



# Fairholme Focus

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## Welcome to New Starters

We were delighted to begin our summer term with many new pupils. It has been a fantastic term to start with us at Fairholme as there have been so many special activities to prepare for. Particular activities have included: writing Jubilee poems for our Jubilee Souvenir Book, written by the children, to be published and available by the end of the summer term; production of Jubilee posters,

one for each year of Queen Elizabeth's reign and preparation for our Jubilee Sports Day, enjoyed by all .

We were thrilled to be able to watch the Olympic Torch pass through Rhuddlan this half term as well as taking several school trips. Many children also participated in LAMDA speech and drama exams and ABRSM piano and singing examinations.



**Welcome to Iestyn, Sam, Caitlin, William, Harlee, Marni, Seren, Elle, Anna, Dominic, Matthew and Morgan!**

## Torch Bearers

We were delighted to be able to take a large group of children to see the Olympic Torch pass through Rhuddlan. In view of worries regarding local traffic congestion, we set out from Fairholme rather early and were in place outside 'Rejuva' by 2pm. Mrs. Hollingsworth provided splendid treats for the children as we awaited the arrival of the torch and the entertainment in the street kept our attention. The torch flashed by in an instant but we were very pleased to

have been part of this exciting and probably one-off occasion. Many thanks to the Hollingsworths for hosting and organising this event.



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## Maths Challenge at Ruthin

On Friday 27th April, 100 year 5 pupils from the local area attended a Mathematics Challenge Day organised by Ruthin School. Pupils came from some 20 schools and Fairholme was represented by the dream team of three, Enya, Austin and Reuben from Form VI. They took part in a four round challenge. The Group round involved problem solving whilst the Go Shopping activity involved working closely as a team, sorting out clues logically. Next was orienteering in the grounds and inside the school answering many observational questions on such topics as triple jump, athletics tracks, football pitches and Ruthin school memorabilia, all linked to Mathematics. The final

round was held in the sports hall and was a mathematical relay race. Although the Fairholme team were not the eventual winners, we were very pleased to attend and our team very much enjoyed the experience which certainly made maths fun.



## Special points of interest:

- Further Enrichment Clubs— see page 2
- King's Head visits Fairholme — see page 3
- Torch Bearers run through Rhuddlan
- Farewell to Miss Hughes — read more on page 4
- First ABRSM examinations at school — see page 4

## Roaming Through Chester



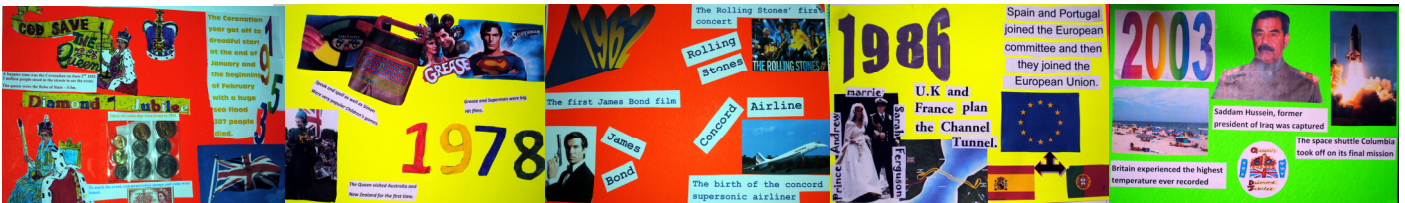
During the summer term, Form IV study the Romans. As an introduction to the topic, we organised an educational visit to the Grosvenor Museum, Chester. The weather wasn't looking promising as we set off but fortunately it stayed dry just long enough for us to take a tour around

Chester, led by a 'Roman Soldier' who explained how the Romans built Deva Fortress and what they used to get up to inside the walls. We visited the amphitheatre and learned some useful moves to defend ourselves against enemies. On returning to the mu-

seum we had a chance to explore the Roman exhibits on display and find out more about how the Romans used to live. After lunch we took part in a Roman workshop where we pretended to be archaeologists, looked at Roman architecture and cooked up a feast in a Roman kitchen!

## Diamond Jubilee Timeline

Pupils have made a huge effort creating posters to tell us important events which took place in each of the 60 years of Queen Elizabeth II's reign. All the posters were entertaining and informative and we are delighted by the display in the school hall. I can only include a small part here, come and have a look for yourselves!



## Christian Aid

We were pleased to join with St. Asaph Cathedral in their fund raising efforts during Christian Aid Week. Fairholme raised an impressive £85.70 and created a huge paper chain, symbolising the chain of workers involved in the planting, farming, harvesting, transportation and export of crops from Sierra Leone to the UK. The money raised during Christian Aid Week will be sent to support farmers in the village of Gbap. Thank you all for your kind contributions.

