



# Fairholme Focus

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## Deeper Magic from the Dawn of Time

It has certainly been a magical time at Fairholme this half term as we have been making final preparations for our musical production of 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. I am sure that everyone who came to one of our performances would agree how hard the children have worked, in both the main roles and as part of the chorus. Rarely have I seen such exciting

performances from our three witches and our two Aslans. We were treated to beautiful solo singing performances from all the main cast and the lovely costumes brought the whole scene to life. Thank you to Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Cotterill for their tireless efforts this term!



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## World Educational Games

Pupils have once again been competing enthusiastically in World Literacy, Maths and Science Days. These are events in which pupils from all over the world compete and test their abilities. Well done to everyone who took part, but especially to our top three contestants in each age group, congratulations!

WORLD LITERACY DAY		
Ages 4-7	1 <sup>st</sup> - Abigail Webster	1746
	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Navneet Kaimal	1088
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Sahil Pasha	690
Ages 8-11	1 <sup>st</sup> - James Webster	967
	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Christian Jones	960
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Jack Dignum	801

WORLD MATHS DAY		
Ages 4-7	1 <sup>st</sup> - Abigail Webster	1422
	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Harry Gains	696
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Navneet Kaimal	596
Ages 8-11	1 <sup>st</sup> - James Webster	1476
	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Christian Jones	1443
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Henry Thomas	1282

WORLD SCIENCE DAY		
Ages 4-7	1 <sup>st</sup> - Abigail Webster	770
	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Max Devany	155
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Rohit Swaro	138
Ages 8-11	1 <sup>st</sup> - James Webster	859
	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Christian Jones	771
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Elijah Adey-Caplan	623



## Welcome Daughters of Eve!

**Welcome to  
Ffion, Lillie,  
Alys and Seren**

It has been lovely this half term to welcome four new girls to our school. They have settled in so quickly that nobody would now know that this has been their first busy month at Fairholme!



### Special points of interest:

- ABRSM Music Exam success – read on page 2
- Read about Form VII business project running the book fair, page 2
- See page 3 for details of Form VII entrance exam successes
- See page 4 for Fairholme Welsh Club success at the Urdd Eisteddfod





## Half-Term Sports Enthusiasts

We all enjoyed ourselves in the half term sports camp. The elements were against us (even snow!) but we made it on to the all weather pitch on all of the three days. A wide range of sports were partaken in, including football, hockey, tag rugby, golf, dodge ball, handball, netball and even some table tennis. Everyone's skills improved throughout the sport camp which was very pleasing.



## Making Sandwiches

Form III completed this term's Design and Technology topic on Food, Health and Hygiene, by designing and making their own sandwich. They enjoyed thinking about which fillings and bread they would choose and actually making their sandwich itself. But eating the sandwich afterwards was definitely their favourite part!

## Form VII Go Into Business

This year, for the first time, Form VII pupils were given the exciting opportunity to run the Book Fair as a business. Prior to the event, pupils applied for a variety of roles such as Advertising Specialist, Events Coordinator, Accountant and Manager. This process required them to write a C.V., fill in an application form and write a covering letter, tailoring it to meet the job specifications.

The successful candidates organised and manned the fair ably and helped to make it a roaring success. Many thanks for your support at this event.



## Budding Book Illustrators

Congratulations to Charlotte Ripley and Laura Parker for their winning entries in our recent competition held in conjunction with our Book Fair. The lucky winners both received a £10 book token. Well done to everyone who entered – the standard was extremely high.



## Exam Success

Well done to each individual who sat recent ABRSM piano, singing, clarinet and flute exams. Each and every candidate excelled and the examiner remarked what an enjoyable day he had spent with the children. Good luck to all those yet to take their music theory and music theatre exams to be held at Fairholme next term.

## Opening Doors

Another busy and successful Open Day was held at Fairholme on Saturday, 9th March. Many visitors, existing parents and pupils were welcomed by the wind band, Aslan and the White Witch to our Narnia-themed Day. Each classroom hosted different Narnian activities ranging from a designated maths room in VL looking at coordinates in Narnia to World War II costumes, toys and rationing in

Form VII and lion mask craft activities in Form III. The most popular activity seems to have been the 'dry ice' (solid carbon dioxide) with which Mrs. Jones was in charge of creating Narnian effects – snow, ice and smoke – in the Science Room. Thank you to all the children and teachers who gave up their Saturday and came to help out on this very special day. A great time was had by all!





