



Fairholme Focus

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The Looking Glass World

The children have very much enjoyed visiting the Looking Glass World this term and have excelled hugely both in main character and chorus roles. It is great to see so many children gaining confidence and having fun. The main event was a great success and a fine culmination of the hard work by children and staff alike. Our thanks go particularly to Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Cotterill for bringing this imaginary world to life.



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Solar Eclipse

We were excited to hear that there was to be a Solar Eclipse on 20th March and were all set for the occasion with special solar viewing glasses and a pinhole projector hoping to record this unusual event (the next solar eclipse not being until 2026). We were therefore delighted that the clouds stayed away for an extended period and we were able to use the equipment and make a good photographic record of the event. The clouds were aware that our dress rehearsal was set to begin at 9.30am and therefore obligingly obscured the sun for further viewing from then onwards!



Special points of interest:

- Read about the Solar Eclipse on page 2
- Read about how Form VII are developing their debating and business management skills on page 2
- Hear about success for our Welsh Club members at this year's Eisteddfod (page 2)
- Enjoy photos from our Art Exhibition and Open Day – on page 3

Heated Debate!



During our recent debating topic, members of Form VII took part in a series of balloon debates in which they had to convince the voters that they were worthy of remaining in a hot air balloon that was rapidly losing altitude.

Each pupil chose someone, past or present, who inspired them and adopted their persona - with some going as far as dressing -up and bringing in props! Congratulations go to Malala (Mehr), Stephen Hawking (Nathaniel), William Owen Jones (James) and Barack Obama (Christian) who won the debates.



The Same but Different

This half term, our yearly 'special day' took an artistic turn as proposed by last year's School Council. The project, 'The Same but Different', aimed to explore and celebrate our differences whilst acknowledging our common need to be loved and accepted; this contributed well towards our aim as a school to promote friendship and respect between pupils. During the first day of the project, the children used 'Applied Paper-based Technology' to produce two full sized cardboard people and a few smaller models. Having learned the basic technique, the initial models



were constructed and designs were completed for possible outfits for the various models. A week later when the models had dried out, the groups started to dress two of the models, one based on the character of 'Alice' - very much at the forefront of our minds - and the other (based on the design of Mia and Hannah) who, because of their very colourful and 'mad' clothes design, ended up as the Mad Hatter to welcome visitors and parents to our Art Exhibition and Tea Party.

The other models made will eventually be sold and a proportion of the profits donated to 'People Potential' - a charity who work in Africa teaching some of the poorest parents of children with mobility issues how to make walking aids using the same basic techniques using recycled cardboard.



Book Business

Last week's book fair was run by members of Form VII as a business management exercise. Form members applied for various positions, submitting their applications and self compiled CVs to the book fair Director (Mrs. Hall). Roles included accountant, book fair manager, advertising specialist, display specialist and customer service specialist. This was a valuable exercise in teamwork with links to many areas of the curriculum.

Open Day and Art Exhibition

We were delighted to invite parents, children and visitors once again to our annual Weekend Open Day. The Alice-themed exhibition was stunning and a pleasure to walk through, admiring art from all the children of all ages. The classrooms provided a great range of fun activities including 'Humpty' biscuit

making, chess, symmetry games and 'Guess the name of the Red Knight's horse'. Guided tours of the school were rounded off with cakes at the Mad Hatter's Tea Party. Thank you all for supporting this special day and to Form VII for giving up their Saturday to provide tours and organise activities.



People Who Help Us

Kindergarten children have been thinking about all the people who help us every day. We have painted pictures of teachers and family members. We have also had a visit from Police Officer 2525 who talked about how the Police help the community to keep safe. The children got to try on the uniform and they all had their fingerprints taken – just for fun!



St. David's Day

St. David's Day was celebrated once again with an assembly which included Welsh songs and hymns and Welsh poetry. Homemade daffodils of various design were proudly worn as all Forms demonstrated their design skills!

Urdd Success

Members of the Welsh Club were once again delighted to take part in the Urdd Eisteddfod this half term. Entries for recitation, singing and woodwind were made by Fairholme pupils and Sahil, Iestyn, Matthew and Hannah successfully gained places in the County Rounds. Eshaan was noted as the youngest individual performer this year! Subsequently, Hannah achieved First Place at the County Round for her flute playing and is now looking forward to competing at National level in Caerphilly, South Wales. Very well done everyone for entering. Da iawn chi!



Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Monday 30 March – Wednesday 1 April, 10am – 3pm	Form I upwards	Sports Camp
Thursday 30 April	Form VI/VII	Junior Maths Challenge
Friday 1 May	Form VI	Ruthin Maths Challenge (Please bring packed lunch)
Tuesday 19 May, Wednesday 20 May	Forms VI & VII Forms IV & V	LAMDA Speech and Drama Examinations
Thursday 22 May (CHANGED DATE)	Piano/Singing / Instrumental students	ABRSM Music Examinations
Monday 1 June–Friday 5 June	Forms III–VII	Revision Week
Monday 8 June–Friday 12 June	Forms III–VII	Exam Week
Thursday 18 June (Reserve Friday 19 June)	ALL Parents welcome	Sports Day
Tuesday 23 June 4pm – 7pm	Parents welcome	Parents' Evening
Friday 26 June	Ballet pupils Parents welcome	Open Ballet Class Fm II & III (1.15pm–1.45pm) KG & Fm I (1.45pm–2.15pm) Fm IV & V (2.15–3pm) Fm VI & VII (3pm – 3.45pm)
Monday 6 July, pm	ALL	Cathedral rehearsal (Please collect from Cathedral)
Thursday 9 July, 2:30pm	ALL Parents welcome	Cathedral End of Year Celebration
Monday 13 July – Wednesday 15 July, 10am – 4pm	Form I upwards	Sports Camp
Tuesday 1 September – Friday 4 September	Form II upwards	Drama Workshop



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