



# Fairholme Focus

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## Taking Shape

With the roof and window frames in place, our new building is really taking shape. The frontage, designed to fit in with the original premises, holds 5 rooms as well as visitors' toilets and includes a viewing gallery upstairs. Cleverly concealed at the back is the cavernous sports hall which will provide a great space for badminton, gymnastics and all sporting activities when the Welsh weather hits us. Electrically operated tiered seating, stored in just over a metre at the rear of the hall, will convert the space into a 175 seater theatre—great for all our future music and drama productions. The nursery extension is equally impressive and will help us meet the high demand for places. We can't wait for next term!



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## Number Crunchers!

This term 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 questions. 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, retaining our title from last year. They came back with amazon vouchers for the team members, much treasured teddy bears and a laptop for the school.



**Welcome to Joshua, Oscar, Sebastian, Scarlett, Beatrice and Darcey!**



**Special points of interest:**

- Ruthin Maths Challenge Victors — read how our Form VI maths teams got on vying for the maths shield here on page 1 in 'Number Crunchers!'
- Find out how our athletes fared at the Urdd heats (page 3)
- Hear about Form IV's trip to St. Asaph Cathedral in 'Cathedral Secrets' on page 2
- Get up to date with our Summer Clubs on Page 3

## Parable and Fables Form Assemblies



This term each Form is leading a Whole School Assembly about a parable or fable of their choice. Form VI kicked off with the story of 'The Prodigal Son' and were particularly entertaining in their pig farming scene.



Next, Form VII led an assembly about the parable of 'The Good Samaritan'. They acted out a play demonstrating that everyone is our neighbour, not just those we are friendly with.

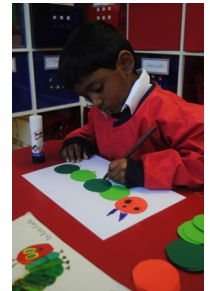


We are looking forward to many more Form assemblies next half term.

## Creepy Crawlies



The Early Years have been busy hunting different minibeasts inside and outside the class. They are lucky to be able to observe some caterpillars changing to chrysalis and hopefully emerging as butterflies very soon. They have found out about the lifecycle of a frog, with their very own tadpoles in class changing into froglets. The younger children have especially enjoyed searching for minibeasts in the sand tray.



## Cathedral Secrets

Form IV visited St. Asaph Cathedral, as part of our R.E. and our history topics. Whilst we were there we learnt about the many special objects and features inside the Cathedral and what they are used for. We dressed up as a monk, a priest, a deacon and a bishop which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Next we performed a drama activity based on St. Asaph and St. Kentigern using a variety of props. We were fortunate to listen to various notes played on the organ and some of us were given the opportunity to be able to play some tunes using the different stops.

Additionally, we discovered many secrets related to the interior of the Cathedral as we carried out the 'Cathedral Trail'. We also took the opportunity to look at William Morgan's translation of the Bible into Welsh. We ended our visit designing, drawing and colouring our own

representation of stained glass windows. For the majority, the highlight of the day was playing the Cathedral organ.



## Dragon-Slayers



As one of our Patron Saint Assembly series, we celebrated St. George's Day in style. Having listened to the famous dragon-slaying tale, we looked at how St. Paul described putting on the whole armour of Christ. Benjamin donned the necessary costume as we discussed the Christian soldier checklist – the helmet of Salvation, a breastplate of righteousness, a belt of truth, feet fitted with the readiness of the Gospel, a shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit.

## Urdd Athletes

Just this week, members of the Welsh club went along to Deeside Athletics track to take part in the Urdd Athletic competitions. We had some fantastic results. Both Imogen and Leah were 1st in the long jump and 3rd in the 600 metres for their respective age groups while Priya won the ball throwing for her group. They will now be competing in the national competition at Eirias Park. We are so proud of all of our five competitors!



## Roaming Romans

Form IV visited the Grosvenor Museum, Chester, to learn about the Romans. We started our day by dressing up as Roman soldiers and then we were led by a Roman soldier to the remains of the Roman amphitheatre. It was there that we learnt about how the soldiers fought and defended themselves and we carried out different drills. We looked around the museum's galleries where there were many interesting exhibits of artefacts and interactive activities. After lunch, we took part in a Roman workshop, where we learnt about what archaeologists discovered about the Romans and why the Romans decided to settle in Chester. The children also participated in practical activities about the Roman bath houses and they even dressed up as Roman slaves to learn about what food they would have enjoyed eating !



## Summer Enrichment

We are proud of our extensive enrichment programme and It's been a busy half-term for these activities with a whole range of clubs being held over the lunch break indoors, outdoors and in the gazebo. Form III have been perfecting their running and back stitches in sewing club while Form IV have been applying bandages to various parts of the body in the first aid club. Our new sketching club has proved popular

with Form V who have produced some very pleasing sketches of a cat and a guitar whilst learning about proportion and developing their hand-to-eye coordination. Elsewhere, children have been playing chess, tennis, cricket, table tennis and rounders, learning Scottish country dancing and, of course, running—quite a tiring pursuit in the sunny weather!



## Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Monday 5 June—Friday 9 June	Forms III—VII	Revision Week
Tuesday 6 June	Forms VI & VII	LAMDA exams
Wednesday 7 June	Form IV & V	LAMDA exams
Thursday 8 June	ALL	Fairholme Mock General Election
Monday 12 June—Friday 16 June	Forms III—VII	Exam Week
Tuesday 20 June	Forms V & VI	Trip to Blue Planet Aquarium (Please bring packed lunch)
Friday 23 June	ALL Parents welcome	Sports Day at Myddelton College
Tuesday 27 June	Form VII	Trip to Penrhyn Castle (Please bring packed lunch)
	KG	Teddy Bears' Picnic and Big Toddle
Wednesday 28 June	Forms I — III	Trip to Anglesey Sea Zoo (Please bring packed lunch)
<b>Thursday 29 June &amp; Friday 30 June</b>	<b>Visitors and parents welcome</b>	<b>OPEN SCHOOL DAY</b>
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 — 'The Selfish Giant'
Friday 7 July, 1.30pm	Form VII Parents welcome	Form VII Party and BBQ
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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