



Fairholme Focus

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Rise and Shine . . . Breakfast Club!

One of the highlights so far of the new school year at Fairholme has been the introduction of Breakfast Club. Our early risers come in any time between 7.45am and 8.30am and are treated to a delicious breakfast of cereal, yoghurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk and toast followed by a quiet reading or ICT time or some Wake-Up, Shake-Up!

Breakfast Club has proved a popular addition to school life so far. Thanks to Miss Mailey and Mr Rees for making it all possible! Anyone else interested in this new provision, please enquire at reception.



Welcome to Mariam, Martha, Henry, Henry, Ryley, Martha, Rory, Sangeeth and Lottie!



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Fairholme Book Fair

Once again the book fair was much enjoyed. Run by volunteers from Form VII, all purchases contributed to free books for school, provided by Scholastic. Thank you once again for your support.



Mr. Urdd!

The hugely popular character, Mr Urdd, came to visit Fairholme pupils this term. Our Welsh club members were especially excited to meet him and the Urdd county staff expressed great delight in seeing such an enthusiastic group of Welsh speakers. We are proud to compete each year in the Urdd Eisteddfod. Should you wish your child to subscribe please contact reception.



Special points of interest:

- 100% Success Rate in 11+ Grammar School Exams
- Thank you for supporting Macmillan Big Coffee Morning!
- Spellings now on 'Spellodrome' - a new way to practise . . .(page 3)
- Drama enthusiasts tackle 'Hamlet' — read all about it on page 2



To Be or Not to Be?

A fun and hard-working drama workshop was held just before the start of term when the children prepared two plays in just one week! The younger members of the crew took the main roles in 'Town Mouse and Country Mouse' while the older ones started to look at our Shakespeare Schools Festival piece – 'Hamlet'.

The children played some excellent drama games, working on emotions, presentation and response. We still had time for painting and craft work as well as making programmes for

each of the plays. Some great acting skills were emerging and confidence developed in those new to the workshop as well as exuding from the old regulars!

We are now working with the whole of Forms VI and VII and those from Form V who attended the workshop to further develop our half-hour version of 'Hamlet' ready to take to Theatr Colwyn on 21 November. All are welcome to come and support this event. Tickets are available either at reception or at the door on the evening.



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, reaching the cup competition for the

first time and gaining 3rd place! The boys played well too, had a great afternoon taking part in the competition and gained 3rd place in the Plate Competition. At the presentation, everyone received medals and certificates. We are now looking forward to arranging further matches at Fairholme.



Indoor Clubs

This term pupils in Technology Club have been busy designing and making their own marble runs. Cooking Club rolled up their sleeves and developed their culinary skills making delicious pizzas, fruity smoothies and messy chocolate crispy cakes. Sewing club have been practising their backstitch

and have made their own autumn pictures using their skills. At French Club, the children have been using echalk to make an accurate drawing of a criminal from a French witness statement. At Classics Club, children have enjoyed journeying through the realm of the Ancient Greeks and have learnt about heroes from mythology, taking part in interesting craft activities along the way.



Floating boats

Form II have been working very creatively making boats using their own choice of materials. Hard work in the classroom culminated in testing the vessels out in the courtyard. It is excellent to see the children developing inventive and experimental skills.



Abundant 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, 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.



The Big Coffee Morning



It was another successful coffee morning with plenty of cakes to choose from. We even had some special Fairholme cakes. Congratulations to Mrs. Holden for winning spot the cake. The parents and pupils all donated to raise a fantastic £306 towards Macmillan cancer support.

Spellodrome

Fairholme spellings have progressed to the digital age and now all children's spellings can be found on 'Spellodrome' (an offshoot of 'Mathletics') as well as the school website. All pupils can practise their spellings using their login for 'Mathletics' and can work on the spelling list revealed by teachers each week. Of course, the children still carry their spelling books and written practice is still advisable; however, children may be inclined to practise more using the computer or tablet and can even find out the meanings of the words using the word list practice.



Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Sunday 13 November	School Council members and volunteers/parents welcome	Remembrance in St. Asaph Cathedral Service 10:00am or War Memorial 10:45am School uniform please!
Thursday 17 November 4pm–7pm	Parents welcome	Parents' Evening
Monday 21 November 7pm	Forms VI and VII (performers) ALL & Parents welcome	 Performance of 'Hamlet' at Theatr Colwyn – Tickets available at reception
Tuesday 29 November 2.30 pm	Forms KG, I, II and III Parents welcome	Nativity Play at The White House, Holywell Rd, Rhualt, St. Asaph LL17 0AW (Please drop KG, I, II & III children at the White House before 9am instead of Fairholme for rehearsal)
Thursday 1 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
Thursday 1 December	Form I, II	Trip to Techniquet (Please bring a packed lunch)
Monday 5 December afternoon	ALL	Rehearsal for Carol Service (Please collect children from the Cathedral at usual finishing time)
Wednesday 7 December	ALL Parents welcome	Carol Service at St. Asaph Cathedral (Please collect children from the Cathedral after the Service)
Thursday 8 December	ALL	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children' Please wear a Christmas jumper and bring £1
Monday 12 December afternoon	ALL	Christmas Party with visit from Father Christmas



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