



# Fairholme Focus

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## Rising from Rubble!

Welcome back! Apart from Easter celebrations and the Royal Wedding, we had a splendid time over the holiday, entertaining plumbers and painters, as the new Girls' Toilets have risen from the rubble and are now finished with superb quality. Other building

works also began, and so this term we have had some minor reshuffling of classrooms. During the term we will see the continuation of construction work but I am sure that a small amount of disruption will be well worth the end result which will provide us with

the essential extra space we crave. Come September, we are hoping to provide a dedicated Dining/Craft area, freeing up the hall for a more continuous area for indoor sport, music, dance and drama. We are also hoping to provide a Science room and music practice room.



## Summer Sports

Despite the unpredictable weather conditions so far this summer term, we have made an encouraging start in developing our athletic capabilities. This is in preparation for the forthcoming Sports Day. Events practised so far include sprinting, hurdles, relays, javelin and discus. The children can look forward to developing their skills in high jump, obstacle races and the all time favourite 'Sack Race'! We are sure everyone will enjoy taking part, particularly if we have the glorious weather of last year! The children have

also been enhancing their skills in tennis, rounders and cricket in preparation for House matches. Sports Day will be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 1:30 p.m. We hope to see you there!

At half-term, we are holding another Sports Camp, for boys and girls from Form I upwards, to be run by Mr. Wynne from Tuesday 31 May – Thursday 2 June. Sports will include hurdling, javelin, tennis, cricket and many more. Any last minute applicants, please contact Mrs Perkins!

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## Music Matters

We can report some excellent music results for Fairholme pupils who took ABRSM exams at Easter. Firstly in Piano, Molly and Miles achieved Merits for their grade 1, Molly also achieved a Merit in her

Grade 1 Singing. Meanwhile, Miles achieved a Merit in his Grade 1 saxophone, Devanshi achieved a Distinction for her Grade 1 flute and Molly achieved a Distinction for her Grade 1 clarinet. Others did very well in their Piano and

Singing Prep Tests including James, Sam, Enya, Daisy and Honor. Well done everyone. I think perhaps Molly and Miles deserve a rest, but many others are practising hard I hope for the next set of exams in June or July.

### Special points of interest:

- Half-term Sports Camp – come and join the fun, sign up now! (see Summer Sports)
- Music exam success – see Music Matters.
- New Toilets! (See page 3)
- Open Day News on Page 2.
- Marvellous Models from Form I (See page 2)



## A Walk Around Deva



Form IV took a step back in time this week, when they visited the Grosvenor Museum in Chester. Their study of the Romans in Britain, 2000 years ago, was brought to life as they dressed in Roman armour and were taken on a guided tour around the walls of the Roman Legionary Fortress of Deva otherwise known as Chester. The fascinating tour, led by a 'real' Roman Soldier, included much shouting of 'sin, sin, sin, dex, sin' to ensure that we marched in time, and investigation

of many of Chester's Roman sites, including the amphitheatre. The children then viewed artefacts back at the museum and participated in an instructive workshop about life in Roman times.



## Open Day News

Last Thursday saw another successful Open Day with several families coming along to see Fairholme. I hope that Parents also enjoyed many of the new displays in classroom as they attended the Parents' Evening. Once again Form VII Prefects performed a marvelous job, showing around Par-

ents. As always they were polite, knowledgeable and helpful. We were very proud of them all. Thank you and well done!



## Form VI Trip to Llandudno

Once again we managed to pick a wet day for form VI's trip to Llandudno! The sun was shining when we left Fairholme but the rain soon set in and despite rearranging the lunch timing, the walk around Llandudno seafront was conducted with raincoats and umbrellas.

Despite this, Form VI very

much enjoyed visiting the Llandudno Museum where they learned about the history of the town and the County Archives where they were set a worksheet task which gave them some interesting experience in investigating the archives using computers and microfiches and examining old newspapers and photographs.



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

## How to Make a Sinking Object Float

Form V pupils took part in an experiment this week, in which they had to try and make a sinking object float. Pupils were given a ball of plasticine, which sank when they put it in the tank of water. In small groups, they then made a boat shape with the plasticine to see if it would float.

