



# Fairholme Focus

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## One Hundred Years of Memory

Many activities this term have centered around our theme celebrating the centenary of the end of World War I.

Some of the children have had the chance to 'Meet Tommy' with drills and a trench tour at Bodelwyddan Castle, some have made WWI propaganda posters, pupils have had the opportunity to handle original artefacts from WWI and the older children have read and watched the stage production of 'War Horse' – a story of a horse caught up in events during this period.

These activities have enabled the children to reflect on the hardships of war and sadness caused by separation of soldiers and their families. All Forms have contributed to our published book, 'One Hundred Years

of Memory' in which writing pieces range from poems and prayers to diary entries and stories from the trenches. Copies are still available in Reception.

During the term, each class has presented an open assembly about conflicts and developments over the last one hundred years. Parents and pupils have discovered together about various conflicts since WWI and have subsequently been treated to fabulous presentations on Space Travel, Education, Television, Transport and Technological Advances of this century.

It has been a great confidence boosting and educational experience, culminating in our musical production performed to parents and friends.



Welcome to Giovanni, Daisy & Ellis!

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## Grrr! Power!

Well done to Isha and Zara who were both shortlisted for winner of the 'Grrr! Power' short story writing competition held by Queen's School, Chester. Children from schools in the Chester area were invited to take part. And the lucky winners were invited for a special writing day. Congratulations to Zara who was selected as the overall winner and was lucky enough to have her story professionally printed and illustrated.



## Farewell Form VII

Once again, we are sad to see Form VII go, but congratulate them on their many academic, musical, dramatic and sporting achievements. Our thanks go to Zara, Joshua and Mia for their contributions in their roles as Head Girl, Head Boy and School Captain and to all the Form VII Prefects for their efforts in organisation of school events and help and support of our younger pupils. We wish them well in their secondary schools.



## DangerPoint!

This term Form V visited DangerPoint - an award winning interactive visitor centre in Talacre on the North Wales Coast.

Pupils were given the opportunity to learn about safety through fun and interactive activities. Designed like a film set, the children journeyed from the home to the beach, countryside, playground, farm & other settings. During the tour, pupils were able to talk to K-os, an alien visitor from another planet, to try to help them understand what dangers there are and how they can keep themselves safe in the future.

A fantastic day thoroughly enjoyed by all.

## No More Soldiering for me . . .

Music and Drama departments have been working furiously this term towards our World War I Centenary event.

The children have been preparing songs, ballads and parodies from the Great War, dance and drama scenes and have taken part in a lot of marching activities! We were delighted that Mr. Jarvis was able to come in and teach us the basics of marching and halting, saluting, standing to attention and rifle carrying. The children certainly enjoyed this part of our preparation.

## U.K.J.M.C.

Once again, Form VI and VII took part in the UK Junior Maths Challenge. Very well done to Zara, Razack, Tedi and Navneet who won Bronze Certificates — and to Navneet for the highest Fairholme scorer! Children will have the chance to have another go next year and will continue in years 7 and 8 in most secondary schools.



All this work, of course, culminated in the main event in The Mount Theatre where all children enthusiastically performed. There were certainly some great moments of fun but also some very moving moments which suddenly brought home the severity of war and the effect on all those living one hundred years ago.

Thank you to Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Cotterill, Miss Messham, and Mrs. Hall and to all the children for their efforts and contributions to such a memorable event.





## A 'Joeyful' Experience

Forms VI and VII were fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to visit the Lowry Theatre in Manchester to watch the fabulous production of 'War Horse'.

On our arrival we were invited to participate in a workshop which gave us a valuable insight into stagecraft skills and we were also able to ask questions to members of the cast and backstage crew. Tedi and Zara managed to get invited onto stage to act out their favourite foods and school lessons!

Following lunch and a rainy stroll around the quay, we returned to the theatre ready for the show; we were all very excited.

The production itself was amazing, telling the extraordinary journey of Joey, the horse, from the fields of rural Devon to the trenches of First World War France. There were some scary moments, enhanced by lighting and sound effects, when some of

us were hiding behind blazers! There were some funny moments, particularly the goose trying to get into the house at the beginning, and the German soldier and British soldier trying to communicate with each other about tossing a coin. There were many teary moments as well. The puppets were very realistic bringing breathing, galloping, charging horses to life on stage. The show really encapsulated the hardship of the war and the resilient spirit of the people. *(by members of VII and VI)*



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



## All Singing . . .

Thirty eight pupils participated in singing, piano, flute and or Music Theatre exams recently. We had three separate successful sessions over two weekends. The music room has been a hub of costumes, props, instruments, scores and incredibly enthusiastic pupils. Well done all for your determined focus and delivering such confident performances.



## Bodelwyddan Castle

This half term, Forms III, II and I went on a school trip to Bodelwyddan Castle. When we got there, we played games and met a lady who told us that the castle wasn't actually a castle, it was really just a posh house. She showed us old toys that were played with by rich and poor children, long ago. We were shown around many rooms in the house. It was very interesting! We then had our lunch in the park, with seagulls flying over our heads. Afterwards we went back inside the castle and

looked around the rooms again. We saw old dolls and string puppets. We went up the stairs to the bedroom and saw how different they used to be. People used to have toilets and tin baths in their bedroom! Then we went to the park to play, it was lots of fun! We got back to school we were given gift bags with sharpeners, rubbers and pencils in them. Everybody had had a great day! *(by AG, PN & OH)*

## Teddies, Toddle & Toys

Kindergarten have been busy exploring old and new toys this half term, learning how to play with the old toys. We have painted and drawn pictures of toys and sorted pictures from biggest to smallest. They have taken on the role of the shop keeper and customer in the toy shop. The class also enjoyed a very sunny teddy bear picnic and completed their

Big Toddle which raised £150 towards Barnardo's.





## Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Wednesday 29 August — Tuesday 4 September, 9am — 4pm	Form II upwards	Drama Workshop
Friday 14 September 2pm — 4.30pm	Form VI,VII	Netball and Football Tournament at King's School (Late pick-up ~ 5.15pm)
Monday 17 September	Form VII (optional)	11+ Wirral Examinations
Wednesday 5 December 2.30pm	KG—Form III Parents welcome	Nativity Play The Mount Theatre
Thursday 6 December 7pm	Form IV — VII Parents welcome	'Lovelight' Concert in support of Tenovus Cancer Charity
Tuesday 11 December pm	ALL	Rehearsal at St. Asaph Cathedral (Please collect from Cathedral)
Thursday 13 December pm	ALL Parents welcome	Christmas Carol Service, St. Asaph Cathedral



## Sports Day

We were very excited to hold our Sports Day at Myddelton College this year. In glorious sunshine, we embarked on the usual round of running, hurdles and obstacle races as well as house shuttle and netball relays.

Mr. Roberts, our new Sports' Coach, was forced to take on Mr. Rees in a competitive obstacle race and the fathers once again battled it out in a Tug of War.

The balloons were sent off following a Maypole dancing display while results were collated.

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 commentator and to Mr. Rees for organising this very successful sporting event!

## Farewell, Mr. Rees

Many thanks to Mr. Rees who has been teaching sport to all classes from Kindergarten to Form VII for the last 7 years. Football, tag rugby, badminton, tennis, athletics, running among his favourites, alongside classroom assistance — all accomplished with great dedication and good humour! Mr. Rees now hands on to Mr. Roberts who is brimming with enthusiasm to lead all the huge number of sports and enrichment sports activities next year. He will also be assisting in classrooms and will no doubt be brushing up his Obstacle Course skills!



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