



Fairholme Focus

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Clear Vision!

There have been no dull moments at Fairholme this half-term. In addition to normal school activities we've been busy with exams, standardized tests, trips and preparation for sports day, house matches and the cathedral performance. We've also moved a step forward on our vision for development of

Fairholme with the completion of our beautiful new conservatory, just in time for sport's day. The teachers have been quick to take advantage of the new facility which is currently providing a play area for Forms I and II as well as a suitable venue for junior assemblies.



Sporting Challenges

Despite the rather cool weather for this year's sport's day, the Fairholme athletes were undaunted as they battled for points for their Houses in the track and field events. Again we used both grass and artificial surfaces to enable track and field to take place simultaneously and we finished nicely on schedule (aided by Mr Perkins' newly devised computerised scoring system) and just before the rain! Sales of scones, drinks and ice cream amounted to £153 which has been donated to the RNLI. Thanks once again to Mrs Sanders for the refreshments.

Drake House was victorious this year fol-

lowed closely by Scott. Well done Elliot for setting a new school high-jump record. Drake House was also successful in the House rounders and cricket competitions, this time, being chased closely in both by Stanley House.

We are sorry to be losing Mr. Wynne this term as he is now going to complete his teacher training with a PGCE. Mr. Wynne has provided the most excellent sports' coaching for all age groups, has been highly entertaining and will be much missed. It is a great pleasure, however, to welcome Mr. Rees to continue sport at Fairholme. Mr. Rees is also an ex-Fairholme boy!

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More Scholarship Success

We were delighted to hear that, one year after starting at King's, two of our former pupils, Ananda and Reya, have won the much sought after King's Scholar Award. Fantastic news of course and clearly indicating that Fairholme provides the best possible grounding for our children.

It is perhaps a shame that King's, unlike other Schools, have decided to wait a year before awarding Scholarships, as this may seem now like old news. However, they do award their Music Scholarship prior to entry and we were delighted to hear this week that Becky has been awarded this year's King's Music Scholar Award.



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!
- Unveiling the Obelisk (See page 3)
- Want to start a musical instrument? Make sure you're on the list – see Music Matters, pg 3

Half-Term Sports Camp



The half term gave the children another opportunity to come back to school to practise their sporting skills. The Sports' camp, run by Mr. Wynne, proved to be a popu-

lar event where children played a full range of summer sports with a few others thrown in, including hurdling, javelin, relays, obstacle courses, cricket, tag rugby

and tennis. The beautiful weather held out for the three day camp and we even had to dust off the sun hats!



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 outside the new conservatory with sandwiches, cakes and lots of delicious treats brought in by the children.

In the Giant's Garden

This term, in our Cathedral Service, the children told the story of 'The Selfish Giant' through readings and songs. In this story of

love and sacrifice, a giant, who is very selfish, learns to share his garden. He comes to know that where love is, there is God also.

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.



Form VII Trip – Writing Competition

Form VII took some time off school on Wednesday, 22nd June to go to Penrhyn Castle. Anticipation was high in the school minibus, as we awaited our first glimpse of the huge castle.

Anderson Shelter with only a blanket and a bucket!

Swapping around, we then went to the kitchen to learn about mealtimes. We learned a few cheap dinners and made some meals with realistic but plastic food. We planted our own beetroot seeds and had a go at grating potatoes.

The 'make do and mend' part of the day was one of the best. Knitting, weaving, making rugs and dressing up was all done without hesitation.

The second part of the trip sent us wandering all over the castle with clipboards, answering all sorts of questions. This meant identifying materials, noticing hidden parts of the castle and looking at old paintings.

The eventful day ended with a drowsy drive back to school. This was one of the best school trips I had ever been on. RP



The castle was built around two hundred years ago, when it was inhabited by Lord Penrhyn but is now in the hands of the National Trust.

Our expedition started with background information about the castle itself. We took the place of two evacuees, Norah and John Felton, who came to the castle during the war. Well equipped with gas masks, identity cards and ration books, we split into two groups.

