



Fairholme Focus

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Summer Events

This has been another busy half term at Fairholme. As well as all our academic timetable, Form VI have taken part in the Ruthin Maths Challenge, our singers have performed at Bangor University, Forms IV, V and VI have taken field trips, Form IV upwards have taken their LAMDA examinations, Forms I, II and III have visited Bodelwyddan Castle, Kindergarten have

been busy hunting for 'minibeasts' and we rounded off the half term with our skipping themed Sports' Day. We have been delighted to welcome new pupils to Fairholme this term in Kindergarten as well as Forms II, III, V and VI. We very much hope they have enjoyed joining us at this eventful time.



Welcome to Charlotte, Owain, Matthew, Logan, Ella, Skye, Lily and Eshaan!

Carmina Burana

We were absolutely delighted that our senior choir was recently invited to sing with the Bangor University Chorus for their performance of 'Carmina Burana' by Carl Orff. After various school rehearsals, we arrived at the Prichard-Jones Hall, Bangor University on Saturday, 4th May, firstly for a rehearsal with the main choir and Orchestra, and later for the performance itself. The children had not, we think, envisaged the enormity of the production and were amazed by the soloists Elizabeth Cameron (Soprano), Andrew Powis (Tenor)

and Terence Ayebare (Baritone) as well as the fantastic Bangor University Symphony Orchestra. The reality of the high level of performance required struck home fast and our children's choir rose to the occasion, performed beautifully and were glad to be a part of this emotional and memorable experience, a huge musical opportunity we feel privileged to have experienced. Thank you to Mrs. Cotterill for organisation and rehearsals and to Mrs. Williams for keeping our performers on track!

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Drama Success

Pupils from Forms IV to VII delighted our examiner, the writer and poet – Dr Jeffrey du Cann Grenfell-Hill, with poems, prose and acting pieces this week. The children gain much confidence from this examination experience and now can enjoy less formal improvisation work for the remaining S&D lessons this term.

Special points of interest:

- Saga of the Seven Days Form Assemblies – see 'Happy Days' - page 2
- Ruthin Maths Challenge Award – see page 3
- Carmina Burana – Fairholme Singers join with Bangor University Symphony Orchestra and Chorus
- Support for Christian Aid – read more on page 2

Roman Soldiers



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. For once, we picked the sunniest day of the year so far to take our 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. As Form IV marched around the city, the unusual complaints were heard of being too hot!

We visited the amphitheatre and learned some useful moves to defend ourselves against enemies. On returning to the museum, 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!



Form VI in Llandudno

Form VI pupils have been learning about the 'Victorian town' of Llandudno and how to grow from a resort town from 1844 onwards, when the 'Mostyn family' developed the town. We took a trip to 'Llandudno Museum' and discovered more geographical facts about the 'Great Orme' and the fascinating landscape. The children thoroughly enjoyed dressing up in 'Victorian costume'.

Later on, we set off to explore various parts of the town, the broad sand and shingle beach and the pier. We were fortunate to be able to sit and have our lunch on the pier whilst observing the picturesque scenery of 'Happy Valley'.

After lunch, with the sun still shining, we walked to the 'Archives Museum' where we looked at intricate photographs from the past, when Llandudno was just a fishing village and how it has developed. In addition, we read through some interesting articles in old newspapers. A delightful day was had by all!



Christian Aid

We were pleased to join with St. Asph Cathedral in their fund raising efforts once again during Christian Aid Week. This year the children created a field full of sheep and chickens representing the help we hope to give to individual farming families in Bolivia in South America. Thank you all for your kind contributions.



Happy Days

In preparation for our end of year performance of 'Saga of the Seven Days', each of the Forms have been researching the days of the week and how they came to have their names. Each week, individual classes have led an assembly, firstly an introduction from Form VT, then 'Sunday' from Form VL, 'Monday' from Form II and 'Tuesday' from Form I. Assemblies have been lively and included poetry and songs as well as interesting information on the names of our days. We look forward to further Form Assemblies next half term as well as our final musical production in St. Asaph Cathedral.

Maths Challenge at Ruthin

This year, all of Form VI attended the Mathematics Challenge Day organised by Ruthin School. Pupils came from some 20 schools and Fairholme was represented by 5 teams. They took part in a three round challenge; teams started with a number puzzle round, next was orienteering in the grounds and inside the school answering many observational questions, all linked to

Mathematics. The final round was held in the sports hall and was a mathematical relay race. Our teams performed extremely well, gaining both 3rd and 4th places. Well done to all those who took part.



Minibeasts!

This half term Kindergarten have been learning about minibeasts (insects and other small creatures). The children have been learning to identify these creatures and have been finding out what they like to eat and where they live. The children all enjoyed going on a minibeast hunt on the school field. We were able to find a worm, two woodlice, a bumble bee and an ant. We later observed the minibeasts in class. Sam brought in some snail shells that he and his brother Oliver found in his garden. We have also had live caterpillars in class, which have now turned into butterflies.



Food in Form I

Form I's topic this term has been 'food and shopping.' We have enjoyed using the role play tearoom for serving and ordering food. On one occasion the children made their own sandwiches, ordered them and ate them! Yum!



Cathedral Trip

Form V recently took a trip to St. Asaph Cathedral, not to perform to parents on this occasion, but as part of their RE studies. They looked particularly at stained glass windows and clothes worn at different occasions and took part in an organ workshop with Mr. McGuinness.



At 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
Tuesday 28 May – Wednesday 29 May 10am – 4pm	Form I upwards	Sports Camp
Monday 3 June – Friday 7 June	Forms III – VII	Revision Week
Monday 10 June – Friday 14 June	Forms III – VII	Summer School Exams
Wednesday 19 June 3.15	Parents welcome	School Uniform Sale by School and Leisure In School Dining Room
Tuesday 18 June	Form VI	Trip to Blue Planet Aquarium (Please bring packed lunch)
Thursday 20 June 10am – 3.00pm	ALL Visitors welcome	OPEN DAY A chance for prospective parents to visit Fairholme on an ordinary working day
Friday 21 June	Form VII	Trip to Greenfield Valley 'Operation Pied Piper' (Please bring packed lunch)
Tuesday 25 June	Form VI	Trip to Chester Zoo (Please bring packed lunch)
Thursday 27 June 4.00 – 6.30pm	Parents Welcome (Forms KG–VI)	Parents Evening
Friday 5 July pm	Parents welcome (Ballet students)	Open Ballet Classes II, III – 1.15pm; KG,I – 1.45; IV, V–2.15pm; VI, VII – 3pm
Wednesday 10 July pm	ALL	Rehearsal at St. Asaph Cathedral Please collect from Cathedral at usual time unless staying for club.
Thursday 11 July 2.30pm	ALL Parents welcome	Summer End of Year Celebration St. Asaph Cathedral
Friday 12 July 1.30pm	Form VII & Parents welcome	Form VII Party



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