



Fairholme Focus

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Building on Success!

The last few weeks have been both eventful and successful. The term has already been hard work with school exams for forms III to VI as well as Secondary School entrance exams for children in Form VII.

Events have included Burn's Night, Chinese New Year and UNICEF day as well as auditions for our school play. Successful exam results have been flying in, tenders for the school building works

are imminent and plans for the remodelling of the girls' toilets have been accepted. We are making plans for another Open Day, this time, during the School Day for any interested parents and friends.



UNICEF Day for Change

Thank you so much for all your support for last week's Non-Uniform 'Day for Change'. The children collected money in exchange for changing their clothes, sold cakes for yet more change and we held a raffle for Odara's Mum's fantastic UNICEF cake. In assembly we talked about how climate

change is affecting children in Guyana, in South America and found out how we could help UNICEF change these children's lives for the better. We were glad to have such an informative and fun day. We collected £245. Thank you all.

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Ode to a Haggis

On Burn's Night, the children celebrated with performances of some of Robert Burns' poems and songs, discussion of various Scottish food and clothes and of course a Scottish Dance. We had a fantastic rendition of 'Ode to a Haggis' by Oscar with his very entertaining Scottish accent!



Special points of interest:

- Half-term Sports Camp – come and join the fun, sign up now
- Read about the Chinese New Year – see Page 2.
- Sports' Slot, see page 3.
- Enjoy the Drama Workshop news and pictures on Page 3.

Messing About In Boats



Rather than messing about, the children have been enthusiastically working on various parts for auditions for our school production at the end of term. We have seen so much talent it has been very hard to cast. The

main characters at least are now settled, but don't be disappointed as there are still many parts to be had and a lot of hard work before the play is ready for parent consumption! It will also be great fun sorting out costumes, scenery

and props ready for the final shows to be held on the last two days in March in the Marquee in the School grounds.

We hope to see you all there when it has all come together!



Scholarship Success

We have been delighted with the successes of Form VII in their entrance exams for which most results are now out. We must commend everyone on their huge efforts in these exams. The children have managed to secure 9 places to King's, 12 places to Rydal, 2 secured places to Shrewsbury, 3 places to Queen's, 2 places to Howell's, 2 places to St. Brigid's and 1 place to St. Richard Gwyn. This is of course fantastic

news in itself, but not only this, we have also been awarded 2 academic scholarships to Rydal, 2 drama scholarships and 1 music scholarship to Rydal, 1 music scholarship to Howell's and 2 Queen's Scholar awards!!

We are sure Fairholme pupils have never been awarded Drama Scholarships before and rather think 2 Queen's Scholars might be a first.

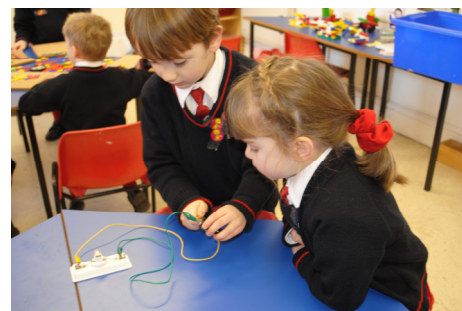
Fantastic! Well done everyone!



Circuit Training in Form I

This half term the children of Form I have been learning all about 'Houses and Homes.' They have had great fun making house collages for 'The Three Little Pigs,' and discovering the various materials that can be used to build a

home. The tent making was a great success and made for a good hiding place! As well as finding out about the potential dangers of electricity the children enjoyed making an electrical circuit; lighting up the bulb.



Year of the Rabbit

The start of the Chinese Year — the year of the rabbit — was celebrated of course at Fairholme in a lively assembly. We learned a little about Chinese customs, enjoyed a dragon dance, looked at various famous rabbits, Form I sang a rabbit song and Jack revived his White Rabbit performance, very entertaining!



Welcome to Hunain, Nathan, Oliver, Ethan, Hannah, Jack and Max who joined us this term!



