



Fairholme Focus

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Performing Live!

Pupils looked puzzled when told we were performing 'Live' at our Easter Sing-along this week.

"Live?" I was asked, "You mean on TV?" "What happens when you go wrong?!"

So it was with an element of trepidation that we returned to performance to parents at the end of term, even though it was just to get pupils used to an audience again after two years away – a long 2 years which of course meant that many of our younger pupils had never

performed to parents and many more had forgotten about this element of school life!

It was great to get the Mount Theatre back in action, with the seating dusted off and ready to go!

We hope you enjoyed the experience as much as we did. It was a joy to hear all the children singing together, with songs, old and new, telling the joy of the Easter story and giving a taster for our whole school musical, coming to you during Events Week next term.



Platinum Collection

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, 2022, will be a unique milestone for our country and our Queen and we hope the event will be remembered by the children of Fairholme for years to come.

To celebrate the event, the children have written a collection of individual poems and reports, which provides a personal and special record of this historic occasion. It reflects some of the sentiments expressed by the children of the Queen's contribution to our country, highlights the vast changes in technology, music, transport and government during her seventy-year reign, and gives an insight into the children's excitement in the forthcoming Jubilee celebrations.

All pupils have contributed to our 'Platinum Collection' which will go on sale during Jubilee Events Week. Make sure you do not miss out and order a copy early next term!

My thanks go to all the children for their efforts and to the staff for their encouragement and guidance. The children have very much enjoyed this writing experience and we hope that you all delight equally in its reading!

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Marvellous Microbes



This term the pupils of Form VII have been learning about both harmful and helpful micro-organisms. During their work on helpful micro-organisms, they conducted an experiment to test the effect of water temperature on the growth of yeast.

In order to do this, pupils added one and half packets of active dried yeast and twelve teaspoons of sugar to three bottles, each holding 200ml of water. The first bottle contained cold water, the second, warm water and the third,

hot water. A balloon was then carefully placed over the neck of each bottle as this would indicate the amount of carbon dioxide released as the yeast fed on the sugar. The children then observed the balloons at regular intervals to check whether they had begun to inflate.

After 20 minutes, it became apparent that the balloon on the bottle containing warm water was the most inflated. The pupils, therefore, concluded that this was the optimal temperature for yeast to produce carbon dioxide.

Music Matters

We hosted a successful Music Theatre exam here at school just after the Autumn Term, following the rather abrupt stop to all 'face to face' exams in 2020. It was worth the wait and a welcome milestone towards regaining some normality for our industrious music pupils.

The Mount Theatre was awash with costumes and props on exam day and the examiner was very impressed with the pupils' creativity in performance. Congratulations to all who sang so beautifully.

We also welcomed the return to 'face to face' exams last week for ABRSM piano and harp students who travelled to the exam venue in Colwyn Bay. We greatly value parental support and enthusiasm of pupils and hope that the results reflect their hard work in exam preparations.



True Supporters

In our assembly this term, Form V pupils explored the issues of loyalty and peer group pressure with reference to the events of Holy Week and the experience of the disciple, Peter.

Children enjoyed acting out a piece of drama about true supporters and the pressures felt when wishing to be accepted and to fit in with the crowd. They established that loyalty means being true to your beliefs and to your friends, and being a 'supporter' during difficult times, without ever giving up.

Dydd Gŵyl Dewi

Everyone celebrated St. David's Day by coming into school in National costume or anything green or red! As part of our St David's Day activities, Welsh Club recited the Welsh National Anthem, and we all hope to memorise and sing it as part of our Jubilee celebration next term.

Kings or Queens for the Day

The Early Years role play corner has been turned into a castle as the children learnt about the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

All the children have enjoyed dressing up as a king or a queen and even as the Queen's guards. The children had some lovely ideas about what they would do if they were king or queen for the day!

Castles have been created from blocks, Lego, collage and using the '2Paint' software.



Totally Absorbing!

Form IV pupils have been trying to understand the absorptive properties of materials. They were given several materials and cut them into strips with similar dimensions. The children measured out fifteen millilitres of the of water on a plate and added squares of material. They carefully observed the water being soaked up to see which piece of material was the most or least absorbent. The felt was the most absorbent material and the least absorbent material was the baking paper!



March Mosaics

This term, pupils in Form V have been studying Islamic mosaics and have used some of these ideas to create their own mosaics, using painted sheets of lasagne.

