



Fairholme Focus

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More? . . .

One of the most enjoyable musicals we have worked on to date, the children worked extremely hard this term preparing for the production, 'Oliver!'. Children 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, held at Theatr Twm O'r Nant on Wednesday and Thursday, was a great success and a fine culmination of the hard work by children and staff alike. Well done to both casts for such accomplished performances. Our thanks go particularly to Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Cotterill for their dedication to this superb production.



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Red Nose Day



On Friday 24th March we celebrated Red Nose Day. Staff and children all wore something red, some children even sprayed their hair red! Everyone enjoyed looking at the variety of red noses, eating cakes and entering the raffle to win a big Easter egg. Well done William Gregory who was the lucky winner. We raised a total of £200. Thank you all for your kind contributions.

Special points of interest:

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We were delighted to invite parents, children and visitors once again to our annual Weekend Open Day. The classrooms provided a great range of fun activities on a Victorian theme including Stick Puppets, Gruel play, Victorian masks, the 'Oliver Twist' Competition, Morse Code and the Victorian scientists and Découpage and Victorian toys. Guided tours of the school were rounded off with excerpts from the cast of 'Oliver!'. Thank you all for supporting this special day and to Forms VII and extras for giving up their Saturday to provide tours and organise activities.

St. David's Day

On Wednesday, 1st March, we celebrated our Patron Saint's Day. We wore hand-made daffodils or leeks to assembly and learnt about the good work St. David did during his life time. We sang some patriotic hymns and members of our Welsh club sang a collection of songs, in Welsh, for us.

Later on in the Day, Forms VI and VII visited Llys Elian Care Home in Colwyn Bay where the children helped residents and families celebrate St. Davd's day with a range of musical entertainment, songs

both Welsh and English, harp and piano solos from Leah and Zara and, of course, some favourites from our 'Oliver!' show. A very worthwhile and rewarding day.



Literacy Corner

World Book Day is a celebration! It's a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading. In fact, it's the biggest celebration of its kind, designated by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and marked in over 100 countries all over the world.

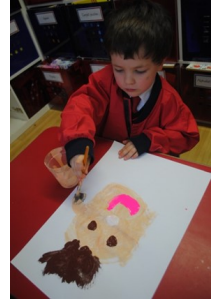
All the children enjoyed celebrating our World Book Day. There were some very interesting costumes on display! Many children shared their favourite book and characters during our assembly. Staff also shared their love of books. A special mention goes to Miss Pett, dressed as Betty Barley (the children thought she looked less scary without the hat!). What an original and inventive costume Miss Pett!



This term members of Form VII have enjoyed participating in a series of 'Balloon Debates'. The pupils chose eminent individuals – both past and present and presented their arguments as to why they deserved to remain in a balloon that was rapidly losing altitude.

The pupils delivered their speeches with confidence and had clearly researched the characters well and enjoyed dressing up for the occasion.

Well done to Helen Keller, Louis Braille and Mother Teresa who were our overall winners!



Lighting Lanterns

This term Form IV has been learning about 'Electricity.' We began by discussing the safety issues associated with electricity. Next we investigated circuits, using the electrical science equipment. We then made our own switches and tested them to see if they worked. We then set about our 'Design and Make' task. The pupils designed their lanterns and wrote an equipment list before embarking on the careful job of making their lanterns. The pupils were extremely pleased and proud of their finished products.



Our World Book Day celebrations were then followed by our regular Scholastic Book Fair. Here the children chose to purchase books which interest and excite them. Remember to join and support your local library. Keep reading!



People Who Help Us

The Early Years have been thinking about people who help us every day. First we thought about who helps at home and at school and the children created portraits of someone who helps them. We then looked at who helps us in the community and found out about the roles of the doctor, dentist, police officers and fire fighters. The children have been busy taking on the different roles in the role play corner and creating their own crafts. Some even had their finger prints taken by 'PC Pett'

Music Matters

Musicians have been working hard preparing for ABRSM examinations held this Saturday. An amazing 25 Fairholme candidates took part in piano, singing and harp exams.

In the local Urdd Eisteddfod, Leah had a great day, winning first place in the harp solo round and third place in piano solo. We all wish her well with her harp solo in the next heat, the County Eisteddfod, held in April. Leah will also be taking part in the Wales Harp Festival during the Easter holidays participating in Master classes and concert performers.

If anyone would like to take up lessons in piano, singing, harp, flute, clarinet, saxophone or guitar, please let us know. We are always keen to encourage pupils to join in our thriving music community.

Some important dates for your diary

| Date | Forms | Event |
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| Monday 3 April—Wednesday 5 April, 10am – 3pm | Form I upwards | Sports Camp |
| Thursday 27 April | Form VI/VII | Junior Maths Challenge |
| Friday 28 April | Form VI (Team only) | Ruthin Maths Challenge (Please bring packed lunch) |
| Monday 8 May | ALL | School Photos |
| Tuesday 6 June, Wednesday 7 June CHANGE OF DATE! | Forms VI & VII Forms IV & V | LAMDA Speech and Drama Examinations |
| Monday 5 June – Friday 9 June | Forms III–VII | Revision Week |
| Monday 12 June – Friday 16 June | Forms III–VII | Exam Week |
| Friday 23 June 1.30pm | ALL Parents welcome | Sports Day at Myddleton College, Denbigh |
| Thursday 29 June 4pm – 7pm | Parents welcome | Parents' Evening |
| Friday 30 June | 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 3 July, pm | ALL | Cathedral rehearsal (Please collect from Cathedral) |
| Thursday 6 July, 2:30pm | ALL Parents welcome | Cathedral End of Year Celebration |
| Friday 7 July, 1:30pm | FORM VII Parents welcome | End of Year BBQ Party |
| Monday 10 July – Wednesday 12 July, 10am – 4pm | Form I upwards | Sports Camp |
| Wednesday 30 August – Tuesday 5 September | Form II upwards | Drama Workshop |



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