



Fairholme Focus

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Up, Up and Away!

Jubilee Sports Day, held in glorious sunshine, provided a buoyant end to the first half of the Summer Term. In a spirit of friendly competition, all the children took part in track and field events including the special Jubilee obstacle race! The afternoon culminated in the

Diamond Jubilee Balloon Race with over 300 red, white and blue balloons competing in a quest to travel the furthest for charity, in support of the Rotary Club. Form V performed a celebration Jubilee Maypole dance and, following the medal presentation, all children

were awarded a commemorative bookmark to remember this very special day. The event was enjoyed by all, of course enhanced by the superb (and rather lucky) weather and encouraged many children to attend the half-term sports camp held a few days later.



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Ballet Stars

Form VII girls performed their 'swan song' through dance while completing their Grade 2 RAD Ballet exam just before the end of term. Their elegant styles were much enjoyed by the examiner and Miss Messham was thrilled by how the girls had progressed during their time at Fairholme. Well done to you all!



Sports Camp



It was nice to see a lot of new faces at our Half Term Sports Camp, no doubt inspired by our Jubilee Sports Day. The children spent a lively three days with Mr. Rees putting them

through their paces in a full range of summer sports activities on both grass and the 'all-weather' surface. Despite threats of heavy rain, the group managed to dodge the showers enjoying athletics, rounders, cricket, hockey and tennis.

Past Success

Good news from last year's Form VII, now at King's. Becky has been awarded the academic prize for overall achievement in Removes and one of the much sought after academic scholarships on top of the music scholarship awarded to her on entry; meanwhile, Sheil has performed extremely well in the UK Junior Maths Challenge qualifying for the Junior Maths Olympiad making it into the top half percent in the country for his age group.

It is good to know that Fairholme children continue to lead the way academically at their secondary schools!



Jubilee Poems

Just before the half-term break, the children were engaged in poetry writing activities to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The collection of poems, which has now been published, provides a personal and special record of this important event. Our poems reflect some of the children's thoughts on the Queen's contribution to our country during her sixty year reign and the excitement of the Jubilee celebrations which have now taken place.

Many styles of poetry were selected for the children including freeform, haiku, kenning and acrostic. Our aim was to involve as many children as possible and

so all the children from Form I upwards contributed to the book and the older members of Kindergarten produced drawings of the Queen for the book cover. Our thanks go to all the children for their efforts and to the staff for their encouragement and guidance. If anyone would still like to order a copy of our Jubilee book, please let me know.



Back in Time on the Farm

Forms I, II, and III had a fun and action packed day at Park Hall Farm, Oswestry. Forms II and III were taken 'back in time' as soon as they arrived -dressing in authentic Victorian children's clothes and entering a Victorian school room for their lesson with a very strict teacher! They were taught how to write neatly on their slate boards and shown where in the world Queen Victoria ruled. The children were told how disobedient children who forgot to clean their hands, wrote with their left hand or did not stand or

address the teacher as 'Ma'am' were punished with a stroke of the cane. Obviously the children escaped this previous reality, although Miss Foulkes had a stroke of the cane for wearing nail polish!

On the farm, the children helped to feed the lambs, groom a pony, hand milk a cow and watch the modern way of milking cows. They held rabbits and guinea pigs and helped to lead a shire horse called 'Chum'. The children also watched the unusual sport of pig racing! Mrs Hodgson really liked the pigs!

House Matches

House sports matches were enjoyed by all from Form III upwards last week. Houses were vying for position in both cricket and rounders matches in both Junior and Senior championships. Well done all for taking part!



Chirk Castle

This term Form VII participated in a World War II workshop at Chirk Castle which allowed the children to explore a variety of aspects of life during the war through a whole host of activities. These included taking part in a mock fire drill, imagining that they were an evacuee, preparing food using items that would have been available during rationing and singing and playing



Teddy Time

If you went down to Fairholme last week you would have been in for a big surprise as Kindergarten had some special visitors. All the children brought teddies to school for the week ready for a special teddy bear picnic. The children made their teddies invitations and played teddy games. They all brought in a variety of food to share with their friends. Fortunately the rain held off for most of the picnic, with just the fruit having to be eaten in the classroom. All the teddies enjoyed themselves and so did the children!



On Safari

Form V pupils had a fun-filled day at Knowsley Safari Park on Merseyside last week. They got a chance to touch animals, handle artefacts and interact with specialists during their Safari School Workshop on 'Life Cycles'. They learnt all about animals and conservation without even knowing it!

The pupils were kept entertained by the sea



We're Going on a Bear Hunt . . .

Form I have been finding out all about travelling and transport. Activities have included sorting and comparing vehicles from the past and present and the children constructing their own vehicles. The class windowsill has also been displaying an assortment of toy vehicles from home. The chil-

dren have been using non-fiction books to discover lots of information about travelling and modes of transport. We also read 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and decided to go on a little hunt around the school grounds. It is a secret as to our success on hunting for a bear...but, watch out!!

They also got up close and personal to elephants, giraffes, camels, meerkats, buffalos, tigers, lions, baboons, rhinos, ostriches and zebras on the five mile Safari Drive!



Road Safety Conference

Head Girl and Boy, our Road Safety Officers, recently attended a Road Safety Conference at The Faenol Fawr in Bodelwyddan. The theme this year was 'Distraction' and, during the day, various activities were held involving ambulance equipment, bikes and drama. Smruthya and Miles enjoyed having a ride on a penny farthing and a seven seated bicycle. They were most impressed by the size of needles which would be used after an accident!



Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Monday 9 July 10.45am (meet at School)	ALL WELCOME! SCHOOL UNIFORM PLEASE	ROYAL VISIT!! Come and wave flags and see Charles and Camilla arrive at St. Asaph Cathedral
Monday 9 July – Wednesday 11 July 10am – 4pm	Form I upwards BRING UNIFORM ON MONDAY!	Sports Camp (Early drop-off/late pick-up available)
Wednesday 29 August – Tuesday 4 September 9am – 4pm	Form II upwards	Drama Camp
Tuesday 9 October	ALL	Science Day
Wednesday 5 December 2.30pm	KG to Form III Parents welcome	Lower School Nativity Play Oriental House Hotel
Wednesday 12 December pm	ALL	Rehearsal at St. Asaph Cathedral Please collect from Cathedral at usual time unless staying for club.
Thursday 13 December 2.30pm	ALL Parents welcome	Carol Service St. Asaph Cathedral

Celebrating Community

Once again we were mesmerised by the children's singing and instrumental work displayed at St. Asaph Cathedral this week. Our theme, 'Celebrating Community', remembered the three significant

events in 2012 - the Olympic Games, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the granting of City Status to St. Asaph. Thank you once again to Mrs. Hennie for all her hard work with singers and musicians this year.



Farewell to Form VII

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.

This year's Form VII have excelled academically and have been keen participants in drama and sport. They proved particularly helpful with assemblies, especially on 'Road Safety', 'Mentoring' and special religious festivals.

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 Edward (School

Captain), Smruthya (Head Girl) and Miles (Head Boy) for carrying out their duties so well, particularly running our first year of School Council where the children have enjoyed putting forward and discussing ideas for the school.

We wish all the children the best of luck in their future secondary schools.

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