



Fairholme Focus

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The Sun is Always Shining

Following a very enjoyable half-term sports camp, we launched into an extremely hard working period at Fairholme starting with revision week followed by academic, music and LAMDA exams for the older pupils. Our headline means a lot more to the children than just the current spell of fine weather. It is the title of one of our favourite cathedral songs which

has been drifting around Fairholme, providing light relief from all the hard work. Having completed exams and standardized tests, the children have continued to benefit from the new sports' surface in preparation for Sports Day and have taken a variety of summer trips as well as enjoying the sunshine within the Fairholme grounds.



Sports Day

Almost too hot for sport, all the children braved the high temperatures to take part in a very enjoyable day. Track events took place on the grass including sprinting, hurdling and obstacle courses, while field events, including high jump, javelin and relays took place on the all-weather surface. Children were both competing for individual medals and the House cup.

After a very close day, Raleigh were victorious, winning by just 1 point over the runners up, Stanley.

The fabulous weather meant ice-cream sales were up and the proceeds from ice-cream and scone sales amounted to £200 which will be donated to the St. Asaph Community Project. Thank you to Mrs. Sanders for providing the refreshments.



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Online at last – www.fairholmeschool.com

After many months of work, the new Fairholme School website is up and running. I hope you have been on line to take a look at the very smart new-look pages which will continue to be updated regularly. I hope that you will all find this a useful tool to keep in touch with up-coming events, term dates etc. as well as feeling more a part of Fairholme life by reading the news items and my ponderings on the Principal's blog. We hope that the log-in area will be up and running by September.



Special points of interest:

- Summer Drama Workshop – come and join the fun, sign up now! (See key Dates pg 4)
- Summer Sports' Camp – forgotten to sign up? Ring Mrs. Perkins!
- New Website – go online on www.fairholmeschool.com
- Want to start a musical instrument? Make sure you're on the list – see Music Matters, pg 3

Half-Term Sports Camp



18 children enjoyed coming back to School during the half-term break to practise their sporting skills and use the new sports pitch. Unfortunately the weather during the first morning was too much even for the all

weather surface, so while the rain poured down, we played indoor cricket in the hall. Luckily, by lunchtime, the rain had stopped and sunny weather remained for the rest of the course. The chil-

dren took part in cricket, tennis, tri-golf, rounders, hurdles, javelin, discus and high jump. It's great fun coming to school without having to do any work! Thanks to Mr. Lewis for organising an excellent course.



Teddy Bears' Picnic

If you went down to Fairholme Woods on 30th June

you certainly would have been in for a big surprise. Kindergarten and their favourite teddy bears were enjoying their annual picnic with sandwiches, cakes and lots of delicious treats brought in by the children.



LAMDA Exams

Battle of Britain Anniversary

This term our Cathedral Service celebrated the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain. We have been thinking in assemblies about the effects of war on the ordinary people and

how songs written during World War II lifted the spirits of people in Britain.

Certainly our spirits were lifted as well, as the children performed a selection of war

songs and instrumental pieces and poems. Readers, singers, soloists and musicians all contributed greatly to a very successful occasion. Thank you to Mrs. Hennie for all her hard work this term.

Forms IV, V, VI and VII all took their LAMDA exams in Speech and Drama this term. Most of the children were able to perform to us in assembly prior to the exam date and we were delighted with the range of poems and prose they had selected. We are awaiting results, but let's hope the examiner was delighted too!



Home Front Experience

To augment their history studies on World War II this term, Form VII visited Llandudno Museum and the 'Home Front Experience'. After an initial presentation at the museum, the children viewed the World War II exhibits and dressed up in a range of uniforms and civilian clothing of the time. With the assistance of an artist working with the museum, Form VII made replicas of the 'Mickey Mouse' style gas masks provided for children in WW2. The

weather was kind to us on this trip, enabling us to have a picnic on the prom. The only distraction being from a rather persistent seagull, clearly attracted by the quality of the packed lunches! Then on to the nearby 'Home Front Experience' exhibition, where we listened to Neville Chamberlain's speech on the declaration of war, caught a glimpse of how life was for the ordinary people at the time and experienced sitting in an air-raid shelter.

