



Fairholme Focus

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Jonah-Man Jazz!

Following the success of Jubilee Events Week (see pages 2-3), the children could not wait to get stuck into our mini musical project to mark the end of another school year: 'Jonah-Man Jazz!' This adaptation of the well-known Bible story of Jonah and the Whale was packed full of music, dancing and an array of colourful costumes.

The children enjoyed donning outfits ranging from mermaids and 'Naughty Ninevites' to those lucky enough to snag the role of the whale's mouth! We hope all who joined us for this end of year spectacle enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed preparing it.

For even more drama and music fun, come along to Drama Workshop on the 31st August.



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Farewell, Form VII!

The bittersweet time has come again to bid farewell to our talented Form VII pupils. Whilst their presence around school will be greatly missed, we are immensely proud of all of their individual and collective success throughout their school years, and confident that they are prepared to excel in their next stage of education.

Congratulations are in order for great entrance exam achievements, including 3 academic scholarships to King's, 2 academic scholarships to Ruthin and 1 academic scholarship to Queen's, as well as 1 academic/sports scholarship to Ellesmere College.

Good luck, Form VIII!

Special points of interest:

- Enjoy news and photos from all of our Jubilee Events—Pages 2 and 3
- Read all about our first school trip post-COVID — page 8
- Made in Wales, admire Welsh Club's arts and crafts—page 4
- Read about the success of our music and drama pupils in the latest edition of Music Matters—page 4

Jubilee Eve



Jubilee Art Exhibition

To set the scene for Jubilee Events Week, the children produced some stunning Jubilee artwork and we were delighted to hold a special Jubilee Exhibition with their beautiful pictures professionally mounted, framed, catalogued and displayed in the gallery for all to enjoy. The Art Exhibition could also be viewed as an online gallery, a great new edition this year!



Jubilee Showcase

Pupils were able to show off their hard work in individual music lessons and group Speech and Drama lessons in The Jubilee Showcase. The showcase provided a great opportunity for students to perform in an informal environment, whilst giving parents an insight into pupils' individual achievements, whether they are beginners or more experienced players and performers. Well done, everyone, for taking part!



The Platinum Collection

To celebrate the Jubilee, the children wrote a collection of individual poems and reports, which provide a personal and special record of this historic occasion. The collection 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 recent Jubilee celebrations.

Thank you to all the children for their fantastic contributions!

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Jubilee Sports Day

Once again, children battled it out on the running track with running races, hurdles, cone races and the special 2022 Jubilee Obstacle Course. The children's best high jumps were demonstrated at the sports pitch and everyone took part in House shuttle and netball relays. Jubilee Medals for all were awarded at the medal ceremony as well as 1st, 2nd and 3rd medals for overall winners in each group and the House Cup for the winning House (congratulations Raleigh!).

Gymnastics Club performed an excellent routine to a familiar Jubilee Song from the Diamond Jubilee, 'Sing'.



A drivable car, a model caravan, prison bars and chains and hand-painted scenery all added to this marvellous story as the flamboyant Mr. Toad crashes cars, gets arrested, dresses up as a washerwoman and retakes Toad Hall from the stoats and weasels.

Some fantastic acting from main characters and supporting roles with pupils all gaining confidence and learning to work as a team throughout the process. Thanks to all cast and crew!



'Wind in the Willows'

Our main event during Jubilee Events Week was our performance of the hilarious musical, 'Wind in the Willows' based on the classic story by Kenneth Grahame. The production followed the adventures and escapades of Ratty, Mole, Badger and the infamous Mr. Toad in this all-inclusive School Musical.



Jubilee Picnic

On the final day of Jubilee Events Week, all the children and staff celebrated the Queen's 70 year reign with a splendid Assembly led by Form IV about how music has changed over the last 70 years. At lunch time we enjoyed the sunshine and a special Jubilee Picnic, dressed as kings or queens or clothes fit for The Queen's garden parties!



Music Matters

This term Ellis, Ryley and Evie have completed their respective piano grades whilst Aeris and Darcey enjoyed their recent harp exams. All worked incredibly hard, managing their free after-school time productively to practise and prepare their exam material to a high standard. It was their very first opportunity in three years to participate in a welcomed face to face ABRSM external music exam.

Many pupils also participated in their Music Theatre exams earlier in the year here at Fairholme, as well as LAMDA Speech and Drama exams, where all achieved either merit or distinction—a fabulous result!

We look forward greatly to holding ABRSM music exams 'in house' in the new academic year. It's good to be back!



Welcome to Jude and Ashwini!



Clwb Cymraeg



This term, Clwb Cymraeg have been diving into some under-the-sea themed activities, such as these beautiful fish sun catchers!



The children have also been kept busy during Jubilee celebrations, creating their own handmade Jubilee ornaments and pinwheels to take home and treasure!



A New Prospectus



As Mrs Perkins may have mentioned during Jubilee Events Week, the new Fairholme Prospectus has officially launched and is available for your viewing pleasure.

If you haven't already, please request to take one home and promote to neighbours, friends and colleagues!



Jamaican Tours

This term Form V have studied the island of Jamaica as part of their Geography topic. Pupils explored the physical and human features of the island, they discussed the changing landscape between Montego Bay and Plum Tree and became explorers for the day, writing commentaries, giving information about the sights, sounds, smells, and feelings of Cockpit Country to the busy coach full of tourists visiting the island.

