



Fairholme Focus

Glad to be Back!

Welcome to the start of the new academic year. The summer holiday was a busy time for us. We started with the Summer Sports' Camp during which many of the children enjoyed

the delights of school without all the work! We then embarked on some renovation work in classrooms, boiler room and toilets. The holiday culminated in a Shakespearian Drama Workshop.

After all this action, it was with some relief that we returned to normal life for the start of the new term!

We hope that you all had an enjoyable summer break and that everyone has returned to School raring to go!



Bumper Harvest

Thank you so much for all your generous harvest gifts. Mrs. Gains arranged a fantastic harvest display for us in the School Hall and all the forms contributed towards a highly entertaining harvest assembly including songs, plays, poems readings and prayers.

Your gifts were passed on to 'Save the Family' which is a charity based in North Wales and Chester. The food was sent to Plas Bellin Hall which provides accommodation for 24 homeless families, helping parents to learn new skills and apply for work so that they can get back on their feet.

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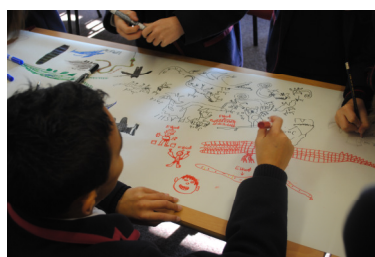


Remembering Stanley

Forms IV and VII took part in a workshop about H. M. Stanley, held in the community centre in St. Asaph. We took advantage of the fine weather and had a brisk walk down to the event. There are plans for a commemorative obelisk to be constructed at the bottom of the high street in memory of the explorer H. M. Stanley. As Form IV have recently been learning about H. M. Stanley, it

was of particular interest to them. The workshop was a chance for local children to put forward their ideas and designs from which the artists will draw their inspiration when creating the masterpiece. All the children were able to contribute and Sebastian's keen eye for design was noticed by the artists. The children also had a go at copper beating and watched a

slideshow of some of the artists' other work. We'll now look forward to the arrival of the sculpture in St. Asaph and who knows, we might even be able to spot some of our own designs on it!



Special points of interest:

- Half-term Sports Camp — come and join the fun, sign up now
- LAMDA exam success — see Page 3.
- Read about the new clubs in 'Shake-Up in Lunchtime Clubs', see page 3.
- Enjoy the Drama Workshop news and pictures on Page 2.

Ill Met by Moonlight



To round off the Summer Holiday we organised another Drama Workshop which ran for 6 days at the start of September. We were amazed by the level of interest as 26 children gave up the last week of their holiday to join us for a Shakespearian week. Our aim was to develop our own version of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. This time, boys outnumbered girls and much fun was had casting the parts of Bottom and the workmen as

well as the fairy characters Oberon, Titania and Puck and the confused, love-struck mortals. The children not only gained a special insight into one of Shakespeare's plays but also were greatly amused by the comedy, the highlight being the final scene as the workmen performed a hilarious rendition of the play within the play, 'Pyramus and Thisbe'. We were fortunate to have a week of glorious weather

so the children were able to paint some splendid scenery outdoors as well as making all the props. Everyone enjoyed dressing in Tudor style costume for the performance to parents at the end of the workshop and the subsequent performance to the rest of the school at the start of term. Well done everyone for such a splendid effort. We look forward to our next dramatic extravaganza!



Tasting Times in Form 1

As part of the topic 'Ourselves', Form 1 have been finding out about 'the Five Senses.' The activities included: sorting out different objects by touch; using their ears alone to identify the sound of a range of musical instruments; and having a 'mock' eye examination using an eyesight chart.

The most popular learning experience was the 'taste testing' session. After talking about our taste buds the children bravely tried a range of foods. The favourite food was the dark chocolate, whereas Abigail and Mrs Turner preferred the tortilla chips! Well done to Iwan for having fantastic facial expression when tasting the lime!



