



# Fairholme Focus

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## Welcome Back!

Fairholme life gets more and more frantic! Still buzzing with the success of 'Alice' last term, we launched almost immediately into our Drama Workshop Production of Peter Pan. The start of

Fairholme term proper saw the launch of thirteen Election Campaigns, three School trips and the completion of the new sports' surface. A huge step-up in sport ensued along with the

start of 'Mathletics' in the world of ICT and assemblies including St. George, Shakespeare, Space, Maypole dancing and the Sikh festival of Baisakhi. It's hard to imagine a busier few weeks.



## Up and Running!

The start of term saw the completion of our multi-purpose, all-weather sports facility. Even before the fencing went up the children were using the area, losing many balls in the process!

This term we are using the new surface for summer sports – tennis, cricket and athletics. During the winter terms it will be used for football, netball and hockey. We are very pleased now to be able to offer an excellent variety of sports for all age groups, ably led by Mr Lewis. The children look very smart in their white

trainers and are enjoying having more exercise during the school day. Lunchtime clubs during the summer term include tennis, cricket and rounders and the after-school clubs are making good use of the sports area with a variety of ball games.

At half-term, we are holding another Sports Camp, for boys and girls from Form II upwards, to be run by Mr. Lewis from Tuesday 1 June – Thursday 3 June. Sports will include hurdling, javelin, tennis, cricket and many more. Any last minute applicants, please contact Mrs Perkins!

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## Mathletes - on your marks!

We have now invested in some new web-based computer software to assist the children with mathematics. This is produced by the team that run World Maths Day each year. All the children from Form I upwards have been registered and should now

have user names and passwords to use 'Mathletics' at School or at home to help improve their maths skills. The children can now play live mathletics, as they did during world maths day at any time which will no doubt improve their speed in mental maths,

but not only that, they can also work through the entire maths curriculum for their year group in a series of very well organized topics and activities. This sort of practice is invaluable in reinforcing work learned in class and will help improve speed for the all-important Form VII entrance exams.

### Special points of interest:

- Half-term Sports Camp – come and join the fun, sign up now! (see Up and Running)
- Music exam success – see Music Matters Page 3.
- Fairholme Election. Read about the Parties on page 3.
- Enjoy the Drama Workshop news and pictures on Page 2.

## Drama Workshop



The first Fairholme Drama Workshop was held just before the start of term. 24 children gave up the last week of holiday to come and join us in our Peter Pan Production. No-one quite knew what to expect, least of all the production crew! However it turned out to be great fun – far better than holidaying! Numbers of boys and girls were equal, and each would-be Peter Pan had

their own potential Wendy. Huge bands of Pirates, mermaids and fairies gathered to learn dances, songs, mimes and acting parts for the show. Props and scenery, all made by the children, gradually emerged and any spare time was used creating programmes and posters. Eventually the die had to be cast and the parts for the final performance for the parents

were decided. Everyone had at least two roles, some three or four! We enjoyed ourselves so much that we made a very late decision to perform again to the school in the first assembly, leaving a very short time to dismantle the stage and return the Fairholme Hall to its normal state ready for lunch! Well done to all involved and many thanks to the production crew!

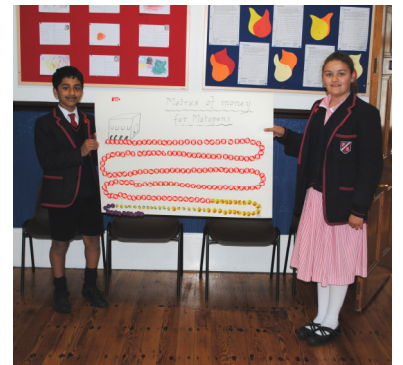


## Metres of Money for Christian Aid

This half-term we supported the Christian Aid Week effort to provide clean water to villages in Kenya. Joining the initiative of St Asaph Cathedral, we collected 'metres of

money' to supply water and drainage pipes for a village called Matopeni, just outside Nairobi. Money for the appeal was exchanged for stickers to add to our pipeline

poster which was later taken up to the Cathedral by the Head Boy and Girl. We managed to raise around £250. Thank you everyone for this great effort.



## Form VI Trip to Llandudno

We could not have picked a wetter day for Form VI's trip to Llandudno!

