



# Fairholme Focus

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## Achieving Excellence

This has been an excellent, hard working Autumn term. We have been successful in sport with the girls reaching the cup competition at the King's tournament; we have achieved excellence in drama with the magnificent performance of Hamlet at the Theatr Colwyn and the recent, much admired, 'The Nativity'; successful in music with the splendid contribution of our singers to the Lovelight Concert and the Carol

Service; above all, the children have achieved excellence academically with all applicants passing the 11+ examination for the Wirral Grammar schools this year. All these achievements have come about due to hard work by our pupils, our staff and our parents. As we look forward to the challenges and opportunities of 2017, we would like to wish you all a peaceful and happy Christmas.



**Welcome to Darcie & Sienna!**



## The Nativity

On Tuesday, 29th November, KG, Forms I, II and III enjoyed performing their Nativity in front of an audience of family and friends at the beautiful new location, The White House Hotel in Rhualt. The children all performed exceptionally well, after weeks of rehearsals and made their teachers very proud. An excellent job by all the pupils, oozing with confidence. Thanks to Mrs. Gains, Mrs. Turner, Miss Pett and Miss Foulkes for this fantastic start to our Fairholme Christmas.



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## The Mount Day Nursery Opens!



### The Mount Day Nursery

At the beginning of December, we were delighted to open The Mount Day Nursery which offers day care for up to 5 babies and 9 toddlers. Aply managed by Miss Foulkes, the nursery team and equipment has transferred across from St. Asaph Day Nursery to be relocated at Fairholme and we warmly welcome Mair, Michelle and Alison who many Fairholme pupils know from their nursery days in Chester Street.



### Special points of interest:

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## Good Night, Sweet Prince



A good night was certainly had by all as the cast of Hamlet performed at the Shakespeare Schools Festival at Theatr Colwyn at the end of November. This project, starting back in August at the Drama workshop, culminated in a very entertaining and polished performance from Forms VI and VII, featuring some excellent individual performances in the main roles as well as fantastic teamwork from all involved. The confident understanding and story telling from such a young cast of Shakespeare's famous tragedy was much admired by all.



## Card Competition

The School Council had the difficult task of judging the school's 'Design a Christmas Card Competition' this term. We were inundated with many excellent entries but eventually managed to choose a girl and boy winner from each class. We chose Hannah's design as the overall winner. Well done to everyone who took part.



## Our Senses

In early years the children have been finding out about their senses. We listened to different sounds to try and identify them during a game of bingo. The children felt different objects and materials with a glove on and then without to see which is easier. The children also got to smell and taste different things. We also went on a senses walk, listening, touching, seeing and smelling different things.

## Jewish Museum

This term, Form V visited the oldest synagogue building in Manchester, where they learned about Jewish Faith through engaging, interactive and sensory activities created to encourage exploration and discovery.



The two hour workshop began with the Rabbi welcoming the children to the synagogue. She talked about the history of the building and explained what goes on inside a synagogue. The children learnt that the synagogue is one building with three different roles – a House of Learning, a House of Prayer and a House of Gathering.

arm) and carrying the holy book, the Torah. They also learned some of the things Jews can and cannot do on the Sabbath. Finally, the workshop ended with the story of the Passover and children joined in with illustrating the Plagues of Egypt.



Following this, the children had the opportunity to dress up for attendance at prayer, wearing the Tallit (prayer shawl), Kippah (skull cap), Tefillin (prayer boxes worn on the head and





## River Trip

Form IV took their annual visit to the River Elwy as part of their geography topic, 'Water in the Landscape'. We walked along the riverbank and discovered the beautiful carvings of wildlife. We identified some river features and important pieces of information about habitats, types of trees significant to the area and types of materials that the River Elwy carries. We then worked in groups to find out how fast the river flowed, using numeracy skills to measure, time and work out averages. A spectacular heron casually watched us as we carried out our investigation. We observed the depth and the width of the river in various places along its course and observed the effects of erosion along the river bank caused by the floods back in November, 2012.



