



Fairholme Preparatory School

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It's a Hat-trick for Fairholme!

We were delighted this term to win the Ruthin Junior Maths Challenge for the 3rd year in a row. Our two teams of 3 from Form VI battled against 23 other teams from 16 schools over a series of mathematical exercises. Firstly, they were presented with a number of maths questions to be answered sequentially, the answer to each question leading to the next. Second was a crossnumber puzzle with a point for each correct answer. This was followed by a "treasure hunt" with the teams and their accompanying 6th formers rushing around the school to find clues to maths problems. After lunch, with the hat-trick hanging in the balance, there was a final maths relay round with the teams racing to answer as many questions as possible in the time left. Navneet, Krish and Leah excelled in this round and, much to our delight, were announced as the overall winners.



Fitness Friday!

Just two days before the London Marathon, the children took part in our Fitness Friday. They wore their own leisure wear and joined in with different activities throughout the day. Using a raffle ticket system and with Dhyan's assistance, the children collectively ran a total of 26.2 miles. Some Form VI boys covered a mile each! There was also a high jump competition. Well done to lolo, Charlotte Hughes,

Zara and Iestyn for jumping the highest. There was badminton, skipping with a large rope and Kg and Form I had fun with the tunnels and tents in the play area. It was a successful day and a total of £243 was raised for VICTA (Visually Impaired Children Taking Action). Thank you for your support.

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Wedding Fever

In preparation for the Royal Wedding, a competition was held by school Council to design the best wedding cake for Harry and Megan and the most exotic dress for Megan to wear on the big day. Some fantastic entries for both categories!



Special points of interest:

- Ruthin Maths Challenge Victors for the third year running—read how Form VI retained the Ruthin Maths Shield here on page 1
- Find out what it was like for WW1 soldiers 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary' on page 3
- Hear how Mrs Turner fared in the London Marathon on page 2
- Find out about KG's gardening skills in 'Little Green Fingers' on Page 3

Remembering 1918 – 2018



This term each Form is leading a Whole School Assembly about events and developments over the last 100 years.



Forms VI and VII started us off leading the assembly about World War I and conflicts since that time. All pupils contributed with interesting facts and an excellent 'Powerpoint' slide show. Mia brought along some WW1 artefacts which all the children had a chance to handle following the assembly.



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

Ringing the Changes



Form IV visited St. Asaph Cathedral, as part of their R.E. and history topics. They learnt about the many special objects and features inside the Cathedral and made careful observations of the 'Translators Memorial' outside in the Cathedral grounds. The children dressed up as monks, priests, deacons and bishops and performed a drama role play activity based on St. Asaph and St. Kentigern. The pupils then designed and coloured their own stained-glass windows.

of tunes using the fifty-four stops.

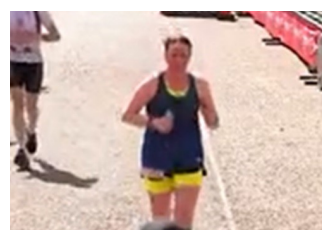
Next, they discovered the many secrets and symbols relating to the interior of the Cathedral as they undertook the 'Cathedral Trail' and also took the opportunity to look at William Morgan's translation of the Bible from Hebrew into Welsh.

Finally, in groups, the children played some beautiful scales together using hand bells. This proved to be the highlight of the whole trip.

Welcome to Oscar!



After a picnic lunch, the children listened to various notes played on the organ and a variety



London Marathon



I completed the marathon in 4 hours and 25 minutes. The heat was unbearable at times and the water stations at each mile mark were a relief to reach! It was such a great experience and a wonderful atmosphere. Well supported, a sea of people on every stretch of the marathon

It was great to return to school with my medal and t-shirt and to share my experience with the children. Well done to Amelia Gregory for predicting my final finish time! Thank you to all the children and parents for supporting me and making donations, via my fundraising page and through our Fitness Friday. *ET*

Hurricanes in Haiti

Christian Aid week this year was focussing on building stronger housing in Haiti to withstand earthquakes and hurricanes. The children each built a money box house and our prefects took them along to the cathedral to add to their collection.

