



# Fairholme Focus

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## Second Star to the Right . . .

The children have very much enjoyed visiting Neverland 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 Neverland to life.



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## St. David's Day

St. David's Day was celebrated once again with an assembly which included Welsh songs and hymns and a performance of a famous Welsh lullaby, 'Suo Gân' by the guitar group. Home-made daffodils of various design were proudly worn as all Forms demonstrated their design skills!



### Special points of interest:

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## Maths is Fun!

This half-term Forms VI and VII were invited to take part in a Maths Activity Day at Rydal Penrhos.

In teams, the pupils competed in a relay which involved solving Easter themed problems as quickly as possible. In addition to this, they participated in a treasure hunt around the school which required them to look out for dates on buildings, count steps and identify shapes, amongst other things. Afterwards, the children were given the opportunity to try their hand at constructing various 3D shapes from pipe-cleaners, along with making 3D shapes from nets.

At the end of the session every participant was presented with a certificate. Congratulations to Kai, Freyja, Seren and Louis who were the overall winners!

## Her Benny

Form V were treated to a fabulous performance of 'Her Benny' at the Pavilion Theatre, Rhyl, last week, featuring our very own budding actress, Mia Herbert, who played the part of Nell.

Set in the Liverpool docks, the show opened with a rousing performance of the sights and sounds of Victorian Liverpool.

The story told of two street children, Nell and her brother, Benny, who earned a living selling matches and carrying bags.

When Nell eventually died at the end of Act One and then returned as an angel just after the interval, staff, parents and even some of Form V were left fighting back the tears!

Congratulations to Mia for a stunning performance, much enjoyed by all.



## World Book Day

On World Book Day, children were invited to attend school dressed as their favourite book character and come along to assembly ready to recommend their book to others. A full range of books was discussed from 'The Gingerbread Man' through to 'Lord of the Rings'. The

most popular books this year included 'Matilda' by Roald Dahl and, of course, many of the Harry Potter books. Some of the classes recommended a book they have shared together in class and acted out small extracts.

The teachers were on good form, visually recommending their books — 'Little Red Riding Hood', 'Alice in Wonderland', 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and 'Smurfs—the book!' Are you quite sure, Mr Rees?





We were delighted to invite parents, children and visitors once again to our annual Weekend Open Day. The wild science workshop, which continued through the day, enabled children and adults to gain a hands on approach to various creatures including a guinea pig a bearded dragon, a tree frog, a snake, a hissing cockroach and an African milli-

pede. The classrooms provided a great range of fun activities including pirate biscuit making, crocodile craft activities and 'Guess the name of the pirate'. Guided tours of the school were rounded off with excerpts from the cast of Peter Pan. Thank you all for supporting this special day and to Forms VI and VII for giving up their Saturday to provide tours and organise activities.



## Urdd Success

Members of the Welsh Club were once again delighted to take part in the Urdd Eisteddfod this half term. Entries for recitation and singing were made by Fairholme pupils Sahil, Iestyn and Emily, Emily winning her round and successfully gaining a place in the County Rounds. Very well done everyone for entering. Da iawn chi!



## Seasons



For their topic work this half term, the children of Form I have been finding out about the different seasons. They have enjoyed lots of different craft activities including making snowflakes, painting autumn leaves and making colourful summer flowers using felt fabric. The children have also been busy buying and selling in our role play garden centre.

To finish our topic the children planted sunflower seeds. We will look forward to seeing the photographs of their tall sunflowers in the summer!



## Dino-Land

This half term Kindergarten have seen eggs appear unexpectedly in the KG classroom. The children have experimented with different liquids to help the eggs to hatch. One particular potion (vinegar) made the eggs fizzle and slowly dissolve to reveal baby dinosaurs!

The children have also explored 'Dino Land', measured and matched dinosaurs and even dug up some fossils and dinosaur bones in the sand tray.

## Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Thursday 24 March 10am – 3pm	Form I upwards	Sports Camp
Tuesday 26 April	ALL	School Photos
Thursday 28 April	Form VI/VII	Junior Maths Challenge
Friday 29 April	Form VI (Team only)	Ruthin Maths Challenge (Please bring packed lunch)
Tuesday 3 May	Form IV	Trip to St. Asaph Cathedral (Please bring packed lunch)
Tuesday 24 May, Wednesday 25 May	Forms VI & VII Forms IV & V	LAMDA Speech and Drama Examinations
Monday 6 June–Friday 10 June	Forms III–VII	Revision Week
Monday 13 June–Friday 17 June	Forms III–VII	Exam Week
Thursday 23 June (Reserve Friday 24 June)	ALL Parents welcome	Sports Day
Thursday 30 June 4pm – 7pm	Parents welcome	Parents' Evening
Friday 1 July	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 4 July, pm	ALL	Cathedral rehearsal (Please collect from Cathedral)
Thursday 7 July, 2:30pm	ALL Parents welcome	Cathedral End of Year Celebration
Monday 11 July – Wednesday 13 July, 10am – 4pm	Form I upwards	Sports Camp
Wednesday 31 August – Tuesday 6 September	Form II upwards	Drama Workshop



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