## We Will Remember Them

There was a splendid turnout at St. Asaph Cathedral for the Remembrance Day service. A two minute silence was held at 11am, after which wreaths were laid at the cenotaph by various community organisations. Our representatives from the School Council lay a wreath on behalf of Fairholme. It is a privilege for us to be part of this important demonstration of respect and gratitude for those who gave 'their today for our tomorrow'. We will remember them.



## Swimming Gala

Recently, several Fairholme School pupils enthusiastically took part in the Urdd Swimming Gala at Rhyl Leisure Centre. Our first ever Urdd swimming gala, Hannah, Imogen, Abigail, Louis WW, Iestyn, Leah and Martha all took part in individual races as well as combining for a team relay in the Year 3-4 category.

Our relay team, Louis WW, Iestyn, Leah and Martha, gained second place in the team relay, Leah was placed second in both backstroke and freestyle and Abigail was placed first and is through to the finals in Cardiff, swimming breaststroke and butterfly. Very well done everyone.



## Trip to Techniquest

Form I and II recently took a trip to Techniquest. They enjoyed exploring the many hands-on science exhibits and especially looked forward to the 'hall of mirrors.' The children watched a show called 'Elfyn's Christmas Wish'. They had to help Elfyn the Elf become a skilled helper for Santa! The show explored a range of topics including lights and circuits. They enjoyed watching what happened to the liquid nitrogen when it was heated up! Form I were very knowledgeable when it came to making the pretend snow! All in all it was a very enjoyable day. The children's behaviour was exceptional, well done!



## Christmas Jumper Excitement

This term we held our non-uniform day in support of 'Save The Children'. Children wore their own clothes and sported an excellent range of Christmas jumpers. During assembly, we held an exciting Christmas Spelling competition. Later in the day, marvellous Christmas lunch of roast turkey and all the trimmings was enjoyed immensely by

all. Finally, we watched a Christmas Puppet Show brought to us from Sussex Street. Thank you to Miss Mailey and the kitchen staff for all their hard work! Thank you also everyone for supporting this exciting Christmas charity event.

## Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Monday 9 January — Friday 13 January	Form III upwards	Revision Week
Monday 16 January — Friday 20 January	Form III — VI	Exam Week
<b>Saturday 11 March</b> 10am — 3pm	<b>Form VII &amp; school pro- duction main roles</b> <b>Visitors/Parents</b>	<b>OPEN DAY</b>
Thursday 23 March	ALL	Whole School Musical — Dress Rehearsal (Please bring packed lunch)
Wednesday 29 March 1.30pm	ALL Parents welcome	Whole School Musical Production Theatr Twm o'r Nant, Station Rd, Denbigh
Thursday 30 March 1.30pm	ALL Parents welcome	Whole School Musical Production Theatr Twm o'r Nant, Station Rd, Denbigh

### Lovelight

Fairholme was, once again, delighted to take part in the Lovelight Tenovus Charity Concert held at the Cathedral last week. A record turn out this year from Fairholme pupils; thank you all for your support and hard work, pupils and staff alike!

Hosted by Welsh Rugby legend, Rupert Moon, we were treated to a fabulous concert including 'Flint Male Voice Choir' and Tenovus 'Sing with Us' choir as well as our own talented bunch. All proceeds from the evening went to the Tenovus charity which raises vital funds for cancer research, Mobile Cancer Support Units and the Tenovus Cancer Support Line.



### Keep On Running

The unusually mild weather has been of great benefit to our school runners this term. The children have been developing their stamina and increasing their distance as a result. They would be able to breeze through a 5k race! Mrs. Turner and Mr. Rees are proud of their efforts, well done!

Mrs. Turner has set a challenge of running 700 miles to raise £700 for St. Kentigern Hospice. Having recently completed the challenging Snowdonia Marathon, she has since increased her total distance to 1000 miles for 2016. If you would like to donate to this local cause, please visit [www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com) and search for E C Turner.



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