Thank you for your kind contributions.



Balancing Act

Form I children have been making good use of the gymnastics equipment this half term. They have travelled, jumped, balanced, climbed and rolled with great enjoyment. Each week they have been so excited and it has been great to see their confidence and skills improving. Well done!

It's a Long Way to Tipperary

As part of this term's History topic, the pupils in Form VII were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to visit the new trench exhibit at Bodelwyddan Castle.

On our arrival we were greeted by a gentleman wearing a replica World War I uniform who led us to the trenches as we serenaded him with the rousing chorus - 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary'.

He then talked us through his uniform and equipment before taking us into an officer's dugout where he would have written to parents of the deceased and censored letters. As we proceeded along the trench network we gained a valuable insight into what life would have been like for a soldier in the trenches.

After lunch we were provided with wooden rifles and carried out a drill and practised marching. We particularly enjoyed ambushing Mr Rees and Mrs Hall!



We returned to school full of inspiration for writing our World War I book, which will be available for purchase after half term.



Celebrating May

We celebrated May in style this year with our Spring Assembly. We identified various spring flowers and tried to name birds from their calls. Our Scottish Dancing group demonstrated a Maypole dance and then KG, Forms I and II had a go as well. Some lovely skipping on show!



Marching with Romans



Form IV visited the Grosvenor Museum, Chester, to learn about the Romans. On arrival, we were given silver body armour and large, yellow shields and led by a Roman soldier to the remains of the Roman amphitheatre. There we learnt how the soldiers fought and defended themselves and carried out various exercises. On the way back to the museum we chanted a Latin Roman Marching song. 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 workshop, where we learnt about Roman artefacts and why the Romans decided to settle in Chester (Deva). We also took part in practical activities about the Roman bath houses and even dressed up as Roman slaves to learn about the herbs and spices they used in their kitchens.

Little Green Fingers

Kindergarten have been busy learning about plants in the garden. They have planted beans and seeds inside and plants outside in the play area garden. They have made it look very colourful!



Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Monday 4 June—Friday 8 June	Forms III—VII	Revision Week
Monday 11 June—Friday 15 June	Forms III—VII	Exam Week
Friday 22 June	ALL Parents welcome	Open Assembly by Forms I & V
Saturday 23 June	Singing/piano pupils	ABRSM examinations at school
Tuesday 26 June 4pm — 7pm	Parents welcome	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 27 June	ALL Parents welcome	Sports Day at Myddelton College (Attend school in Sports kit)
Friday 29 June 9am — 3.30pm	Visitors and parents welcome	OPEN DAY
Friday 29 June	ALL Parents welcome	Open Assembly by Forms II & III
Friday 29 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)
Saturday 30 June	Singing pupils	Music Theatre Exams at school
Thursday 5 July, 2:30pm	ALL Parents welcome	End of Year Celebration — WW1 Centenary, The Mount Theatre
Friday 6 July, 1.30pm	Form VII Parents welcome	Form VII Party and BBQ
Wednesday 29 August —Tuesday 4 September	Form II upwards	Drama Workshop 'Return to the Pridelands'

Sports Slot



Well done to Tedi, Zara, Eshaan, William, Sam, Joshua and Sahil. They took part in the Prestatyn Running Club's race organised for children. They competed against other children, running a distance of 1km along Frith Beach. Well done also to Leah who was placed 9th in the National Cross Country Urdd competition held in Aberystwyth and to Iestyn who was placed third in the recent Ruthin Triathlon.

Congratulations to Navneet who has been selected for the Wales Under 11 National Cricket Squad.

Music Matters

We are proud to host ABRSM Music and Music Theatre exams in the new Music block after half term. We have a busy schedule — pianists, flautist, singers and harpists. Keep practising!

Well done to Zara for winning both singing and piano cups at The Chester Music Festival.

Well done to Emily & Leah who were invited to participate in the prestigious grand opening concert at The Wales International Harp Festival. They enjoyed playing with over 60 other harpists— a unique experience.



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