



Fairholme Focus

Party Time?

The excitement of the hustings came to Fairholme this half term when we held our own Elections on General Election Day. Fourteen parties fought fiercely to persuade the electorate (Kindergarten upwards!) that they had the best policies. These included cars running on water, more doctors for the NHS, public transport boats, cleaner environment etc. When the votes were counted, 'The Rainbow He-

roes' were declared the winners closely pursued by 'Wingbeat' and 'The Nature Group'. Well done everyone for taking part; some excellent ideas and great confidence shown in speeches and answering questions! We also followed the progress of the real Election both locally and nationally and were excited to find out that the new MP for the Vale of Clwyd is a former Fairholme pupil.



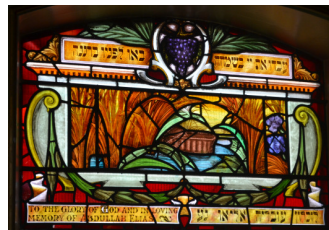
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Exploring Culture at the Jewish Museum

Form V spent a fascinating day at the Manchester Jewish Museum this half-term. Housed in a former Synagogue, with beautiful, stained glass windows, the museum brought the Jewish religion to life for the children. The day was spent carrying out a number of activities which gave further insight into Judaism. The children had the chance to dress up ready for worship, wearing the Tallit (prayer shawl) Kippah

(skull cap) and Tefillin (boxes worn on the head and arm) and carrying the holy book, the Torah. They also learned some of the things Jews can and can not do on the Sabbath - including not switching on any electricity, something which elicited the cry "What no X-Box ?!" Finally they listened to the story of the Passover and joined in with illustrating the Plagues of Egypt - this time using only plastic animals!



Special points of interest:

- Preparations are starting for our summer Cathedral celebration, see 'Any Dream will Do?', page 2
- Read about the Form Assemblies on page 3
- Success story at the Urdd – see page 3
- Read about our new Chess Club in 'Making the Right Moves' – see page 3

Form IV Trip to the Cathedral



Any Dream Will Do?

As we start preparations for our Cathedral celebration at the end of term in which all the children are set to take part in our production of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat', Form VII took a trip to Venue Cymru in Llandudno, to see the professional version of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's sparkling musical. Form VII had an 'amazing' time watching the retelling of this Biblical story and singing along to the familiar songs - *Those Canaan Days, Any Dream Will Do, Close Every Door To Me* etc. Famous names in the cast included X Factor stars Lloyd Daniels and Amelia Lily with Matt Lapinskas, from *EastEnders*, as the Pharaoh - a treat for all Lloyd Webber and Elvis fans!



Christian Aid

We were pleased to join with St. Asaph Cathedral in their fund raising efforts once again during Christian Aid Week. This year Christian Aid focused on Ethiopia and the children drew around their feet and decorated these for a display at the Cathedral to represent the long distances girls have to walk in Ethiopia to fetch water for their families. As cows are important to families in Ethiopia, we also organised a 'cattle drive' at school to raise extra funds - enjoyed by many of the older children.

During this half-term Form IV visited St. Asaph Cathedral. We had a fun-filled day packed with several workshops. We dressed up in an array of costumes, acted out stories of St. Asaph and St. Kentigern's life, played tunes on the bell plates, completed a discovery trail around the cathedral, designed stained-glass windows and watched a slide show. We also took the opportunity to look at William Morgan's translation of the bible, as we learnt about this during the autumn term. For most though the high-



Music Matters

Many pupils have been working extremely hard over the last few weeks towards their music ABRSM examinations in piano, singing, woodwind and, for the first time this year, harp. Exams were held at school on the last day of the half term and we hope for some excellent results from some very talented students! Well done everyone for taking part.

light of the day was playing Mr. McGuiness' organ!



Room on the Broom

*'How the cat purred and how the witch grinned
As they sat on their broomstick and flew
through the wind, ...'*

Form II very much enjoyed their trip to Theatr Clwyd for this magical musical stage adaptation of 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler with songs, laughs and scary fun. In case you are not familiar with this story, the witch and her cat are flying happily along on their broomstick when a stormy wind blows the witch's hat, bow and wand away into the night. A helpful dog, bird and frog find the witch's lost things and all hop on the broom for a ride. An excellent purchase for any bedtime story requirements!

