



Fairholme Focus

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Harvesting Success!

It was great to start the year in sunshine. We were able to enjoy many outdoor activities, take part in charity and sporting events and numerous

recreational club activities as well as embarking on the academic challenges of the new classes. Highlights for us were the Harvest Festival

with memorable performances from each and every class and a fantastic 100% success for the first of Form VII exams, the 11+ Grammar School exam. Very well done!



From Fairholme to France!

One of the highlights of last year's Summer Term was, of course, the balloon race on Sports Day. This year, our balloons made it much further than in previous years. Well done to Emilia, whose balloon made it into third place and was found in Kent, Matthew and Owain, whose balloon made it across the Channel to Calais and William and Amelia,

owners of the winning balloon, which made it to Avesnes Le Comte. William and Amelia received a lovely letter, in French, describing where and when the balloon was found. Some of our budding French students were able to translate the greeting and the date and deciphered that the balloon was found in a World War I War Cemetery. I wonder which of the balloons it was!

**Welcome to Kodie,
Cadey-Leigh, Sinead,
Julia, Benjamin and Ryan!**

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Bonjour, voici le ballon retrouvé le vendredi 19 juin 2015 à 7 heures le matin.

le ballon a été retrouvé à hauteur du cimetière municipal (route de Saint pol à AVESNES LE COMTE, FRANCE)

Il est situé à quelques mètres d'un cimetière de soldats Anglais, mort au combat durant la grande guerre



Let's Eat Cake!

It was another lovely turn out for this year's Big Coffee Morning to raise valuable funds for Macmillan cancer support. A big thank you to everyone who came along to the event or to those who donated money or cakes. Once again the variety of cakes produced was fantastic. The final total raised was £330.51, well done everyone! Thank you to Miss Pett and Miss Foulkes for organising the event.



Special points of interest:

- 100% Success Rate in 11+ Grammar School Exams
- Thank you for supporting Macmillan Big Coffee Morning!
- Victory for the girls' netball team – catch up with the Sports slot on page 2
- Jungle workshop for our drama addicts – read all about it on page 2

Jungle Fever?

Great fun was had by all who attended the latest jungle-themed drama workshop where the children worked towards their own production of 'The Jungle Story' based on Rudyard Kipling's famous children's book. It was a noisy

week as animal sounds and movements were perfected and the story of Mowgli and the wolves was brought to life in drummed chants and songs with an array of exciting hats! The children also enjoyed painting scenery, making posters and programmes and making monkey and elephant masks. An excellent start to the year; well done to all who attended.



Dancing in the Cathedral Aisles!

Forms III and IV were invited to St Asaph Cathedral recently, to the Schools Concert of the North Wales International Music Festival featuring three members of the Welsh folk band, 'Calan'. Clearly the music was to the children's taste as both classes were dancing in the aisles!



Sports' Slot

We were pleased 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 – fourth year

in a row returning to Fairholme with silverware! The boys, ably assisted by Priya in the first half, played well and although they 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.



Taste Sensation!

During this term's topic 'My World', Form I have been finding out about their five senses. The children took part in hearing tests, labelled parts of the eye, explored different textures and made a texture book. They particularly enjoyed looking carefully at their friends' pupils getting larger and smaller! The children used their sense of smell and taste on a range of foods including salty crisps, strong cheddar cheese and sour grapefruit. The children were keen to try different food, some were even brave enough to try olives! The children were all keen to talk about the foods and learnt some new words whilst describing the tastes and textures.



A Bumper Harvest

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.



Germ Busters!

This half term, Kindergarten have become germ busters! They have been learning how coughs and sneezes spread germs and how best to stop them. The children have all gained 'tissue power' as they followed the 3 step rules; catch it, bin it, kill it! Following activities on the ActivPanel the children investigated which type of soap makes the most bubbles. The hand soap was found to be the best. The children have also been taking care of the dolls keeping them healthy and clean!



A Stitch in Time ...

Sewing Club proved a very popular sign-up club during the Summer Term and so has been included in our rotation clubs this term. Children have been busy practising their running stitch and back stitch. They have been using the back stitch to create lovely Autumn pictures.

Skeletons in Form V

As part of their 'Moving and Growing' topic in Science this term, Form V have been busy making skeletons using twigs and small branches. In small groups they have produced skeletons of a frog, an adult human, a dog and a giraffe.



**Well done to
Beginners'
Recorder
Group — keep
tooting!**

Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Sunday 8 November	School Council members and volunteers/parents welcome	Remembrance in St. Asaph Cathedral Service 10:00am or War Memorial 10:45am School uniform please!
Monday 9 November— Saturday 14 November 10am—3pm	Visitors welcome	OPEN WEEK for visitors
Tuesday 10 November 4pm—7pm	Parents welcome	Parents' Evening
Friday 27 November After school — ~ 6.15pm	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 at 6.05pm)
Tuesday 1 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 3 December	Form I	Trip to Techniquet (Please bring a packed lunch)
Tuesday 8 December afternoon	ALL	Rehearsal for Carol Service (Please collect children from the Cathedral at usual finishing time)
Wednesday 9 December	ALL	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children' Please wear a Christmas jumper and bring £1
Thursday 10 December 7.30 pm	Singing Pupils and volunteers Form IV—VII Parents welcome	'Lovelight' concert in aid of Tenovus Cancer Charity at St. Asaph Cathedral
Friday 11 December 2.30 pm	ALL Parents welcome	Carol Service at St. Asaph Cathedral (Please collect children from the Cathedral after the Service)
Monday 14 December Afternoon	KG — Form III	Christmas Party with visit from Father Christmas
Monday 14 December Afternoon	Form IV— VII	Trip to 'Rock 'n Roll' Panto Theatr Clwyd Late pick-up ~ 5.15pm

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