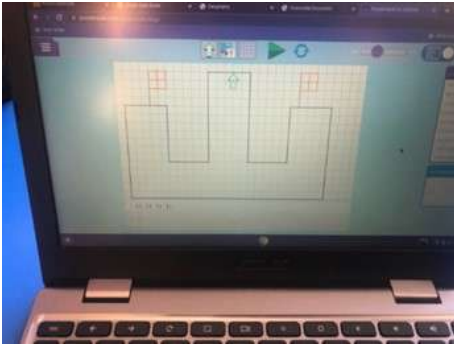


FAIRHOLME SUMMER DRAMA WORKSHOP
31st AUGUST - 6th SEPTEMBER 2022
The course will include

- Exploring play characters,
- Making props and scenery,
- Learning, practising and performing,
- Designing posters and programmes.

Come and have fun together!

Sign up now via email or Edmodo for more drama fun!



2Logo or not 2Logo

Form V pupils have used 2Logo, a simple computer programming language, to control a 'turtle' in order to explore shapes, angles, programming and algorithms. A definite hit and another part of the coding question cracked.



Life Cycles

Form III have been observing five caterpillars, in a tub in their classroom, to enhance their understanding of animal life cycles. We will hopefully witness them transforming into beautiful butterflies before the close of summer term! They have eaten and grown a lot since they first came to school (and some seem to be hanging from the lid of their tub), so we think they will be entering the chrysalis stage very soon!



In the Garden

This term the children in Early Years have been busy planting sunflower and cress seeds. They have explored what seeds and plants need to grow. We have made the outside area pretty using a variety of colours and plants. The children have designed, painted and created their own gardens and flowers using 'PurpleMash'.



High-Scoring Superstars!

Heated Debate

During our recent English lessons, the pupils of Form VII have been looking at discussion texts. This unit culminated in the children participating in 'Balloon Debates' which required them to think of an individual, past or present, who has, in their opinion, made a valuable contribution to mankind.

Having prepared their speeches, the pupils had to persuade the audience that they should remain in a hot air balloon that is rapidly losing altitude. Whilst delivering their speeches, the pupils not only had to use powers of persuasion to convince the audience of the importance of their chosen character but also attempt to discredit the other characters within the balloon.

The debates were lively and engaging and a great way for pupils to hone their research and communication



skills in readiness for moving on to secondary school in September. Well done to Oilly Herbert (David Attenborough) and Aeris Yu (Harriet Tubman) who were the overall winners.

Fantastic scores in Mathletics for the academic year:

- 1st place with 106, 598 is awarded to Rupert
- 2nd place with 99,912 is awarded to Logan
- 3rd place with 70, 308 is awarded to Isla

Over on Readwriter the highest scorers are :

- 1st place with 121,900 is awarded to Logan
- 2nd place with 110610 is awarded to Evie
- 3rd place with 97,816 is awarded to Scarlett

Mathletics and Readwriter is available to access during the summer holidays!



Smashing Results

To round off the year, Badminton Club held a singles tournament for all who dared put themselves forward. Following initial seeding and then drawing names from a hat, the line-up was finalised. Every player had to lose twice to be knocked out of the tournament and both boys' and girls' tournaments kept us busy for some days!

Congratulations to Krish and Aeris, the overall winners and to everyone who smashed their way through at least two rounds.



Platinum Music

Form IV carefully researched different genres of music over the last seventy years, for our book, 'Platinum Collection' and for their Form IV assembly. Many genres of music from 'Rock 'n' Roll' to 'Hip Hop' were outlined and music videos were played alongside showing different music artists.

For an example of current day 'Pop/Folk music', Form IV sang 'Bad Habits' by Ed Sheeran, from 2021 to accompany the singing, Ellis played the piano beautifully.



Ocean Commotion

During this half-term the theme for our assemblies was 'The Ocean'. This was building up for our final celebration telling the story of Jonah and the Whale.

Firstly, Form I and Form II shared the story of Jonah and it was an opportunity to listen to the jazzy songs that the children would be learning.

The following week saw KG and Form I present a fabulous and informative assembly all about sea creatures. Lots of confident readers from Early Years, well done!

A newly reformed school council came together to talk about ocean pollution and how we can all help to



reduce plastic waste. The school council is made up of representatives from Form I up to Form VII. They meet on a weekly basis with Mrs. Evans and are the authors of the recent 'Green Tips'.

In the penultimate assembly, Form VI and Form VII focused on water safety. The children were reminded about how to keep safe in and around water and the volunteer work of the R.N.L.I. was also highlighted.

Our final celebration was a great success (see page 1). Thank you to the parents for supporting this final event of the school year. An incredible £175 was raised for the RNLI from this event.



If You Go Down to the Woods Today

Pom Poms


Form V have been creative with textiles to produce some colourful pom poms!



Kindergarten enjoyed a lovely day for their teddy bears' picnic. They were joined by a variety of 'teddies' from dragons to cats. The children all came dressed in the colours of the rainbow and had a fun packed day. A variety of teddy bear themed activities kept everyone busy and the teddies all enjoyed their day at school. We even went on a teddy hunt and found a large rabbit bear!



Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Wednesday 31 August – Tuesday 6 September	Form I upwards	Drama Workshop 
Thursday 15 September (TBC)	Form IV–VII	School trip to the Grosvenor Museum
Thursday 20 October, Friday 21 October, 10am-3pm	VISITORS WELCOME	Open Day – School Tours for Prospective parents
Thursday 1 December, 2:30pm	KG–Form III Parents welcome	Nativity Play The Mount Theatre
Monday 5 December pm	ALL	Carol Service Rehearsal, St. Asaph Cathedral (Please collect from Cathedral at usual time)
Thursday 8 December, 2:30pm	ALL Parents welcome	Fairholme Carol Service, St. Asaph Cathedral
Tuesday 13 December	Form II-VII	Trip to ‘Robin Hood’ Panto, Theatr Clwyd

A ‘WILD’ Day Out

Wow – lots of fun at the zoo! It was splendid to finally leave the gates on a school trip after COVID. Forms I to VII all had a great day out with the animals including an educational session from the WILD team, as well as some time on the adventure playground!



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