This half term the children of Kindergarten have been learning all about 'People who help us'. They had great fun dressing up as police officers, fire officers, doctors and nurses. The children all produced creative drawings of the teachers at Fairholme. We all enjoyed a visit from PC Ceri (Charlie's Mummy) who taught us about the role of a police officer, thank you!



## Form VII Success

We have been once again delighted by the examination success of Form VII. Everyone who applied to King's and Queen's Schools in Chester have been accepted, Rydal Penrhos have accepted all our applicants and have offered Enya the academic scholarship and Jamie the drama scholarship. Ruthin have offered scholarships to both Enya and Oliver and four pupils have been offered Grammar School places. We are very proud of you all and our thanks, of course, go to Mrs. Hall for all her hard work ensuring that her pupils reach their goals.

## Plants in Form II

This term, in Form II Science lessons, we have been exploring plants. We started by recording all the things that we already knew and then decided to verify some of our ideas. We grew cress in different conditions to confirm that plants need both

water and light to grow to their full potential. Outside the science room we have put our knowledge to good use and planted Anemone bulbs for our mums for Mothering Sunday. We hope that they will enjoy watching them grow into beautiful flowers!



## Seasons

The children in Form I have been learning about the seasons this half term. They have completed many craft activities relating to each of the seasons and we have had a permanently cold 'Narnia' role play area in the classroom! Brrr! Fur coats were needed! We have been on two spring walks within the school grounds to observe the emerging leaves and blossom on the trees and to look at the many snowdrops and daffodils. The children have been amazed at how much has changed over a few weeks. Hopefully they will continue using their observational skills during the Easter holidays!



## Narnia Experience

Following the half-term break, Forms III to VII took a trip into Narnia (at the Narnia Experience, St George's Hall, Liverpool), through the wardrobe to gather inspiration for our forthcoming production. Having learned about the evacuees in World War II, the children were guided into the Professor's house by the rather bossy Mrs. Macready. They were then guided by dryads on either the 'Lucy' tour or the 'Edmund' tour, calling on Mr. Tumnus, Mr. and Mrs. Beaver, the White Witch and Aslan, being very careful not to be turned to stone along the way! It was an enjoyable morning and definitely gave us some more ideas to input into our own musical.



## Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Monday 25 March— Wednesday 27 March 10am — 3pm	Form I upwards	Sports Camp
Wednesday 17 April am	ALL	School Photographs
Tuesday 21 May, Wednesday 22 May	Forms VI & VII Forms IV & V	LAMDA Speech and Drama Examinations
Thursday 23 May 1:30pm	ALL Parents welcome	Sports Day
(Friday 24 May 1:30pm)	(ALL Parents welcome)	(Reserve Sports Day)
Tuesday 27 May — Thursday 30 May 10am — 3pm	Form I upwards	Sports Camp
Monday 3 June — Friday 7 June	Form III upwards	Revision Week
Monday 10 June — Friday 14 June	Form III upwards	Examination Week
Friday 5 July 12:15pm—Forms II & III 12:45pm—Forms KG & I 1:15pm—Forms IV & V 2pm—Forms VI & VII	All ballet pupils Parents welcome	Open Ballet Class
Wednesday 10 July pm	ALL	End of Year Rehearsal St. Asaph Cathedral (Please collect from cathedral unless attending after-school club)
Thursday 11 July 2:30pm	ALL Parents welcome	End of Year Cathedral Celebration St. Asaph Cathedral
Friday 12 July 1pm	Form VII Form VII parents welcome	Form VII Farewell Party

## Urdd Eisteddfod

Congratulations to Sahil, Harry, Iestyn, Luiza, Natalie, Cameron, Lily and Fergus who competed in the local heat of the Urdd. Fergus was placed 1st and Lily 2nd in the Welsh learners Recitation category. Fergus subsequently gained second place in the County Round. Well done also to Seren and Lillie who were placed with their art and photography work. Next year we wish to continue with soloists as well as participating in group singing, instrumental and recitation categories. Da iawn chi!

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