



# Fairholme Focus

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## Let it Snow . . .

In addition to the usual hard work at Fairholme, and undeterred by the horrendous weather conditions, the children have undertaken many Christmas activities this half term. They have taken part in the Nativity Play, performed at the St. Asaph Street Party, assisted at our Open Day and sung at the Cathedral for our Carol Service. Quite apart from

this busy schedule, many of the older children have also been extremely helpful, clearing snow. It has been an extremely hectic time, very entertaining and exhausting.

Thank you to all the children and parents who have supported us throughout all these events and struggled to school through the ice and snow.



## Open Day

Fairholme's first ever Open Day was a great success with both existing and prospective parents enjoying tours of the school led expertly around by some members of Forms VI and VII.

The Mayor opened the event and we enjoyed a performance by the wind band and choir. Tours then began and activities started in each classroom. These

included scientific discovery in form V, various craft activities in Forms II and III, icing cakes in Form I, Guessing the weight of the Christmas cake in Form IV, Christmas skittles in Kindergarten and drawing a huge wall frieze in Form VII.

The children were a fantastic help all day. We could not have been more proud of them all! Thanks for coming to support us.

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## Singing in the Street

St. Asaph had perhaps not picked the best day for their Street Party. We had been invited to provide some of the entertainment with the choir and wind band. The children, unconcerned by the weather, were anxious to continue with this plan, especially as it involved burgers and hot chocolate before setting off! Therefore, about forty children and staff braved the cold to sing in Chester

Street. We were extremely glad we attended as it was great fun performing outside to the local community and good practice for our Cathedral performance. It was good to hear the Cathedral choir who were performing before us. The cold did however make us scuttle back to school as soon as we had finished! Thanks to everyone for coming along to support us in the worst possible conditions!

### Special points of interest:

- Winter Drama Workshop – come and join the fun, sign up now! (See key Dates pg 4)
- Music Matters – check on latest music news page 3
- Advance notice for School Production, see Key Dates, Page 4

## Half-Term Sports Camp



The half term holiday gave the children another opportunity to come back to school to practise their sporting skills. The Sports' camp run by Mr. Wynne, with the assistance of Mr. Hall, proved a popular

event where children played a full range of sports including golf, hurdling, football, end zone, relays and a number of indoor sports for the one day when the weather did not allow us out. We

opened the camp to Form I children as well this time and were very impressed by some of the little ones' sporting skills and resilience to the rather colder weather than we had been used to.



## St. Andrew's Day

St. Andrew's day was delayed by a few days at Fairholme as most of the boys were busy scraping the yard. However on Friday, we did talk about the Patron Saint of Scotland in assembly. Form IV contrib-

uted some acrostic poetry they had composed on the subject and the Scottish dancing team took time off clearing the snow to join us for a very successful rendition of 'Strip the Willow'!

## Carols in the Cathedral

Thank you to Mrs. Hennie for all her hard work this term. It certainly paid off with the marvellous Carol Service at St. Asaph Cathedral attended by parents, grand parents, friends and dignitaries. There were some excellent solo performances, a guitar group number as well as the main choir events and yet another performance from the wind band! Well done everyone, you were very much enjoyed.



## Form VII Drama Day

Form VII took a trip to Rydal this half-term for a drama afternoon. Staggered, I think, by the dramatic abilities of Form VII, the drama team at Rydal produced a short play which was per-

formed to the parents after school. It was amazing how confident the children all seemed, even performing in a strange environment. Well done everyone!



## Theatr Clwyd

It was a fabulous Rock 'n Roll Panto we attended on Monday at Theatr Clwyd. It is great-watching the actors seamlessly switching between acting, sing-

ing and playing a wide range of instruments. An inspiration to all attending drama camp in a few days!

**Welcome to Louis who started in Kindergarten this term!**

# The Bossy King

The first of our Christmas celebrations, the Nativity Play by Forms Kindergarten, I, II and III, took place at the end of November. The play was held at Oriel House Hotel and was very much enjoyed by parents, grandparents and

friends. This year the play was entitled 'The Bossy King' and was the story of an extremely bossy king who changed his ways when he met the baby Jesus. The children all worked so hard for this event and sung and acted

their hearts out for the performance. Thank you to all the staff involved, especially Mrs. Turner for her musical direction, and her splendid wall hanging bringing Bethlehem to life!



# The Greedy Guzzler

Form I children have enjoyed reading the story 'The Greedy Guzzler.' They have been finding out what happens when they 'mix up' the words in a sentence! One writing task the children were required to do was to order the words correctly to make a sentence from the story. Laurence and Louis wrote about the ice-creams. Elliot and Alex wrote about the buns. Abigail, Harry and Iwan wrote about the little pig. The Greedy Guzzler ate so much food, he went POP!



# Christmas Lunch

Thank you to Mrs. Sanders and the kitchen staff for another marvellous Christmas Lunch. It was a fantastic meal enjoyed by all.

# Music Matters

Many pupils have taken music exams this term in clarinet, piano, and singing. Unfortunately, some exams had to be delayed because of the snow. We therefore still await these results but well done everyone in advance, I know you all worked extremely hard!

# Keeping Healthy

This term Kindergarten has been learning all about 'Keeping Healthy'. Miss Pett and Miss Foulkes created a hospital area and the children enjoyed dressing up as doctors and nurses, making the patients feel better. Harry, Joshua and Tedi had fun washing all the germs away in the water tray, leaving the dolls clean and healthy! While Padmini answered the emergency calls.



# Children in Need

Fairholme children again enjoyed supporting Children in Need Day on 19 November. We held a non-uniform day which also included a cake sale and a Pudsey Bear Poster competition. The School managed to raise £310 by the end of the day. Thank you everyone for taking part and thank you to Odara's mum for making such a splendid cake!





## Fairholme's New Prospectus

We are extremely pleased with our new prospectus which was printed in time for the Open Day last week. If you have not yet seen it, do take a look. There are various copies lying around school.

If you know anyone who would like to find out more about Fairholme but was unable to attend the Open Day, please let us know and we can send them a copy!

## Operation Christmas Child

The request for shoeboxes filled with presents for children around the world resulted in us collecting more than 60 boxes to pass on to the Samaritan's Purse appeal. It's both fun and

exciting for our children to put together their personalized gift boxes in the knowledge that they will make a real difference to the children receiving them.



## Remembrance

On the lead up to remembrance day, our daily assemblies focused on the period of the first and second world wars. We looked at pictures and read the newspaper report from the first Remembrance day, wrote a remembrance hymn and listened to the work of some of the famous war poets.

The remembrance activities culminated in children and staff observing a one minute silence in the courtyard at 11am on 11th November.



## Welcome to Miss Hughes

Welcome to Miss Hughes who is starting as the supply teacher in Kindergarten while Miss Pett is on maternity leave. Miss Hughes has been coming in two days a week for the last few weeks to get to know all the Kindergarten children and the routine of their day so that she can take over Miss Pett's role after Christmas. Miss Foulkes will, of course, remain with Kindergarten as the classroom assistant to help ease this transfer as well.

## Advance notice – dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Thursday 16 December – Wednesday 22 December	Form II upwards	Fairholme Drama Workshop
Wednesday 30 March 1.30 pm	ALL Parents welcome	School Production Marquee in School Grounds
Thursday 31 March 1.30 pm	ALL Parents welcome	School Production Marquee in School Grounds



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