My group first learnt all about gas masks. It was amazing to find out how they felt. Playing games in them was especially hard! It wasn't the only hard thing about World War II. We all clambered into an



Exam Week

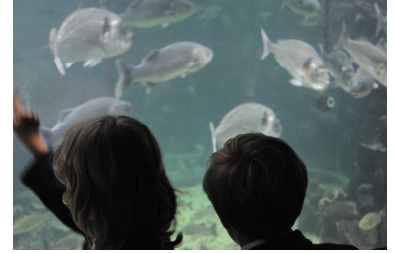
Well done to all children who took exams at the start of this half term. Exams do provide us with a useful check on how the children can work independently and are

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

Deep Sea Adventure

This term, Forms I, II and III took a coach trip to the Anglesey Sea Zoo. Forms I and II were treated to a Tank Tour, watching a diver in the large fish tank and learning about the fish and other sea creatures living in it. Form III were led on a beach safari where they

searched the rock pools catching and identifying crabs, prawns and various other shellfish. The highlight of the expedition was the capture of a Shanny fish who was immediately christened "Derek" and transported back to the zoo for safe keeping.



Unveiling the Obelisk

Eight months after Forms IV and VII attended a design workshop, where the children contributed ideas for the proposed Stanley Monument, the finished Obelisk was unveiled by the Mayor of St. Asaph in the presence of other civic dignitaries. Fairholme, along with two other local schools, were invited to the ceremony. Councillor Elsie Powell asked that our children further contribute with some African style music. Form VII therefore enthusiastically performed an African drumming and dance routine, ably devised by Mrs. Hennie. Celebrations continued in the Community Centre with

some excellent refreshments!

Whilst there has been some controversy over the need for such a me-

morial in St. Asaph, it was great to join with the community in this event and the children's artwork was widely acclaimed.



KG Watch Take-off

This term, Kindergarten children have enjoyed observing caterpillars growing in the butterfly net in the classroom. Some have grown into butterflies and the children released them onto the school field and watched them flutter away.



Form V on the Road Again!

Form V managed two trips this half term! Firstly they visited St. Asaph Cathedral as part of their R.E. studies. All the children enjoyed learning about the history and the different parts of the cathedral and looking at stained glass windows. Some of the class had the opportunity to dress

up, with Adam making a wonderful Bishop and Enya as a Dean! The highlight of the day was climbing up to the organ loft for a demonstration by the church organist, Mr. McGuiness, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Subsequently, Form V took a trip to the Catalyst Museum, a science discovery centre in Widness. During the day, the children took part in a workshop to investigate science skills where they took part in a series of fun, hands-on experiments.



We're Not Scared!

Form I have been finding out all about 'Travel and Transport'. One of the activities involved taking to the outdoors to look for a bear! Using one of our favourite stories 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', the children imagined travelling 'through' each challenging part of the route - grass, mud, river, forest and snowstorm, until they reached the deep dark cave! On discovering the goggly eyes and shiny wet nose of the bear the children all rushed back home (the shed!).



Church Trip

Form IV have been learning about churches in their RE lessons this term. We therefore organized a trip to the Parish Church of St. Kentigern in St. Asaph so the children could have a look at the parts of a church and all the various furniture and equipment. Good fun was had by all! Thanks to Reverend Val for showing us around.

Forever Friends . . .

It is time to say 'Farewell' to our Form VII pupils. It's very sad to see them go, and we very much hope that they keep in contact in the future. Form VII have demonstrated great talents in many fields not just academically but also in sport, drama and music, vying for position in our recent Sports Day and on stage in our School productions. All the children have contributed so much to life at Fairholme, all have been extremely helpful, especially looking after the younger

children, and all have been polite and courteous. Thank you to Oliver (School Captain), Rebecca (Head Girl) and Jack (Head Boy) and the other prefects for carrying out their duties so well. We wish all the children the best of luck in their future secondary schools and hope that they will remain 'Forever Friends'.



Advanced notice – dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Monday 11 July–Friday 15 July	Form II upwards	Sports' Camp
Tuesday 30 August – Tuesday 6 September	Form II upwards	Fairholme Drama Workshop
Wednesday 30 November – 2.30 pm TO BE CONFIRMED	KG – Form III Parents welcome	Nativity Play Oriental House Hotel
Friday 9 December 2.30 pm	ALL Parents welcome	Carol Service St. Asaph Cathedral



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