**Welcome to
Sean, Henry,
Dylan, Gracie,
Musa, Harry,
Zara, Joshua
and Yaseen!**



National Poetry Day

The children enjoyed bringing in their own favourite poems and performing them either individually or in groups for our national poetry day assembly. They

were so keen that we had to extend poetry day into the following week. Some of the performances are now on the log-in area of our website. Enjoy!



To celebrate World Space Week at the beginning of October, Kindergarten broke with tradition and changed the role play area into an outer space experience with rockets, aliens, astronauts and planets. The children have enjoyed dressing as astronauts, flying in the rocket and learning space action rhymes and songs.



Sports' Slot



Our first week of the summer holiday gave the children an opportunity to continue practising their sports. They all very much enjoyed a variety of summer and winter sports including tennis, cricket, circuit training, athletics, tri-golf, rounders, football and touch rugby. If noise equates to enthusiasm, this was the most successful Sports' Camp yet!

Sports' Coach. Mr. Wynne is an ex-Fairholme pupil and it is fantastic for us to be able to welcome him back.

We were pleased to take part in football and netball tournaments at King's at the end of September. Great fun was had by all as boys and girls from Form VII (and a few from VI) battled with teams from all over the region. Suffice to say—we didn't win, but well done everyone for trying so hard. We are now having netball and football team practices each week with Miss Deacon and Mr. Wynne which are proving very popular.



At the start of the term we had to say goodbye to Mr. Lewis who has now returned to complete his studies at University. We are pleased to welcome Mr. Wynne to take over as our

Shake-up in Lunchtime Clubs!

We have added a few new lunchtime clubs this term for the children to learn additional skills. Every child gets a chance to attend one indoor and one outdoor club each week and they get to change clubs each half-term.

Clubs now include: hockey, golf, tag rugby, ball skills, chess, Spanish, French, craft, drama, table tennis, typing and the most popular keep fit programme for kids—'Wake-Up Shake-Up' led by Miss Edwards! Sorry, no pictures yet!



Sukkot

One of our assemblies this term looked into the Jewish festival of Sukkot.

The children enjoyed learning about why Jewish people put up temporary shelters (sukkot) in their gardens. We joined in with our own version and sang and listened to some Jewish music.



Down to the River

As part of their geography studies, Form IV took a trip to the River Elwy this week.

Able led by Miss Deacon and supported by Mr. Perkins, the children studied the river and

water levels. They then carried out experiments to measure the speed of the river flow.

The children enjoyed a brief visit to the riverside playground before returning to school.

LAMDA News

Excellent results for all the children were again received for the Speech and Drama exams taken by the children in July. Many extremely positive comments were made about so many of the

children. Outstanding top scores went to Jack S and Alex who gained a staggering 90%. Well done to everyone. It's great to see such confidence developing in all the children.

Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Monday 25 October to Thursday 28 October, 10am– 3pm	Form I upwards	Fairholme Half-Term Sports Camp
Friday 19 November	ALL	Children in Need Non-Uniform Day Wear your own clothes to school in exchange for £1 donation
Thursday 25 November 2.30 pm	Forms KG, I, II and III Parents welcome	Nativity Play at Oriel House Hotel (Please drop KG, I, II & III children at Oriel House before 9am instead of Fairholme for a rehearsal)
Wednesday 8 December	ALL	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 9 December afternoon	ALL	Rehearsal for Carol Service (Please collect children from the Cathedral at usual finishing time)
Friday 10 December 2.30 pm	ALL Parents welcome	Carol Service at St. Asaph Cathedral (Please collect children from the Cathedral after the Service)
Monday 13 December Afternoon	Forms IV– VII	Aladdin Rock 'n Roll Pantomime Clwyd Theatre (late pick-up around 4.30pm)
Monday 13 December Afternoon	Forms KG, I, II, III	Christmas Party & visit from Father Christmas
Thursday 16 December - Wednesday 22 December	Form I upwards	Holiday Camp Drama or Sport, any preference?

**With thanks to
Harrison-Jones
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Here are the new
Boys' Toilets!**

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