Toy Story

This half term the children of Kindergarten have been learning all about 'Toys'. They had great fun bringing in their teddy bears from home, showing them to their friends and making a collage of them. Miss Hughes and Miss Foulkes turned the home corner into a toy shop and the children enjoyed buying and selling past and present toys. We also spent time painting a new display and trying to find out who had nibbled a hole in Kipper's toy box. . .



Ghost of Christmas Past

Christmas seems a long time ago now, but for those of you who remember, we should mention our last Drama Workshop. A record number of 32 would-be thespians stayed at School for the first week of their Christmas holiday, to produce the Fairholme take on 'A Christmas Carol' at our latest Drama Workshop. No outdoor painting sessions on this occasion; people struggled through the snow to deliver stunning scenery backdrops and outstanding performances! Despite having only five days to

prepare our play, the enthusiasm and talent of all participants meant that competition was huge for casting of the main roles. Everyone had a chance to try out several different parts and any number of combinations of characters would have been possible. The final performance was both accomplished and scary, when skeletons, devils and ghosts took the stage. Just as with the happy ending of the story itself, there was no BAH HUMBBUG from cast and crew, who had an excellent time putting together Charles Dickens' classic tale.

Sports' Slot

Our Form VII and VI girls had an enjoyable day out at the Netball Tournament organized by Abbeygate College. They were unfortunate to come up against some very strong teams in their group matches, but had a much closer game in the plate semi-final, losing by a single goal!

Apart from the sport, eating a packed lunch on the minibus and slogan-singing, 'Fairholme School, can we win this?' to the Bob the Builder theme tune, seemed to signify great enthusiasm, even if this could not effectively be transferred to the court!

If at first you don't succeed . . .

Rising Stars

Fairholme's step-up in music has definitely not been in vain as the recent music exam results have shown. Becky achieved Grade 5 piano with merit and Grade 2 clarinet with distinction, Oliver achieved Grade 2 singing with merit, while Jack S and Rebecca were awarded Grade 1 piano with distinction, Jack P, Grade 1 piano with merit and Lowri achieved Grade 1 singing. Many of the wind band players are now preparing for their exams this term. Eliza is the first at Fairholme to take a Music Theatre exam in which she gained a distinction for Grade 1. Recently, Eliza has returned

from filming with Moor Productions in London for Jacqueline Wilson's 'Lily Alone', which has now been released. This book trailer was directed by the award winning Anna Lavelle. Fairholme children have been glued to the screen to see Eliza on TV. Take a look on 'youtube' if you haven't seen her. (only under supervision please, kids)



School Exams

Well done everyone for their hard work during exam week. All the children achieved good results. I know it was a bit of a shock for our new starters, but it was also a good chance to find out where everyone is up to. The exam results are not something to become stressed about, but simply a way to find out what you need to work on in the coming months. Generally for you all, it's a good idea to check your work on completion, make sure you are putting units in maths answers and using good vocabulary in your writing tasks!

Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Tuesday 22 February to Wednesday 23 February, 10am– 3pm	Form I upwards	Fairholme Half-Term Sports Camp
Tuesday 1 March	Form I upwards	World Maths Day
Thursday 10 March 10 am to 3 pm	Visitors and parents welcome	Visitors' Open Day
Tuesday 15 March 3.30pm – 6pm	ALL Parents welcome	Art Exhibition
Monday 21 March 3.30pm – 4.30pm	Parents welcome	Uniform Sale by School and Leisure (School Hall)
Tuesday 22 March, Wednesday 23 March 3.30pm – 4.30pm	ALL Parents welcome	World Book Day Book Fair
Tuesday 29 March am	ALL	Wind in the Willows Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 29 March pm	Forms VII boys	Football Tournament (late pick-up around 5.30pm)
Wednesday 30 March 1.30 pm	ALL Parents welcome	Wind in the Willows School Performance (Marquee – School grounds)
Thursday 31 March 1.30 pm	ALL Parents welcome	Wind in the Willows School Performance (Marquee – School grounds)



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