Once their plasticine floated, we tested the boats to see how much weight could be carried before each sank.

Dylan, Enya and Henry formed the winning team as their boat carried 50 grams before sinking to the bottom of the tank.





# Minibeasts in Kindergarten

This half term, Kindergarten have been learning about minibeasts. The children have been identifying minibeasts, learning what minibeasts like to eat and where they live. The children all enjoyed going on a minibeast hunt around the school grounds. They found a ladybird, a beetle, a woodlouse and an ant and

later observed the minibeasts using a magnifying glass.

Kindergarten have also been busy planting sunflower seeds and have been learning what plants need to be able to grow. We have live caterpillars in class, which hopefully will soon be butterflies!



## Yes or No to AV?

Following last year's General Election and the Mock Election at Fairholme, the children have been learning more about politics and have recently looked into the Alternative Voting System considered in the nationwide referendum. We tried out the voting systems twice in our assemblies to see if the AV system could produce a different result to our current 'First past the post' voting system.

Firstly the House leaders took charge and with the help of Mr. Perkins, dem-

onstrated the possibility of a complete turn-around, with Ross's Stanley winning under the current system but being eliminated under AV.

Following the 'No' vote in the country, we again tried out the voting system, this time with Form 1's Sandwich Parties. The Jam Sandwich Party this time won under both voting systems although the Tuna Sandwich Party came very close to again changing the result under the AV system.

## Christian Aid in Nicaragua

This half-term we supported the Christian Aid Week effort to help the Coffee Farmers of Nicaragua. Joining the initiative of St Asaph Cathedral, we collected fifty pences in exchange for leaves and coffee beans to stick to our Coffee Plant Poster which

was later taken up to the Cathedral by the Head Boy and School Captain. The money will be used by Christian Aid to help build a School in the village of La Paz del Tuma in Nicaragua. Thank you everyone for your kind contributions.



## Marvellous Models



Form 1 have been finding out about 'food and shopping' during this half-term. It has been a busy time of bread and fruit tasting, making pasta necklaces and food montages to name but a few!

The favourite activity was the 'junk model' making. The children designed their models first and wrote a list of materials they would need. Then the 'modelling

day' arrived! Ayman sat rubbing her hands together in readiness for the excitement ahead! There was a sea of cardboard, plastic bottles and yoghurt pots. Mrs Turner was busy making sure there was plenty of sellotape 'on tap'. The children had a great time and worked industriously to finish their models. They helped each other too, so well done for their great team work!

## New Toilets!

As soon as we completed the boys' toilets last summer, it became apparent that the Girls' Toilets were also in some need of modernization. To avoid the endless queuing, but as ever, short of space,

we were looking to fit an extra cubicle within the same area. Harrison Jones Bathrooms were able to design just that and the toilets were completed during the Easter Holiday. They now look spectacular!



## Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Tuesday 31st May – Thursday 2nd June 10am–4pm	Forms I–VII	Half-Term Sports' Camp
Monday 13 June – Friday 17 June	Forms III–VII	Exam Week
Tuesday 21 June 3.30 pm (To be confirmed)	Parents welcome	Uniform Sale by School and Leisure
Wednesday 22 June	Form VII	World War II discovery trip to Penrhyn Castle (Please bring packed lunch)
Friday 24 June 1.30pm (Reserve Day – Mon 27 June)	ALL Parents Welcome	Sports' Day Children should stay for Award Ceremony
Tuesday 28 June	Form V	Cathedral visit (Please bring packed lunch)
Wednesday 29 June	Form I, II, III	Trip to Sea Zoo (Please bring packed lunch)
Friday 1 July pm (see sheet for times)	ALL (Ballet students) Parents welcome	Ballet Open Class
Monday 4 July	ALL	Cathedral Rehearsal Please collect from Cathedral
Tuesday 5 July	Form V	Trip to Catalyst Museum (Please bring packed lunch)
Thursday 7 July 2.30 pm	ALL Parents welcome	End of Year Service St Asaph Cathedral
Friday 8 July – 1pm	Form VII Parents welcome	Barbeque/Buffer Lunch with Parent/Child Tennis Tournament



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