



Fairholme Focus

Secondary School Success

Welcome to 2017! This has been a very hard working half term with revision and exam week for Forms III to VI and preparation for entrance exams for Form VII. Once again, Form VII have performed fantastically well with a full 100% success in all entrance exams – Ruthin, King’s, Queen’s, Grammar Schools, Rydal Pehrros, and Myddleton College. The pu-

pils have gained 8 of the 10 Scholarships awarded at Ruthin School, 2 Queen’s Scholarships and 7 scholarships to Myddleton College. A fantastic effort from all our Form VII pupils. Congratulations both to the children and to Mrs. Hall for guiding them all through the process so fearlessly!



Grand Designs!

It was an extremely exciting start to the term when children returned after Christmas to find that the creation of new Sports Hall and Theatre complex (with Nursery extension) had finally begun!

Since then, construction work has been flying ahead of schedule and we have been enjoying watching the project quickly take shape with installation of foundations, blockwork, floor bases and under-floor heating. We can’t wait to see the steelwork go up, currently under fabrication, to get a real feel for what the building will be like.

Of course, the children most enjoyed watching the JCB and dumper truck!



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Special points of interest:

- Open Day – Saturday, 11th March, a chance for parents and prospective parents to see Fairholme with classroom activities and a preview of part of our ‘Oliver!’ Show
- Is It Worth The Waiting For? – read all about Oliver! auditions – here on page 3
- Secondary School Success – Read about great exam successes in Form VII
- Grand Designs – follow the construction work here and on page 4



**Welcome to
Jessica, Dhyan
and Luna!**



Through the Wardrobe

Just before half term, Forms III to V stepped through the wardrobe at St George's Hall, Liverpool to explore The Narnia Experience. The children started their journey as evacuees, leaving war-torn London during the blitz, where they were entertained by local school children singing, while they waited at the railway station. After arriving at the professor's country house, they received a very frosty greeting from Mrs.

Macready, the housekeeper. She carefully checked everyone's hands and shoes but Mr. Rees and Mrs. Bult failed miserably to meet her high standards. The children were then ushered through the wardrobe doors and fur coats to discover the magical Kingdom of Narnia, where it is "always winter and never Christmas".

Dryads guided the children through Narnia on either the "Lucy" tour or the "Edmund" tour, meeting with Mr. Tumnus, visiting Mrs. Beaver in her cosy lodge, encountering the cruel White Witch and seeing Aslan the lion and ruler of Narnia. Finally, the children were anointed as "Kings and Queens of Narnia" in front of the magnificent thrones of Cair Paravel, before re-emerging from Narnia, back through the wardrobe and into the Professor's study.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their adventure in the beautiful setting of St. George's Hall, but were left craving a taste of delicious Turkish Delight.



House Rivalry

Our houses battled it out this week on the football pitch and netball court in an attempt to win the House Cup for Winter Sports. The tournament was devised by the School Council and resulted in fierce competition throughout the afternoon.

Drake won the netball competition while Raleigh triumphed on the football pitch and as a result of their second place in the netball competition were declared the overall winners.



Once Upon a Time

Form II used the well known fairy tale 'Hansel and Gretel' to write their own version of the story. The children each had an illustration from the story and worked together to create a class book. They have also written about 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and created 'Wanted Posters' for the wicked witch and the giant - fee fi fo fum!!



Open Day

Make sure that you don't miss our forthcoming Open Day for visitors, current pupils and parents.

A chance to see the School and the Nursery, tours, classroom activities and displays, musical interludes and 'Oliver!' drama preview will all be available for all to enjoy.

Children should come along in their own clothes unless they are helping run the day (Form VII and main cast). We hope as many of you as possible will join us for this special event.

OPEN DAY

Saturday, March 11th
10am – 3pm

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Call in any time between 10am and 3pm to see the school and the day nursery. For further information contact the Principal, Mrs Perkins, on 01745 583 505 or email admissions@fairholmeschool.com

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JUNIORS
7-11

DAY NURSERY
0-3

INFANTS
5-6

HOLIDAY CLUB
0-11

KINDERGARTEN
3-4

Food, Glorious Food!

In the Early Years we have been very busy learning the golden rules of cooking; wearing our cooking aprons, washing our hands ready to start and using tools and equipment safely. We have been learning how to cut fruit ready to make fruit salads and smoothies. We have all made our own sandwiches and pizzas, choosing our favourite fillings and toppings. The best part of this topic is at the end of the day when we get to taste our creations as well as trying new things. Yummy!



Is It Worth the Waiting For . . . ?

This half term we have started working towards our next musical show, 'Oliver!'. Each of the classes have begun reading a version of the story and the music and drama departments have been working hard in preparation for the main event. Ballet classes are full of rose, milk and strawberry sellers and pick-pockets and music classes are resounding with the sound of our new songs.

We were amazed by the outstanding interest shown at auditions held last week. The emerging talent in all classes was very much in evidence.

As always, it was extremely difficult to fix the final two casts; we endeavour to give as many children a chance to speak and sing as possible, giving priority to Forms VI and VII.

Please book tickets as early as possible from Reception to ensure that we have a full house for each of our two performances and offer as much support as we can for our excellent young performers. Owing to theatre capacity, tickets will be limited to 3 tickets per family until Monday 20 March when we will sell the remaining tickets. Please note that seats are numbered—first come, first served. Tickets cannot be booked without payment!



Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Friday 3 March	ALL	World Book Day (Come to school dressed as your favourite book character)
Saturday 11 March 10am – 3pm	Visitors and Parents Welcome Form VII and main 'Oliver!' cast – to help (packed lunch provided)	OPEN DAY FOR SCHOOL AND NURSERY All pupils welcome to visit and join activities
Thursday 16 March and Friday 17 March 3.30-4.30	Parents welcome	School Uniform Sale (Forrester Sports) and Book Fair School Dining Room
Thursday 23 March am only	ALL (School Uniform)	Musical Rehearsal – Oliver! Theatre drop off Twm O'r Nant Theatre, Station Road, Denbigh
Friday 24 March	ALL	Red-Nose Day Wear Own Clothes for Comic Relief
Tuesday 28 March PLEASE BRING PACKED LUNCH	ALL (in costume – see Oliver! Information Sheet)	Dress Rehearsal – Oliver! Theatre drop off and collection (see Oliver! Information Sheet)
Wednesday 29 March 1.30pm	ALL (In costume) Parents welcome	Oliver! Whole School Musical Production Theatre pick up after performance
Thursday 30 March 1.30pm	ALL (In costume) Parents welcome	Oliver! Whole School Musical Production Theatre pick up after performance
Thursday 27 April	Form VI/VII	Junior Maths Challenge
Friday 28 April	Form VI team	Ruthin Maths Challenge
Tuesday 23 May, (TBC) Wednesday 24 May	Forms VI & VII Forms IV & V	LAMDA Speech and Drama Examinations



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