



Fairholme Focus

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Building Bridges

Last week, the children of Forms V, VI and VII enjoyed an exciting day of science and engineering at the Catalyst Museum in Widnes. We all started the day by completing a question hunt, answering science questions at various exhibits. By this time we were ravenous and were glad to stop for a delicious lunch.

We were then set for the Bridges Workshop. We were introduced to different bridge types including beam, suspension, arch and cable-stayed bridges and

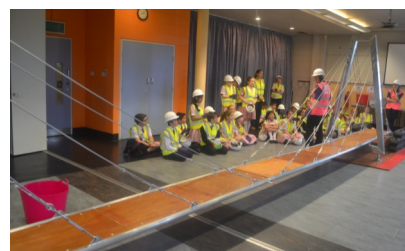
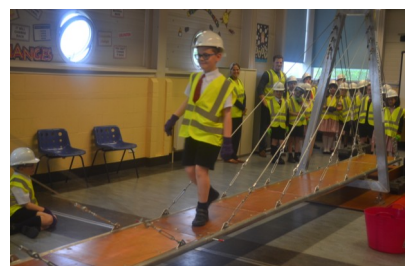
learned about various materials which can be used in construction. We then set about building our own cable-stayed bridge, made mostly out of aluminium and wood. With our safety gear on, we got started, step by step, putting each piece together, learning facts along the way. After having a great time building, we all had a chance to walk over it; even some of the teachers had a go!

Finally, we went upstairs to the observatory and looked out at the existing rail and road bridges and the new Mersey Gateway cable-stayed bridge currently under construction. To finish the day off, we all bought a souvenir from the gift shop. *(By members of Form VI)*



Up and Running

A new club was started this term and has proved very popular. The running club, which meets on Mondays, takes whirlwind trips around St. Asaph. Runners have enjoyed their trips beyond the gates despite being faced with the very steep Red Hill on the return leg!



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Watery Assemblies

Welcome to Leah and Seren!



This term each Form is leading a Whole School Assembly with a watery theme. KG and Form I kicked off with the story of Noah's Ark and we were delighted by some songs about Noah and the rainbow and entertained by all the animal costumes.

Next, Form VII led a very informative assembly about the Amazon Rainforest. They acted out a play in which many different rainforest inhabitants, from sloth to human, were arguing about how important it was to protect this very special habitat.

We are looking forward to many more watery assemblies next half term.



Rocket Science

The children of Form I have been busy finding out about different types of transport this half term. This has included finding out about travel long ago, investigating ramps, route planning using the programmable 'beebot' and a wide range of craft activities. Our role play

area has been a very busy 'Travel Agents' and, with their passports ready, they have been busy booking holidays! The children also created their own space rockets and great fun was had on a breezy day! Blast Off!

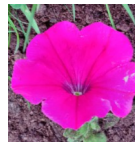
500 Words Writing Success!

Clergy for a Day

Form IV recently visited St. Asaph Cathedral as part of their Religious Studies lessons. In small groups, the children learned about the life of William Morgan and the translation of the Bible into Welsh. They listened carefully to the stories of St. Asaph and St. Kentigern and acted them out with the assistance of props. After lunch, the children had the opportunity to dress up as members of the clergy. Mr. Hosking played the organ and the children attentively listened to the notes produced by the organ and use of the stops. Some of the children were fortunate to play some



Well done to Hannah who made it into the top 4% of entries in the Radio 2 '500 Words' Writing Challenge back in March with her story, 'Who'd Have Thought It?'. Children from all over the country took part and Hannah's story was selected from a massive 123,436 entries. The competition is for children 13 years and under so you all have a chance to take part next time. Happy writing - let's get ready for next year's challenge!



Flower Power

Kindergarten have developed green fingers this half term planting seeds and flowers inside and out. We all put on our wellies and anoraks to plant outside digging holes and planting petunias. We have also grown sunflowers, watering them and watching them grow. During maths activities the children have measured who has the tallest plant and made repeated patterns using different coloured flowers. The children also created flower pictures using different 2D shapes.



Maths Challenge Victors

Last month we were invited to send two maths teams to Ruthin to battle for the Maths challenge shield. Over 70 year 5 pupils took part in what has now become a regular annual event. The day started with number sequence questions and a numeric crossword. The teams then went around the school, following clues to further puzzling ques-

tions. After lunch there was a final round of relay questions with the teams racing to answer as many as possible in the time allotted. When all the results were added up we were delighted to find that one of our teams was declared the overall winners. They came back with amazon vouchers for the team members and a laptop for the school.



Roaming Romans

Form IV's study of the Romans was brought to life by a fascinating day at the Grosvenor Museum. The children commenced their visit by dressing up as soldiers. The children enthusiastically marched around Chester and were led to the amphitheatre by a 'Roman Soldier'. There, they practised their various manoeuvres of defence and learned about the Roman gladiators.

After lunch, the children eagerly listened and participated in a 'hands-on' Roman workshop, imaginatively pretending to be archaeologists, soldiers and cooks. In the galleries, the children watched clips of Roman life, observed artefacts, models of military occupation and other exhibits. A terrific Roman experience!



New Chorister

Well done to Matthew (pictured with Director of Music, Mr. McGuinness) who was recently made a Junior Chorister at St. Asaph Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday.



Frith Junior Race Series

Well done to our runners who took part in the Frith Junior Race Series last Saturday. Leah ran into 4th place in the year 3 and 4 girls' race with a time of 4m 35s. Louis Hollingsworth came 7th in 4m 18s and lestin 10th in 4m 21s in the year 3 and 4 boys' race. Well done to you all.



@ St. Kentigern's

Form III enjoyed an afternoon at St Asaph's Parish church, as part of their RE studies. They were shown around the church by Father Rex and listened well as they were told about the various interior parts, such as the altar, pulpit, font, organ and lectern and learnt about the different colours used during the church calendar. There was enough time for a quick play in the park before the journey back to school.

Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
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
Tuesday 28 June	Singing pupils	Music Theatre Exams
Wednesday 29 June	KG	Teddy Bears' Picnic and Big Toddle (Animal costumes!)
Wednesday 29 June	Forms I – III	Trip to Welsh Mountain Zoo (Please bring packed lunch)
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 — 'Captain Noah and His Floating Zoo'
Friday 8 July, 1.30pm	Form VII Parents welcome	Form VII Party and BBQ
Monday 11 July — Wednesday 13 July, 10am – 4pm	Form I upwards	Sports Camp
Wednesday 31 August — Tuesday 6 September	Form II upwards	Drama Workshop including:

Cathedral Links

We were pleased, once again, to join the Cathedral in their collection for Christian Aid Week. This year we supported the Char people of Bangladesh who struggle, year on year, against flooding and destruction of homes by the powerful and ever changing Jamuna River.

A paper chain, depicting people from around the world and representing our links with and care for those less

fortunate than ourselves, was taken by our school council representatives in Form VII along with your kind donations — thank you.

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