



# Fairholme Focus

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## Work hard, play hard!

Our title certainly sums up the start of this academic year with the children rising to the challenges of their new Forms, Form VII

working towards various early entrance exams and our teams competing fiercely in football and netball tournaments.

Perhaps the highlight, however, was the wonderful performance of 'Macbeth' at Theatr Colwyn by our children last Friday. Talent indeed!



## Fair is Foul and Foul is Fair!

Pupils from Form VII, along with a few members of the last drama workshop, were fortunate enough to participate in Shakespeare Schools Festival at Theatr Colwyn this half term. Under the guidance of actor Simon Holland Roberts, the pupils partook in a workshop designed to boost confidence and articulation as well as imparting skills such as teamwork and critical thinking in preparing and performing their chosen play, 'Macbeth'. In addition to this, they

learnt more about Shakespeare's language, themes and characters.

This hard work culminated in an absolutely fantastic performance last Friday evening. At the end of the performance, Simon Holland Roberts gave an appraisal to both schools involved and commended Fairholme pupils on how well they had worked together and how clearly they had delivered the story of 'Macbeth' - praise indeed from one who has performed Shakespeare in many countries around the world!

**Welcome to Priya, Razack, Benedict, Emily, William, Shrivan, Ben, Ruhi, Oliver Emelia and William; also Padmini, Parvarthi, Keeva, Amelia! (picture to follow)**

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### Special points of interest:

- Half-term Sports Camp – come and join the fun, sign up now
- Read about our Harvest Assembly on page 3
- Fairholme take part in largest Youth Drama Festival in the UK— Shakespeare Schools Festival (right here– page 1)
- Read about the Technology Club on page 3.





## Let's Eat Cake!

### Great Scots!

To round off the summer holidays, we held another successful drama workshop which ran for 5 days at the end of August and the beginning of September. Our theme was 'Great Scots' and the children learned about and became various Scottish historical characters and took part in many drama games, mime, characterisation, painting and, of course, much Scottish dancing.

Our final day included a dress rehearsal and performance to parents which went brilliantly with no hiccups, well done to all the children who came along and joined the fun!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Macmillan Big Coffee Morning. A most enjoyable morning was had by parents and children alike as we all filled ourselves up with the tasty cakes that were kindly donated.

Mrs Hall enjoyed a peaceful day as Sithika organised his own sponsored silence! The final total raised for Macmillan Cancer Support was £496.48 - thank you all for eating well and to Miss Pett and Miss Foulkes for organising the event.



## North Wales International Music Festival for IV and V

Forms IV and V were invited to a celebration of words and music at St Asaph Cathedral recently, where they watched a performance by Hadow Folk Duo. The duo comprised of musicians, Nicky and Will. Nicky played a variety of instruments, which included the violin and viola, and Will played the accordion. The children watched a performance of Cotswold Morris Dancing, by Will, and Nicky demonstrated some English, Irish and Scottish folk dancing.

Hannah was one of the lucky members of the audience, who was invited up on to the stage to act as 'conductor' for Will's accordion performance. The concert was thoroughly enjoyed by all pupils and staff!



### Messy Printing in KG

Lots of messy printing has taken place in Kindergarten this half term. After looking at different parts of the body the children took turns to print using their fingers, hands and feet. Honey was so excited about painting

her feet she prepared by having a mini pedicure the night before!





## Sports' Slot

We were delighted 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. We were delighted that this year our girls performed extremely well, winning the plate

competition and although the boys did not win this year, they had a great afternoon taking part in the competition. At the presentation, everyone received medals and certificates. We are now looking forward to arranging further matches at Fairholme.



## Harvest Gifts

Thank you so much for all your generous harvest gifts. Mrs. Turner arranged a fantastic harvest display for us this year in the School Hall. During the assembly, all the forms contributed towards a highly entertaining harvest including songs, plays, haikus, readings, poems and prayers. Your gifts of food were passed on to 'Save the Family' which is a charity based in North Wales and Chester.

## The Five Senses

Form I have been busy completing many activities relating to themselves and their families. They have also been exploring their five senses. The activities have included:

- identifying different objects by touch.
- making a class texture book.
- using their ears alone to identify the sound of a range of musical instruments.
- having a 'mock' eye examination using an eyesight chart.
- smelling and tasting a range of foods.

The children have also enjoyed learning new songs including 'Five Senses' and the ever popular 'Skeleton Song!'



## Music Matters

Harp lessons have now started at Fairholme and the first three lucky pupils for Mrs. Williams trying out their skills are Elijah, Harlee and Seren. Anyone interested in taking harp lessons should contact Mrs. Perkins.



## Air Resistance

This term children in Technology Club have been learning about air resistance while making awesome parachutes! In teams they designed a parachute that would hopefully fall slowly to the ground. Children investigated which material would make the best parachute. Sithika, our new Science Monitor, helped children make modifications as they went along as well as ensuring a fair test was being carried out.

The winning group was Marni, Ayman and Bethan whose parachute took 3.91 seconds to fall using a bin bag, closely second was Owain's group whose parachute took 3.45 seconds with a carrier bag.



## Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Monday 27 October to Wednesday 29 October, 10am– 3pm	Form I upwards	Fairholme Half-Term Sports Camp
Sunday 9 November	School Council members and volunteers/parents welcome	Remembrance in St. Asaph Cathedral Service 10:00am or War Memorial 10:45am School uniform please!
Thursday 13 November 10am–3pm (visitors) 4pm – 6.30 pm (parents)	Visitors and Parents welcome	OPEN DAY and Parents' Evening
Friday 28 November After school – ~ 6pm	Form III upwards  Parents welcome	Party in the Street, St. Asaph (We hope most children will stay for party food at school followed by performance in RN Williams, Chester Street.)
Wednesday 3 December 2.30 pm	Forms KG, I, II and III  Parents welcome	Nativity Play at Oriel House Hotel (Please drop KG, I, II & III children at Oriel House before 9am instead of Fairholme for a rehearsal)
Thursday 4 December	Form I Form II and III	Trip to Techniquest Trip to 'Secret at Christmas' (Please bring a packed lunch)
Thursday 4 December 7.30 pm	Singing Pupils and volunteers Parents welcome	'Lovelight' concert in aid of Tenovus Cancer Charity at St. Asaph Cathedral
Monday 8 December Afternoon	KG – Form III	Christmas Party with visit from Father Christmas
Monday 8 December Afternoon	Form IV– VII	Trip to 'Rock 'n Roll' Panto Theatr Clwyd Late pick-up ~ 5.15pm
Tuesday 9 December afternoon	ALL	Rehearsal for Carol Service (Please collect children from the Cathedral at usual finishing time)
Wednesday 10 December	ALL	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 11 December 2.30 pm	ALL  Parents welcome	Carol Service at St. Asaph Cathedral (Please collect children from the Cathedral after the Service)
Monday 15 December - Friday 19 December 9am - 4pm	Form II upwards	Drama Workshop (Forms available at Reception)

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