



# Fairholme Focus

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## Variety of Life at Fairholme

It has been fantastic this half term to be involved in such a variety of activities and events available to the children – school trips to Park Hall Farm and Victorian School, Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre and Chester Grosvenor Museum, Sports Day, Pirate Day, the Big Toddle and Teddy Bears’ Picnic, tennis coaching day as well as many outdoor sports clubs

– rounders, tennis, cricket and some interesting new indoor clubs – chess, sewing, First Aid, French Cybercoach, ICT Coding and lately, scarecrow making! We hope that there has been an interest for everyone!

We are, of course, sad to see Form VII go, but congratulate them on their many academic, musical, dramatic and sporting achievements. Our thanks go to Emma,



James and Beau for their contributions in their roles as School Prefects. They have provided a dedicated, enthusiastic and organised approach to School life which will be much missed.

## It was red and yellow and green and brown . . .

Music and Drama departments have been working furiously once again this term towards our performance of ‘Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat’.

Because Form VII have shown such an interest and huge talent for music and drama over the last few years, we wanted to give them one more chance to entertain us all.

At the start of our work, many children had not heard the story of Joseph, his brothers and his rise to power in Egypt. Enjoying learning the catchy songs from Andrew Lloyd Webbers’s musical in singing lessons, some were surprised to find that this was a Bible story!

To further understand the history of Joseph, each of the classes prepared assemblies about Joseph himself, some of his ancestors and some of his descendants. This half term we enjoyed the tale of Joshua from Kindergarten, Gideon from Form II, Samson from Form VI, Samuel from Form V and David from Form IV.

Meanwhile, musicians, actors and dancers were working on their contributions to the final show culminating in the marvellous cathedral event on Thursday in which all children enthusiastically performed. Certainly a fitting farewell to our very entertaining Form VII.

Thank you to Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Cotterill, Miss Messham, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Evans and to all the children for their efforts and contributions to such a memorable event.

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## Space is a Wonderful Place



Recently, Forms V, VI and VII went on a school trip to Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre - home to the third largest steerable telescope in the world, standing at a staggering 90 metres high and 70m wide!

The next session took us inside a large, dome-shaped inflatable Planetarium where we were able to look at the various constellations and discover why the Greeks gave them their names. Amongst them could be seen the 13 signs of the zodiac.



On our arrival, we headed towards the 'Space Pavilion' where we learnt about meteors, heat and telescopes. The thermal camera showed us which parts of our bodies were the hottest and which were the coldest. We even got to touch an actual meteorite! Following this, we journeyed along the 'Planet Path' which gave us an insight into how long it would take to get from one planet to another and what the planets were like.

In the afternoon we were given the opportunity to try out some space-themed experiments. We carried out a cratering experiment, identified a meteorite from a variety of rock samples, according to its properties and learnt how much objects would weigh on different planets due to the difference in gravitational pull.

All in all, this trip was 'out of this world!' by AP

## Rome!

This half term, Form IV visited the Grosvenor Museum, Chester, to learn about the Romans. We started our day by taking part in a Roman workshop, where we learnt about what archaeologists have discovered about the Romans and why the Romans decided to settle in Chester. The children also learnt about the Roman bath houses and dressed up as Roman slaves and found out what food they would have enjoyed eating. After lunch we went on a tour led by a real Roman soldier. We spent time in the remains of the Roman amphitheatre and learnt how the soldiers fought and defended themselves. We finished our day by looking around the museum where there were many interesting exhibits of artefacts and interactive activities.



## The Seaside

Form I have been working on a brand new topic this half term about the seaside. All the children contributed towards our wall display which involved plenty of craft work. We had kite making, flag designs, sandcastles using real sand, cutting out shells, making boats and beach huts to name but a few! The children have also enjoyed learning the names of different shells found on the beach. We hope that the children will show off their seaside knowledge over the summer holidays!



## Park Hall Farm

On Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> our class went on a wonderful school trip to Park Hall Farm in Oswestry. We went with Form II and Form I. First of all we got dressed in Victorian clothes and went into an old fashioned, Victorian school room. The teacher was extremely strict! Then we bottle fed the pet lambs and goats. After lunch we milked a cow by hand. Form I played in an indoor play park. We watched a super exciting pig race. Then we went on a very entertaining tractor ride. We all had a brilliant time! *(written by Poppy & Isha)*



## Fly, Fly Away

During Kindergarten's Minibeast topic the children had the chance to observe snails, slugs, tadpoles, stick insects and caterpillars. The children took great interest in watching the caterpillars growing bigger and eventually turning into chrysalis. After a further 2 weeks the butterflies started to emerge into the habitat. The children then took the butterflies outside to release into the school grounds. However the butterflies had other ideas and decided to hang around on the children's uniform!



