



Fairholme Focus

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Open Week at The Mount

The Inaugural events week for the Opening of The Mount Sports Hall/Theatre was much enjoyed. Tuesday was a day for sport and parents were able to watch sports lessons from the viewing gallery. Wednesday we held open Speech and Drama lessons. Thursday was the main musical event when the children acted out and sung our favourite parts of the many musical shows we have put on

at Fairholme since 2010. To round off the week, we held our first special assembly - Harvest Festival - which was well attended by parents, and finally an Open Ballet Class. It was fantastic to see so many parents able to attend so many of these events. Thank you all for your support.



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Magic in Motion

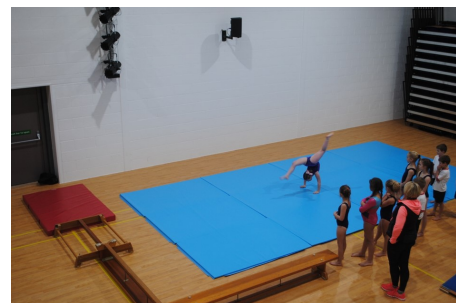
This term Form VII has been learning about the lives of Victorian children, both at work and play. Whilst researching what sort of toys they would have played with, the pupils discovered that the Victorians were fascinated by toys that made pictures move.

This lent itself to an excellent opportunity to design and make thaumatropes and zoetropes of their own. They also enjoyed finding out the science behind how they work too!



Practice makes Perfect

Shuttlecocks at the ready! Badminton club has been a huge success this half term since we have moved into the Sports Hall. The children have been learning how to hold the racquet, and how to score during singles and doubles matches. They have made really pleasing progress and are showing how 'practice makes perfect!'



Volleyball

The children have enjoyed Volleyball club this term, one of the new clubs since the opening of the Mount Sports Hall. We have been practising our skills in pairs and small groups...maybe next term we will be ready for a match!



Getting Ready for Santa

Sewing club have been busy making their own Christmas stockings using blanket stitch. The colourful stockings will be ready just in time for Santa's call.



Building Bridges

In technology club, groups of children have been designing and constructing lollipop stick bridges. The objective is to find a design which is both strong and light. Each bridge is of the same overall length and will be weighed before loading, then tested to destruction! As with real bridge design, aesthetics are important as well as strength, and so there will also be prizes for beautifully symmetrical and colour coordinated bridges!

Busy, Busy Bethlehem

This year's nativity play, 'Busy, Busy Bethlehem' by Niki Davies, told of the busy preparations for the approaching census day. Watching the excitement and directing the crowds was a little soldier, Olly, who was quite cross by Mary and Joseph's (Amelia and Oliver) late arrival. Some very confident narration was provided by Emilia and Aeris and an accomplished and most enjoyable performance given by all. DVD's are still available to order if you have missed out on this. We are looking forward to seeing much of this emerging talent put to use in our next whole school musical production! Thank you to Mrs. Gains, Mrs. Turner and all the team for their excellent work with the lower school children.



Remembrance

The school council attended St. Asaph Cathedral for the Remembrance Day service in November. A two minute silence was held at 11am, after which wreaths were laid at the cenotaph by various community organisations. Our representatives laid 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.



Jewish Museum

This term, Form V visited the oldest synagogue building in Manchester, where they learned about Jewish Faith. The workshop began with the Rabbi welcoming the children to the synagogue. He 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. 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 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.

Music at Myddelton

We were delighted to be invited to Myddelton College last weekend to sing at their Christmas Fayre. Fairholme pupils turned up in force and sang a fantastic Christmas repertoire and the harp, flute and piano ensemble entertained with some Christmas tunes. Much enjoyed by all.



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. 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 8 January — Friday 12 January	Form III upwards	Revision Week
Monday 15 January — Friday 19 January	Form III — VI	Exam Week
Tuesday 20 March	ALL	Whole School Musical — Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 21 March 1.30pm	ALL Parents welcome	Whole School Musical Production The Mount Theatre
Thursday 22 March 1.30pm	ALL Parents welcome	Whole School Musical Production The Mount Theatre



Lovelight

Fairholme was, once again, delighted to take part in the Lovelight Tenovus Charity Concert held at the Cathedral last week. A great 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', 'Vocalize' 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.

Form II & V

In January, we welcome back Mrs. Jones from maternity leave. She will initially be returning part time to Form V (Monday to Wednesday) Mrs Evans will continue in Form V on Thursdays and Fridays. This will provide an excellent hand over period for Mrs Evans and Mrs Jones. Meanwhile, Mrs. Evans will spend the rest of the week back in her old role with Form II, sharing the class with Mrs Cotterill. This will again provide a good hand over between the two teachers. For any further details, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



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Rainbow Trust

School Council arranged our special charity day this term to support 'The Rainbow Trust'. Children attended school in the most colourful outfits they could find, competing for the rainbow prize. A raffle and cake sale were also held and the younger pupils acted out the story of the Rainbow People in assembly. A great day was had by all—well done to the Hollingsworths with their amazing outfits! Thank you all for supporting this event—we raised £145 for the Rainbow trust charity.

