



Fairholme Focus

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For the sake of 'Auld Lang Syne'

Rabbie Burns was celebrated in style this year with the next in our series of our Open Assemblies.

Everyone dressed in tartan, we were entertained by some poetry recitals from individuals in Forms VI and VII, Burns' songs from Form V and VII and Scottish dances from Forms III, IV and VI.

The assembly was rounded off with Burns' 'Auld Lang Syne' led by KG, Forms I and II and a tasting session of haggis by all who wished. A great, educational time had by all!



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Special points of interest:

- Open Day and Art Exhibition – Thursday, 8th March, a chance for parents and prospective parents to see teachers, classrooms, books, Art Exhibition and a preview of part of our 'Lion King Jr' Show
- Hakuna Matata, No Worries – read all about Lion King auditions – on page 3
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Welcome to Phelan!



Form I House Detectives

Form I have been finding out about different types of houses during our topic this half-term. Armed with clipboards, we went walking along Mount Road, down the High Street and even walked part of the notori-

ously steep Red Hill! The children identified bungalows, detached houses, terraced houses, semi-detached houses and flats. They also identified other features in the local area including the river,

churches, bus stops, street signs, and post boxes.

The children's behaviour was exceptional and they cannot wait to go on another school trip soon!



Her Benny

Forms V, VI and VII were very excited to go to see the musical, 'Her Benny' this week, not least because the show was starring our very own Mia and Zara!

Set in the Liverpool docks, the show opened with a rousing performance of the sights and sounds of Victorian Liverpool. The story told of two street children, Nell (Mia) and her brother, Benny, who earned a living selling matches and carrying bags.

Many tissues were needed when Nell died at the end of Act One and then returned as an angel just after the interval.

Benny, meanwhile had a lucky encounter with Eva (Zara), who helped get him a job as office-boy to her father, a rich Liverpool businessman. Further tissues were required when Benny was wrongly accused of stealing a five-pound note!

Congratulations to Mia and Zara for some stunning performances, much enjoyed by all.

Djembe Drumming

In Music Literacy lessons this term we have been embracing the music of Africa and utilising the djembe drums which have arrived as part of our 'Lion King Experience' resources. Pupils have learnt that the djembe drum can produce more than one sound or tone and how to produce these with their palms on different parts of the drum. We have learnt some accompanying rhythmic patterns used in the show.

Keeping Healthy

Kindergarten have been fighting the germs this half term. The children have been learning to use a tissue to catch the germs when they sneeze and cough and then how to wash their hands using soap to kill the germs. Some children have taken on the role of the doctor or nurse to make the toys feel better. They also sorted different pictures deciding whether the person is poorly or healthy.



Hakuna Matata!

This half term we have started working towards our next musical show, 'The Lion King Jr'. The music and drama departments have been working extremely hard, at first somewhat bemused by the many languages involved and the difficulty of the music, a week later – 'No Worries!' – KG to Form VII are loving the sound of Zulu, Swahili and Xhosa! Ballet classes are full of roaring lionesses, leaping impala, braying wildebeest and shimmering grassland and music classes are resounding with the sounds of African drumming.

Once again, 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.

Tickets are available on Eventbrite and can be easily accessed through the School Website events page. Feel free to invite as many friends and family as you can 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.



Open Day and Art Exhibition

Make sure that you don't miss our forthcoming Open Day for visitors and parents. This event is to be held on Thursday, 8 March in the afternoon between 12.00 and 5.30pm and is an opportunity to meet with teachers, view exercise books and get a preview of our forthcoming musical, 'The Lion King'. A school uniform sale and book fair is also available in the dining room between 3.30 and 5.30pm.

During the first half of term, the children have produced some stunning African artwork. The Open Day will also house our Art Exhibition where the children's pictures will be profes-

sionally mounted, framed, catalogued and displayed in the gallery. Having their pictures framed and displayed will be a big occasion for the children and having someone to show it to will add an important finishing touch, so please make a space in your diary for this very special event. There will be an opportunity at the exhibition to purchase these framed pictures.






We hope that you can bring along as many friends/colleagues as possible to our Open Day. Your recommendation is our best advertisement!

Fairholme Art Exhibition

Thursday, March 8th
12.00pm to 5.30pm

School Gallery

Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Thursday 1 March	ALL Parents welcome	Open Assembly St. David's Day
Thursday 8 March 12.00 – 5.30pm	 Visitors and Parents Welcome	OPEN DAY AND ART EXHIBITION
Thursday 8 March 3.30-5.30	Parents welcome	School Uniform Sale (Forrester Sports) & Scholastic Book Fair
Tuesday 20 March am	 ALL	Dress Rehearsal – The Lion King (attend school in black trousers, drama t-shirt and blazer)
Wednesday 21 March 1.30pm	 ALL—Parents welcome (attend school in black trousers, drama t-shirt and blazer)	The Lion King Whole School Musical Production The Mount Theatre (Tickets available on Eventbrite)
Thursday 22 March 1.30pm	 ALL—Parents welcome (attend school in black trousers, drama t-shirt and blazer)	The Lion King Whole School Musical Production The Mount Theatre (Tickets available on Eventbrite)
Friday 20 April	 ALL Running Club	Fitness Friday
Thursday 26 April	Form VI/VII	Junior Maths Challenge
Friday 27 April	Form VI team	Ruthin Maths Challenge
Tuesday 22 May, Wednesday 23 May	Forms VI & VII Forms IV & V	LAMDA Speech and Drama Examinations

Fitness Friday

Children will be able to wear their own sports clothes if they donate £2 on Friday 20th April.

There will be sports activities taking place throughout the day, including collectively running 26.2 miles on the Astro turf.

Mrs. Turner will be warming up ready for her London Marathon Debut on Sunday 22nd April. She is raising money for VICTA (visually impaired children taking action). There will also be a 'predict the finish time' sweep stake in Reception Area!



Crashing Conclusion

Technology Club's bridge project came to a crashing conclusion at one of our Friday

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assemblies when bridges were tested to destruction.

Well done to William and Charlotte whose bridge was the lightest and held the whole 10kg weight, also gaining credit for aesthetic qualities – symmetry, shape and school colours design! Some bridges smashed spectacularly under loading, though all carried at least 1kg!