## Big Balloon Sports Day

Balloons were the theme for the Sports and Open Day this year. The day started with children enjoying having their faces painted and progressed on to track and field events which contributed to individual and House competitions. The weather stayed fine and parents were kept amused with scones and cream, Pimm's and the obligatory mothers and fathers races. To round off the day, we let off the balloons for our balloon race in support of the Rotary Club. Well done to all the children for taking part, Scott House for winning the House competition and to Mrs. Pye – the lucky winner of the Prize Draw. We hope she enjoys the forthcoming hot air balloon ride!



## Maths Challenge

This year many certificates have been awarded to our pupils in the UK Junior Maths Challenge. Well done to Nadine, Mehr, Ffion and George – winners of Bronze Certificates, James, Christian, Anna, Lucy, Emma and Owain – winners of Silver Certificates and Sithika, with our highest score and a Gold Certificate. Fantastic news as this competition is really for Year 7 and 8 pupils.

## Tennis Day

As one of our end of term activities we held a tennis day during which all the children from Form II upwards attended a tennis coaching session. Pupils enjoyed honing their tennis skills on what appeared to be the hottest day of the year so far. Thanks to JAB Tennis for an excellent day.



## A Pirate's Life for Kindergarten

Kindergarten were transformed into pirates for the day as part of Barnardo's Big Toddle. We combined this with our annual teddy bear picnic on what was a lovely sunny day. The adventure started with a picnic with our teddy bears, tucking into some tasty treats made by the parents! This set the crew up for the sponsored walk. The little pirates had to walk the plank, jump in the hoops and crawl through the tunnels as part of their sponsored walk. The total loot raised by the children in Kindergarten was an amazing £602. An extra big well done to William who raised an amazing £252 and a huge thank you to everyone involved!



## First Aid Club

Throughout this term there have been some very keen trainee first aiders at School. They have thoroughly enjoyed learning how to deal with a variety of injury situations and discovering potential life saving techniques. Pupils have been faced with various First Aid scenarios and all were able to respond appropriately. Each and every pupil relished the opportunity to join in with bandaging an injured party and placing a person into the recovery position. Well done to you all!



## Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Monday 13 July – Wednesday 15 July 10am – 4pm	Form I upwards	Sports Camp
Tuesday 1 September – Friday 4 September, 9am – 4pm	Form II upwards	Drama Workshop
Friday 11 September 2pm – 4.30pm	Form VII	Netball and Football Tournament at King's School (Late pick-up ~ 5.15pm)
Saturday 19 September 10am – 12	Anyone interested Form III upwards	'Come and be a Cathedral Chorister' - taster session at St. Asaph Cathedral for any keen singers
Tuesday 1 December 2.30pm	KG–Form III Parents welcome	Nativity at Oriel House Hotel (Please drop children at Oriel House at usual morning time for rehearsal)
Tuesday 8 December pm	ALL	Rehearsal at St. Asaph Cathedral (Please collect from Cathedral)
Wednesday 9 December	ALL	Christmas Lunch
Friday 11 December 2.30pm	ALL Parents welcome	Christmas Carol Service, St. Asaph Cathedral
Monday 14 December pm	Form KG –III	Christmas Party and visit from Father Christmas
Monday 14 December pm	Form IV – VII	Trip to Rock 'n Roll Pantomime at Clwyd Theatre (Late pick-up ~ 5pm)

## Farewell to Mrs. Hodgson and Mrs. Humphreys

Sadly, we say farewell to both Mrs. Humphreys and Mrs. Hodgson this term.

Mrs. Humphreys has worked tirelessly with the Form I group as teaching assistant as well as entertaining many older children in animation club, many creative activities in lunchtime and after school club culminating in the fantastic creation of our winning Scarecrow competition entry – Neil Armstrong. Thank you for all your very hard work this year Mrs. Humphreys.

Mrs. Hodgson has worked at Fairholme for 10 years, as well as attending Fairholme as a child. Throughout her time as Form II (and sometime Form III)

teacher at Fairholme she has inspired, cared for, listened to and talked to the children in a much admired gentle and enthusiastic manner. She will be very much missed by children and staff alike. Our thanks go to Mrs. Hodgson for all her efforts. Mrs. Evans, however, is set to take over Form II and brimming with enthusiasm!



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