



Fairholme Focus

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Moving Forward Together

There have been no dull moments at Fairholme this half-term. In addition to normal school activities we've been busy with exams, standardized tests, LAMDA exams, trips and preparation for sports day, house matches and the cathedral performance. We've also moved a step forward on our development project with the connection between the old and new buildings.

Election Fever

The excitement of the hustings came to Fairholme rather unexpectedly this year as we held our own Elections on General Election Day. Sixteen parties fought fiercely to persuade the electorate (Kindergarten upwards!) that they had the best policies. No talk of Brexit here – policies included evacuating Earth for a new cleaner world, saving penguins and the icecaps and underground water-slide plans for access to Barbados! When the votes were counted, 'Powerful Politicians'

We are, of course, sad to see Form VII go, but congratulate them on their many academic, musical, dramatic and sporting achievements. Our thanks go to Harry, Abigail and Iwan for their contributions in their roles as School Captain, Head Girl and Head Boy and to all the Form VII Prefects for their efforts in organisation of school events and help and support of our younger pupils.

were declared the winners closely pursued by 'Superpugs' and 'Great British Politicians'. Well done everyone for taking part; some excellent ideas and great confidence shown in speeches and answering questions!

In assemblies, we also followed the progress of the real Election both locally and nationally and discovered names of parties, party leaders and some of the slogans adopted in this year's election campaign.



Welcome to Chloe!



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Anglesey Sea Zoo

Well it was raincoats at the ready for our school trip however the rain did not dampen our spirits!

Forms I, II and III went to Anglesey Sea Zoo for their educational outing. When we arrived, Form III went straight out onto their beach safari - finding out about creatures living on the shore and learning about the tide. Forms I and II had a guided tour indoors and got to see some tiny lobsters, tiny seahorses and many other creatures. All the sea creatures are native to the British Isles and it was fascinating for the children to see such variety of marine life! After lunch we got to revisit the pools and tanks once more before braving the drizzly weather to make use of the play area and the bouncy castle.



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Once again, Form VI and VII took part in the UK Junior Maths Challenge. Very well done to Harry, Abigail, Logan and Marni – winners of Bronze Certificates – and to Priya and Iwan – winners of Silver Certificates – and to Iwan for the highest Fairholme scorer for the second year running! Children will have the chance to have another go next year and will continue in years 7 and 8 in most secondary schools.



Sports Day

We were very excited to hold our Sports Day at Myddelton College this year. Despite the fiercely windy weather, we embarked on the usual round of running, hurdles and obstacle races as well as house shuttle and netball relays. The new stilts in the Obstacle Race provided some fun moments and the Tug of War for the fathers proved to be a popular new addition. The balloons were sent off in the middle of proceedings due to the worsening weather conditions but we do hope some of them travel well in the high winds!

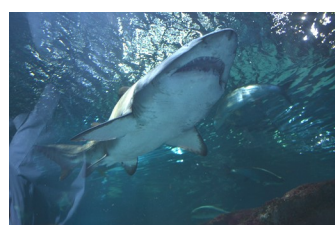
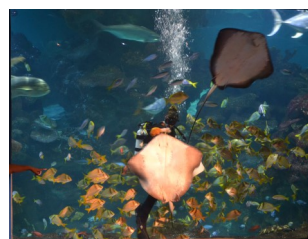
The Scottish Dancing Club performed while results were being collated and then the medal ceremony was held at the end of the day. Thanks so much to Myddelton College for loaning us their beautiful grounds, to Miss Mailey for the delicious scones and cream, to Peter from the Rotary Club for organising the charity balloon race and to Alex, our new commentator for this very successful sporting event!



Astounding Aquarium!

Last week Forms V and VI visited the Blue Planet Aquarium in Chester. In great excitement we entered the Northern Streams where we marvelled at Pike, Carp and Bream. Next we found out about an incredible 80 types of Piranhas, some of them deadly, man-eating types! We then watched divers feeding rays at the Aqua-theatre and followed the divers through the underwater aqua-tunnel, amazed by sand tigers, zebra sharks and white tips.