Maths Challenge

Form VI and VII have this month taken part in the Junior Maths Challenge which is a countrywide competition aimed at pupils in Year 8 or below. The challenge involves answering 25 multiple choice questions in one hour which are all problem type questions ranging from reasonably easy to very difficult. Because marks are not only awarded for correct answers but also taken away for incorrect ones, there is an element of strategy involved as well. We are hoping for at least a few certificates which are awarded for higher scorers. Form VI also enjoyed taking part in the Ruthin maths challenge the following day where the children participated in a range of mathematical activities and games. We were not lucky enough to win the laptop this year, but our highest scoring team made it to 4th place. Well done all Form VI for taking part.



At St. Kentigern's

Form III visited the local parish church, St Kentigern's, as part of their RE topic about churches. Whilst they were there they learnt about the many special objects inside the church and what they are used for. They dressed up as a church minister and learnt about the significance of the different colours that the clergy wear on various occasions throughout the year. The children were also shown how a wedding service and baptism service were organized, through role play, which was enjoyed by all.

Urdd Achievements

Congratulations to Hannah who won her woodwind class playing the flute in a recent Denbighshire Urdd Eisteddfod. This is a huge honour and she has now qualified to compete in the National Urdd Eisteddfod against the winners of counties



throughout Wales. Hannah is our third pupil to compete in the National Urdd Eisteddfod, proudly flying the Fairholme flag! This year, the final is to be held in Caerphilly and we wish Hannah well with her two pieces and hopes she enjoys her exciting journey to South Wales.

VE Day

The 70th anniversary of VE Day was marked by Form VII prefects attending a short service at the Cenotaph, joined by other schools in St. Asaph.



Form Assemblies

Each of the classes are preparing whole school assemblies this term looking at various Bible characters, trying to find out where the character, 'Joseph', fits in to the Old Testament stories. So far Forms I, III and VII have entertained the school with their versions of the stories of Abraham and Isaac, Esau and Jacob and Joseph himself. A great way for all pupils to gain confidence and develop presenting skills.

Cricket Success

We were very pleased to hear last week that Rohit, who already plays for North East Wales Cricket Region, has now been selected for the Wales Under 11 National Cricket Team. The Team manager states, ". . . he has worked very hard to achieve the Wales Team, showing character, determination and a great desire to learn and improve his game." We wish Rohit luck with all his forthcoming matches. Well done for this excellent sporting achievement!

Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Tuesday 26 May – Wednesday 27 May 10am – 4pm	Form I upwards	Sports Camp
Monday 1 June – Friday 5 June	Forms III – VII	Revision Week
Monday 8 June – Friday 12 June	Forms III – VII	Summer School Exams
Wednesday 10 June	Form I – III	Trip to Park Hall Farm (Please bring packed lunch)
Monday 15 June 3.15–4.30pm	Parents welcome	Uniform Sale by Forrester Sports in School Dining Room
Tuesday 16 June	Form IV	Trip to Grosvenor Museum (Please bring packed lunch)
Thursday 18 June 10.30am – 4.00pm	ALL Visitors welcome	Open Day followed by Sports and Charity Balloon Race
Thursday 18 June 1.30pm – 4.00pm	ALL Parents Welcome	Sports Day (Reserve Day Friday 19 June)
Tuesday 23 June 4.00 – 7.00pm	Parents Welcome (Forms KG–VI)	Parents Evening
Friday 26 June pm	Parents welcome (Ballet students)	Open Ballet Classes II, III – 1.15pm; KG,I – 1.45; IV, V–2.15pm; VI, VII – 3pm
Monday 29 June	Forms V – VII	Trip to Jodrell Bank Discovery (Please bring packed lunch) Late pick-up ~ 4.45pm
Monday 6 July pm	ALL	Rehearsal at St. Asaph Cathedral Please collect from Cathedral
Thursday 9 July 2.30pm	ALL Parents welcome	Summer Celebration St. Asaph Cathedral
Friday 10 July 1.30pm	Form VII & Parents welcome	Form VII Party
Monday 13 July – Wednesday 15 July, 10 – 4	Form I upwards	Summer Sports Camp
Tuesday 1 – 4 September 9.00am – 4.00pm	Form II upwards	Drama Workshop

Making the Right Moves

A new chess club has been established as part of our enrichment programme, with the kind assistance of the North Wales Junior Chess Association who provided a number of boards and sets through the sponsorship of Chessmaze International. These have been put to good use with beginners and more experienced players meeting every week.

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