



# Fairholme Focus

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## Enjoying the Late Summer

After a somewhat cool summer break, we were surprised to be returning to School in glorious summer weather and the children have been able to enjoy many outdoor activities during the first few weeks of term.

The summer break saw continuation of building works, which are now soon to be completed, and the school was open for both sports and drama camps which were enjoyed by many children.

This term has already been an active one with special events including World Sight Day, the Book Fair, Harvest Festival and netball and football matches, as well as a very hard working start to the year.

It has been great to see everyone returning to School, raring to go in the new challenges ahead.



## Harvest Time

Thank you so much for all your generous harvest gifts. Miss Waugh 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, haikus 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 accommo-

modation 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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## School Council

This term has seen the formation of the Fairholme School Council. We learned in assemblies about the role of local councils in the community and then set to work electing members of each class on to the School Council. Each member needed to be prepared to collect ideas for the School for members of their class and present these ideas to

the rest of the council at meetings. So far we have held 2 council meetings which have involved discussions on playtime pursuits, school food and plastic cups. Discussions led by the Chair, Edward, Secretary, Miles and Publicity Officer, Smruthya, have been lively and useful. The Council aims to promote two way discus-

sions and so Mr Perkins raised the issue of stuffing tissues down sinks as something which members could encourage their classes to avoid!



### 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 School Council
- Enjoy the Drama Workshop news and pictures on Page 2.



## Come Friends Who Plough the Sea



To round off the Summer Holiday we organised another Drama Workshop which ran for 6 days at the beginning of September.



We started aboard ship, learning to dance a sailor's hornpipe and playing 'Port, Starboard'. This developed into the sea scene of our pantomime version of 'Dick Whittington'.

The children all had great fun taking roles of rats, cats, Arabian dancers, robbers, sailors, pub frequenters and market workers as the week unfolded.

cast the part of Dick and so Jamie, Henry and Fergus each took a turn as the play progressed.

Our final day included a performance to parents with our younger enthusiasts can take on many of the main roles where, in School Productions, these would go to the older children.

Taking part in the drama workshops is an excellent way to gain confidence and of course our younger enthusiasts can take on many of the main roles where, in School Productions, these would go to the older children.



## Funny Faces in Form I

This half-term the children of Form I have been busy finding out all about themselves. They have been investigating their five senses. The activities have included:

- identifying different objects by touch.
- using their ears alone to identify the sound of a range of musical instruments.
- having a 'mock' eye examination using an eyesight chart.

-smelling and tasting a range of foods.

Form I have enjoyed creating 'funny faces' using the '2paint' computer program. They also explored facial expressions by looking at themselves using mirrors and finding out about a range of emotions and feelings through stories and role-play activities using puppets.



**Welcome to Robert, Evie, Mohammad, Charlotte, Willow, Louis, Navneet, Cameron and Sahil!**



## World Sight Day

Thank you for supporting our latest charity event and non-uniform day — World Sight Day. The children wore their own clothes, many with spots, in exchange for £1 and many spotty cakes were sold at break times. Our assembly was an opportunity to find out where the money will be going and also to learn about Louis Braille who invented the Braille reading

system for the blind. Children had a go at writing their names using a Braille and many have entered the competition held to decode some Braille words.

Our collection totaled £228 which has been sent to the World Sight Day Appeal. Thank you for your generous contributions. I hope that the children did not eat too many cakes!





Our topic this half term has been ourselves. The children have been painting self portraits and learning about how we all have different skin, hair and eye colour. Kindergarten also had lots of fun dressing up in disguise to see if our friends and teachers could recognise us. Who can you see in the photographs?



## 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. The course was run by Mr Rees and Mr Wynne and it was an ideal chance for the two coaches to hand over and for the children to meet Mr Rees.

At the start of term, we were pleased to take part in football

and netball tournaments at King's. 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. This year, through torrential rain, both teams performed extremely well. Amid much shrieking of instructions from Mrs Perkins, the netballers gained second place in the plate competition and after a shaky start, the footballers found their form and gained second place also in the plate football competition. An excellent effort—we look forward to our next sporting challenge



## Book Fair

We held another Book Fair this term which was very successful. This time children and parents were invited to the conservatory, where a range of books was provided for all age groups. Thank you all for supporting this event. A total of around £600 was spent, 50% of which we are able to spend on Scholastic books for the School.



## Outdoor Play

We are gradually transforming the area of grass outside the conservatory into the main play area for the younger children. Kindergarten and Form I are already having fun

on the new climbing frame and slide and have benefitted from the recent spell of sunny weather with a range of outdoor activities.

## 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 score went to Eliza who gained a staggering 93%. Well done to everyone. It's great to see such confidence developing in all the

children.

We have already started preparing for the next set of exams. This time, some of the older children are going to take an acting exam, rather than the usual, verse and prose, an opportunity particularly suitable for those who have gained acting experience on our drama workshops.

## Down to the River

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

Accompanied by Miss Deacon, Miss Edwards, Mr. Perkins and Mr Rees, our two Form IV classes studied the river and water levels. They then carried

out experiments to measure the speed of the river flow.

On the way back, the children went to look at the War Memorial and the HM Stanley obelisk to enhance their local history studies. They then enjoyed a brief visit to the riverside playground before returning to school.

## Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Monday 24 October to Wednesday 26 October, 10am– 3pm	Form I upwards	Fairholme Half-Term Sports Camp
Wednesday 30 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 7 December	ALL	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 8 December afternoon	ALL	Rehearsal for Carol Service (Please collect children from the Cathedral at usual finishing time)
Friday 9 December 2.30 pm	ALL Parents welcome	Carol Service at St. Asaph Cathedral (Please collect children from the Cathedral after the Service)
Friday 9 December 5.30 pm	Form III upwards Parents welcome	Party in the Street, St. Asaph (We have been invited to sing/play in the street following our cathedral performance. We hope some children will be able to stay on.)
Tuesday 13 December Afternoon	ALL	Christmas Party, Puppet Show & visit from Father Christmas (Children may bring party clothes to wear in the afternoon)
Thursday 15 December - Wednesday 21 December	Form I upwards	Holiday Camp Drama or Sport, any preference?



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