After a delicious packed lunch, we met up for a fishy fun workshop where we felt shark skin, turtle shells and a live starfish. We rounded off our fabulous day by watching otters playing in their enclosure before playing ourselves in the Pirate Playground. What fantastic fishy fun!
By members of Form V & VI



Forever Friends

This term, in our Cathedral Celebration, the children told the story of 'The Selfish Giant' through readings, songs, dance and drama.

In this story of love and sacrifice, a giant, who is very selfish, learns to share his garden. He comes to know that where love is, there is God also.

Readers, singers, actors, dancers and musicians all contributed greatly to a very successful occasion. Thank you to Mrs. Cotterill, Mrs. Williams and Miss Messham for all their hard work this term.

The poignant and final song, 'Forever Friends' reminded those leaving Form VII this year, that they are parting from many friends made here at Fairholme. We hope that they will cherish the memories of the years spent here together and hope they will remain 'Forever Friends'.



Well done to ballet pupils who took RAD exams this term!



All Singing . . .

Twenty three Music Theatre candidates participated in their fun filled exams gaining Distinctions and Merits all round! It was an action packed day full of smiles, costume changes, props and music scores along with wonderful exam experiences.



Form VII's Final Fairholme Foray

Refusing to be dampened by the wet weather, Form VII's spirits were high on their end of year visit to Penrhyn Castle, marking the end of their time at Fairholme.

refused to sleep in it as it reminded her of a tomb!

As clouds cleared, Form VII were able to enjoy a picnic on the magnificent, extensive lawns, before visiting Penrhyn's Railway Museum where they were able to sit in carriages originally pulled by steam engines in the slate quarries.



A trip to remember for our fantastic Form VII! *By AW*

Teddies & Toddle

Kindergarten enjoyed a lovely sunny day for their teddy bear picnic. They were joined by a variety of teddies from dinosaurs to rabbits. The children all came dressed in the colours of the rainbow for Barnardo's Big Toddle which involved moving around, over and through a variety of obstacles. Well done to Kindergarten for raising a fantastic £400+ for this worthwhile children's charity.



Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Monday 10 July – Wednesday 12 July 10am – 4pm	Form I upwards	Sports Camp
Wednesday 30 August – Tuesday 5 September, 9am – 4pm	Form II upwards	Drama Workshop
Friday 15 September 2pm – 4.30pm	Form VII	Netball and Football Tournament at King’s School (Late pick-up ~ 5.15pm)
Monday 18 September	Form VII (optional)	11+ Wirral Examinations
Tuesday 17–Saturday 21 October	ALL Parents welcome	Inaugural Opening Events Week Many events – details to be finalised!
Saturday 21 October	Forms VI and VII ALL welcome	OPEN DAY
Thursday 30 November 7pm	Form IV – VII Parents welcome	‘Lovelight’ Concert in support of Tenovus Cancer Charity
Monday 4 December pm	ALL	Rehearsal at St. Asaph Cathedral (Please collect from Cathedral)
Tuesday 5 December 2.30pm	KG–Form III Parents welcome	Nativity Play
Wednesday 6 December	ALL	Christmas Lunch , Christmas Jumper Day and Spelling Bee
Thursday 7 December 2.30pm	ALL Parents welcome	Christmas Carol Service, St. Asaph Cathedral
Monday 11 December pm	KG – Form IV	Christmas Party and visit from Father Christmas
Monday 11 December pm	Form V – VII	Trip to Rock ‘n Roll Panto Theatr Clwyd

Moral Tales

Our parable assemblies have been led by each Form and have included Bible stories, Chinese folktales as well as Aesop’s Fables – like ‘The Selfish Giant’, all stories with a moral we can learn from. Well done everyone for your contributions – a worthwhile, confidence-boosting experience.



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Farewell

Many thanks to Mrs. Turton who has been teaching Form V since Christmas, covering for staff on maternity leave. Mrs. Turton has been a great asset to Fairholme – tirelessly working with Form V, throwing herself into both technology club and table-tennis club and being nominated as chief sign-maker for all school productions. Everything accomplished with great dedication and good humour! Thank you.