Welcome to Fergus who started in Form III this term!



Exam Week

Well done to all children who took exams at the start of this half term. Exams do provide us with a useful check on how the children can work independently

and are good practice for the children as they go through the years at Fairholme and finally have to sit entrance exams in Form VII.

Forms I, II and III had an enjoyable day out at the Welsh Mountain Zoo. On a glorious summer's day the children had a great time viewing the animals and attending sessions at the Education Centre where they were able to see some small animals at close quarters, stroke a guinea pig, hold a stick insect and touch a snake skin (without the snake!). Despite the clamours of the excited children, one of our groups had

difficulty finding the meerkats. After some guidance from the keepers, however, they were finally able to locate the mischievous mammals! The other group managed to

find time for some exercise in the adventure playground, with use of the equipment ably demonstrated by the teachers.



Music Matters

Many pupils have taken Music exams this term in flute, piano, singing and music theory. The results have not arrived in time for this publication but well done everyone in advance, I know you all worked extremely hard!

Pianists and singers took part in a performance class last week when everyone had the opportunity to perform to the rest of the group. This is a great opportunity to build up confidence and also inspires the children to work harder, being encouraged by the success of others. Thanks to Mrs. Williams for her endless efforts!

The Wind Band has been having great fun practising 'This is the Army Mr. Jones'. It is fantastic to

see the children trying so hard to work together.

Slots are now available for piano/singing lessons and

clarinet, saxophone, flute or trumpet. Please make sure you are on the waiting list if you would like to start lessons in September.



Space Launch

Form I have been looking into various forms of transport this term and have had great fun learning about space and the solar system and making their own rockets and rocket pictures.

All Tripped Out!

Form V managed two trips this half term! Firstly they visited St. Asaph Cathedral as part of their R.E. studies. They enjoyed learning about the history and the different parts of the cathedral, looking at stained glass windows and climbing up to the organ loft for a demonstration by the

church organist, Mr. McGuiness.

Last week Form V embarked on another trip to the Blue Planet Aquarium. They saw plenty of fish, of course, including sharks, rays, piranha and a host of denizens of the coral reef as

well as deadly tarantula spiders and a group of rather sweet Asian otters. Highlights of the visit included a trip through the underwater tunnel, the divers' show and a fascinating classroom session where the children explored and discussed food-chains.





Roman Relics

Form IV took a step back in time when they visited the Grosvenor Museum in Chester. Their study of the Romans in Britain 2000 years ago, was brought to life as they were taken around Chester's Roman walls by a Roman soldier.

After a fascinating tour of some of Chester's Roman sites, including the amphitheatre, the children viewed artefacts back at the museum and participated in an instructive workshop about life in Roman times.



High Fliers

I cannot finish this publication without mentioning our fabulous, high-flying staff! What more can I say . . .



We'll Meet Again . . .

It is time to say 'Farewell' to our Form VII pupils. It's very sad to see them go, as they have all contributed so much to life at Fairholme. They have been a very hard working class, and each of them extremely talented in all sorts of fields, both academically and in drama, sport, piano, singing, flute . . . But even more importantly, as our first Form VII, they have always been extremely help-

ful, especially with the younger children, have been polite and courteous and have been an excellent example for future Form VII's. We wish them the best of luck in their future secondary schools and hope that they will keep in touch in the years to come. Thank you to Ananda and Katie, our Head Boy and Head Girl, for carrying out their duties so well.



Advanced notice – dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Monday 12 July–Friday 16 July	Form II upwards	Sports' Camp
Tuesday 31 August – Tuesday 7 September	Form II upwards	Fairholme Drama Workshop
Thursday 25 November 2.30 pm	KG – Form III Parents welcome	Nativity Play Oriental House Hotel
Friday 10 December 2.30 pm	ALL Parents welcome	Carol Service St. Asaph Cathedral



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