Once pupils had chosen their designs, they sketched them on squared paper to determine how simple they would be to make. They then made their final design using tiles cut from painted sheets of lasagne, leaving interstices between each tile. Finally, they glued their mosaics carefully onto cardboard, with fantastic final results!



Clwb Cymraeg

Pupils at Clwb Cymraeg have been celebrating the Urdd's centenary by singing 'Hei Mr Urdd' song! We hope to meet Mr Urdd as the National Urdd Eisteddfod is to be hosted here on our doorstep at Kilford Farm, Denbigh in May of this year.

As well as Welsh language study, children have enjoyed many craft activities including making Santes Dwynwen cards, with intricate colourful designs, as well as butterfly masks, crowns and caterpillars, having read 'Y Lindysyn Llwyglyd lawn' (The Very Hungry Caterpillar) to mark World Book Day.



Celebrating 25 years of World Book Day

Form IV dressed up as their favourite book character for 'Celebrating Twenty-Five Years of World Book Day' Assembly. The children looked fantastic in the wonderful array of costumes. Picture clues and words were given to the audience to see if they could guess the name of the book, or the character that was being described. The children



explained who their favourite characters were and why and then read their favourite extracts from their books. Hopefully the children will have discovered a book that appeals to them that they can read in the future!

Wellbeing in Action



Yoga has continued to be a very successful lunchtime club for this term. The children have really developed their postures, their balances and yoga sequences.

What has been very encouraging to see is the older children helping, guiding and looking after the younger children. Well done everyone. As the weather warms in the summer term we may be able to take our yoga sessions outside and enjoy the sunshine!



Spring Blossom

Forms II and III have enjoyed being creative with some spring time art this half term. In pairs, the children created a blue sky gradient background and a cherry blossom foreground, using their finger prints for the petals.



Huge!

Form VI carried out some huge investigation work dissecting flowers and inspecting the parts under an electronic microscope earlier this term!



Timeless Toys

In History this term, the children of Form II have been finding out about toys from long ago. They have made comparisons with modern day toys and have experienced 'hands on' exploration of older toys!

Some toys proved trickier to control than others, such as the yo-yo! They enjoyed watching the tumbling toy going down the ladder!



Tree-mendous!

As part of our Jubilee celebration, children have been involved in the start of some tree planting. The 'Queen's Green Canopy' is a unique tree planting initiative, in this Jubilee Year, encouraging people from across the UK to play their part to enhance our environment.

We have tried to plant trees native to the U.K., with the exception of the magnolia – Mr. P's favourite – planted in his memory by Form VII. So we now have magnolia, crab apple, Scots pine, beech, two types of willow and English oak.

We look forward to future Fairholme pupils collecting pine cones, making crab apple jelly, watching birds in the boughs of beech trees and relaxing under their leafy canopy! Please try not to trample them down before this dream is realised!





Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Friday 29 April	ALL	School Photos
Tuesday 17 May	LAMDA Forms IV – VII	LAMDA Speech and Drama Exams



Monday 23 May – Friday 27 May, mornings	VISITORS WELCOME	Open mornings – School Tours for Prospective parents
Monday 23 May	ALL Parents welcome	Art Exhibition
Tuesday 24 May, 1.30pm	Form IV–VII & Individual Music pupils	Music and Drama performances
Wednesday 25 May, 1:30pm	ALL Parents welcome	Jubilee Sports Day Gymnastics display
Thursday 26 May, 1:30pm	ALL Parents welcome	Whole School Musical— 'The Wind in the Willows'
Friday 27 May	Ballet pupils Parents Welcome	Open Ballet Class Fm III & IIV1 (1.45pm–2.30pm); KG, Fm I & II (2:30pm–3:00pm) Fm V, VI & VII (3pm – 3.45pm)
Monday 6 June – Friday 10 June	Forms III–VII	Revision Week
Monday 13 June – Friday 17 June	Forms III–VII	Exam Week
Monday 27 June– Wednesday 29 June	Parents welcome	Parents' Evening by appointment
Thursday 7 July, 2:30pm	ALL Parents welcome	End of Year Celebration The Mount Theatre
Friday 8 July, 1:30pm	FORM VII Parents welcome	End of Year Picnic
Wednesday 31 August – Tuesday 6 September	Form II upwards	Drama Workshop



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