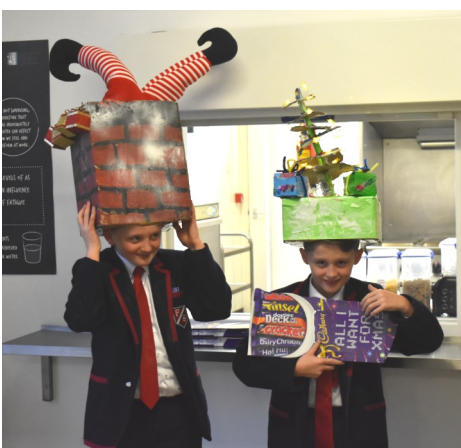
## Wire Trees

Some excellent wire sculptures have been created recently in Form VI using modelling wire and colourful beads. Trees ranged from apple trees and miniature trees to exotic iridescent creations. Well done all!



## Christmas Lunch

Thank you to Newydd Catering and the excellent kitchen staff for their most delicious Christmas Lunch held last week. Food was exquisite, dining room decorations cheering and hat competition very entertaining!



## Standing in Another's Shoes

Many of us have heard the expression – standing in someone else's shoes – but have we tried it out? KG and Form I felt it was quite useful to do exactly than when imagining what it must be like to be Mr. and Mrs. Perkins and Mr. Roberts!

Meanwhile the older children were trying to think of ways to listen better to each other and think of how friends might be feeling, before getting into confrontation. Everyone agreed that to keep friends, we need to make sure that we don't let our angry feelings get the better of us!

All part of our anti-bullying week –'Change Starts With Us'.



## Lovelight

Fairholme was, once again, delighted to take part in the Lovelight Tenovus Charity Concert held at the Cathedral last week. A great turn out this year from Fairholme pupils; thank you all for your support and hard work, pupils and staff alike!

Hosted by Welsh rugby legend, Rupert Moon, we were treated to a fabulous concert including Flint Male Voice Choir and Tenovus 'Sing with Us' choir as well as our own talented pupils. Proceeds from the evening, amounting to an amazing £3775, went to the Tenovus charity which raises vital funds for cancer research, and provides mobile cancer support units and the vital cancer support line.

## Christmas Fair

An excellent turnout this year from Forms III to VII for our Christmas sing-along at the St. Asaph Christmas Fair. At School, we enjoyed hot dogs, sandwiches and cakes, with the all-important hot chocolate, before heading out to the Cathedral for this special community event.

Well done to all the children for taking part and performing some of our Christmas favourites so beautifully. Hopefully parents managed to purchase some Christmas gifts at the many Christmas stalls available.

## Christmas Jumpers

Christmas Jumper Day this year included the Christmas Spelling Bee, party food at lunchtime, followed by a visit from Santa, party games and disco. Great fun was had by all!

Well done to our Spelling Bee winners – Saindev, Ellis, Sangeeth, Jaxson, Krish, Shravan and the overall winner – Lucie.



## Musical Theatre

Fantastic effort from all music theatre pupils and Krish on clarinet as exams were held at school on Saturday. Some very entertaining performances and excellent results.

As always, the music room was awash with costumes and props. Thanks to Mrs. Williams for organising and coordinating the entire event and encouraging all the children to perform with such confidence and aplomb.



## Trip, Trap, . . .

Kindergarten have been busy building bridges to help the Three Billy Goats Gruff cross the river safely. They used a variety of construction materials and had to make sure it was big enough for the goats as well as high enough for the nasty troll to hide beneath.

All the budding builders all did a fantastic job producing a number of innovative designs for their bridges.

## Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Monday 13 January – Friday 17 January	Form III upwards	Revision Week
Monday 20 January – Friday 24 January	Form III – VI	Exam Week
Friday 6 March 9am	ALL Parents welcome	Open Assembly World Book Day
Thursday 26 March pm	ALL	Whole School Musical – Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 31 March am	ALL	Whole School Musical – Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 1 April 2pm	ALL Parents welcome	Whole School Musical Production The Mount Theatre
Thursday 2 April 2pm	ALL Parents welcome	Whole School Musical Production The Mount Theatre



## Christmas Around the World

Our first Christmas event this year was the Open Assembly looking at how Christmas is celebrated around the world. Linking music and language, we took a whirlwind tour of the five continents.

Forms VI and VII retold the story of the Christmas truce during World War II, when there was an unofficial ceasefire and soldiers reportedly sang carols, exchanged gifts and even played football.

Form II demonstrated how, in Sweden, riddles are written to help children guess the gift under the wrapping. Meanwhile Kindergarten were dressed for a summer BBQ on the beach for Christmas dinner in Australia.

Thank you for coming along to support this all-inclusive event.



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