Of course, undeterred by the rain, Form VI very much enjoyed

visiting the Llandudno Museum where they learned about the history of the place and the County Archives where they were able to carry out research using microfiches, old newspapers and photographs stored there.

The highlight of the trip however was probably heading up the pier in the pouring rain to spend pocket money!



## May Day

No sooner had term started, we were allowed a day off for May Day. On our return we tried out some Maypole dancing, with mixed success accompanied by traditional May-time tunes!



**Welcome to Tedi who started in Kindergarten and Sebastian who started in Form VI this term!**



Some of the children were no doubt interested in the news of General Election on 6th May, though perhaps they became more interested when they found that a Mock Election was to be held at Fairholme.

Parties were formed in each class from Form III to Form VII. With relatively few arguments, policies were devised covering Education, Environment, Transport and some lesser known areas. Great efforts were made advertising these parties with posters, badges, rosettes

and various bribery techniques. As May 6th approached, manifestos were fine tuned and slogans and songs were written. In our Election Assembly, all the children listened while each Party was given five minutes to speak on how their Party was best for Fairholme and the country in general!

Many ideas were put forward including building swimming pools, holding pet days, banning homework or Brussels sprouts, travelling by bike or flying pig, gaoling people for not adhering to mi-

nor rules, to name but a few. After many speeches and question time for each party, voting began in the Fairholme Polling Booths! No delay and negotiation after the event at Fairholme, an historic victory was announced just four hours later for the youngest of our Parties—The Happy Boys and Girls Party, whose Election Speech was rousing to say the least! Runners up were Fairholme Loonies, POP Party and Liberal Twisters. Well done to all the Parties. Don't forget we're all winners!



## Music Matters

We can report some excellent music results for Fairholme pupils who took ABRSM exams at Easter. Firstly in Piano, Ananda was awarded a Merit for Grade 2, Matthew was awarded a Merit in Grade 4 and Becky a Distinction in Grade 4. For Woodwind, Becky was awarded a Merit in her Grade 1 Clarinet and Paige a Distinction in her Grade 1 Flute. Earlier, William was awarded a music Scholarship at Rydal. Well done everyone. Many more exams are taking place this term. Keep practising!

The Wind Band is about to form with Mrs Hennie and they are hoping to perform in the Cathedral at the end of term! Wind players are becoming very proficient and I am staggered by the efforts of performers who have been playing their instruments in and out of assemblies on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Well done! If anyone would like to start clarinet, flute, saxophone or trumpet next term, please let us know!



## Church Trip for Form IV

Form IV are learning about churches in their RE lessons this term. We therefore organized a trip to the Parish Church so the children could have a

look at the parts of a church and all the various furniture and equipment. Good fun was had by all! Thanks to Reverend Val for showing us around.



## Trip to the Postbox!

Role play in Kindergarten this term is a Post Office. The children have been hard at work in the Post Office sorting letters, using stamps and receiving letters from friends

and family. They have been writing letters of their own and very much enjoyed their trip to post letters at the postbox on the corner of the Fairholme drive!



## Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Thursday 27 May	Form V	Cathedral visit (Please bring packed lunch)
Monday 7 June – Friday 11 June	Forms III–VII	Exam Week
Tuesday 22 June	Form VII	Home Front Experience – World War II discovery trip to Llandudno (Please bring packed lunch)
Wednesday 23 June	Form VI & VII	LAMDA Exams
Wednesday 23 June 3.30 pm	Parents welcome	Uniform Sale by School and Leisure
Thursday 24 June	Form IV & V	LAMDA Exams
Friday 25 June pm (see sheet for times)	ALL (Ballet students) Parents welcome	Ballet Open Class
Monday 28 June	Form V	Trip to Blue Planet Aquarium (Please bring packed lunch)
Tuesday 29 June	Form IV	Trip to Grosvenor Museum (Please bring packed lunch)
Wednesday 30 June	Forms I, II, III	Trip to Mountain Zoo (Please bring packed lunch)
Friday 2 July – 2pm (Reserve Day Mon 5 Jul)	ALL Parents welcome	Sports Day
Tuesday 7 July	ALL	Cathedral Rehearsal Please collect from Cathedral
Thursday 8 July 2.30 pm	ALL Parents welcome	End of Year Service St Asaph Cathedral
Friday 9 July – 1pm	Form VII Parents welcome	Barbeque/Buffer Lunch with Parent/Child Tennis Tournament



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