## Enrichment

We have extended enrichment clubs this term to include 'Techno-Triumphs' - a design and technology club who are currently looking at wind-turbine designs, 'Kobo-Klassics' - a club enjoying our latest gadgets, e-readers, and discovering more simplified works of Shakespeare and 'Band Bandits' - a very noisy club producing a rap version of the classic song 'We built this City' to celebrate City Status in St. Asaph. 'Looney Linguists' have enjoyed an outdoor cafe this term and 'Dramatic Dilemmas' produced a thought provoking drama assembly about the benefits of sharing!



## Baisakhi

One of our multi-cultural assemblies this term focussed on the Sikh festival of 'Baisakhi'. Drama enthusiasts from Form VII acted out the story of the 10th Sikh Guru, Guru Gobind Singh and his quest to find a man to 'Die for God and the Guru'. Whilst none of us at the moment are Sikhs, our assembly focussed



on the idea that we are all equal and equally loved by God.

It is interesting for the children to learn about stories from various faiths and by studying the main six religions, we hope to learn to respect each other's beliefs and live, work and play together happily.

## Trip to the Post Box!

Kindergarten have been beating a regular trail to the post box as they learn how letters are written, transported and delivered. Letters and cards have been arriving in the special post box in Kindergarten, bringing news from parents and teachers for the children to share, read and enjoy. Along with other classes, as part of the Jubilee activities, the children have designed their own stamps.



## Visit from King's

We were very pleased to welcome Chris Ramsey, Headmaster of King's School, Chester, for a tour of Fairholme earlier this term. He was delighted with all our school developments and progress since his last visit, some years ago and pleased that Fairholme is going from strength to strength. Following an enthusiastic meeting with our Form VII pupils, it is clear that the link between our schools is stronger than ever, reinforced by the increasing numbers of our pupils choosing King's as their secondary school.

## Road Safety Rap

Our Road Safety Officers this term have been working hard organising our latest Road Safety competition. This time, the aim is to write a rap which promotes care on the roads. One of our assemblies discussed issues that should be taken into account when on or near roads and a rap demonstration team showed us how a rap should go! Children are now practising raps in the playground; entries need to be in soon after half term.

## Drama Success

Pupils from Forms IV to VII delighted our examiner, Mrs. Broughton, with poems, prose and acting pieces. The children gain much confidence from this examination experience and now can enjoy less formal improvisation work for the remainder of the term.



## Tudor Trails and Trials

The Tudor Period came alive for Form VI on their enrichment visit to Chester. The day started with a practical workshop conducted by Grosvenor Museum staff at the Cathedral. The children undertook a range of activities including writing with quill pens, identifying Tudor artefacts, creating herb mixtures and dressing in period costume. Mrs. Hall then conducted a fascinating tour of the centre of Chester, pointing out Tudor buildings and landmarks. After lunch in the Cathedral gardens, the group were engaged on an exercise in medieval justice involving a visit to the consistory

court, and writing letters to a farmer accused in court of not attending church! After a busy day, there was, of course, a chance to purchase gifts before returning to St. Asaph!



## Trip to St. Kentigern's

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.



## Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Wednesday 6 June — Thursday 7th June 10am — 4pm	Form I upwards	Sports Camp
Monday 11 June — Friday 15 June	Forms III — VII	Revision Week
Monday 18 June — Friday 22 June	Forms III — VII	Summer School Exams
Wednesday 20 June 3.15	Parents welcome	School Uniform Sale by School and Leisure In School Dining Room
Tuesday 26 June	Form V	Trip to Knowsley Safari Park (Please bring packed lunch)
Wednesday 27 June	Forms I, II, III	Trip to Park Hall Farm, Oswestry (Please bring packed lunch)
Thursday 28 June 4.00 — 6.30pm	Parents Welcome (Forms KG—VI)	Parents Evening
Friday 29 June pm	Parents welcome (Ballet students)	Open Ballet Classes II, III — 1.15pm; KG,I — 1.45; IV, V—2.15pm; VI, VII — 3pm
Monday 2 July pm	ALL	Rehearsal at St. Asaph Cathedral Please collect from Cathedral at usual time unless staying for club.
Thursday 5 July 2.30pm	ALL Parents welcome	Summer End of Year Service St. Asaph Cathedral
Friday 6 July 1.30pm	Form VII & Parents welcome	Barbeque and Tennis Tournament

## Farewell

Sadly, we are saying 'Farewell' to Miss Hughes who has been working tirelessly with the Kindergarten group since she started as a supply teacher in January 2011. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Hughes for all her hard work; I am sure

that she will be much missed by staff, children and parents. We are very happy, however, to welcome back Mrs. Turner who has now returned from maternity leave and has retaken her post as Form I Teacher. Miss Pett has now returned to her usual Kindergarten class.



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## Music Matters

The music department was delighted to be able to hold ABRSM piano and singing examinations at School for the first time this term. The lucky test candidates included Jack D, Henry T, Alice, Emma, Serena, Lowri, James, Freyja, Enya, Luiza, Elijah, Beau, Miles, Ruby, Darcie, Fergus, Christian, Emma and Nathaniel. Listening from my office, everyone seemed to play and sing fantastically well. We look forward to some splendid results!