



Fairholme Focus

Skipping Skills at Sports Day

Our skipping themed sports day this year was held in support of the British Heart Foundation. Despite rain, hail and wind, skipping formed a main part of the event with skipping skills races for each class and a performance from the skipping team performed to the highlights of 'Carmina Burana' recorded at our choir's performance at Bangor University earlier in the term.

Besides skipping, great fun was had by all in both track and field events. The upper school showed off their high jumping and team relay skills on the all-weather pitch while the lower school completed running, hurdling and obstacle races, before swapping locations. Well done to Raleigh House, the eventual team winners.

When racing was complete, we held the Great Sports Day Balloon Race in support of the Rotary Club children's charities. The weather surely assisted our balloons as the wind took them at great pace up into the menacing skies; the lucky winner this year was Charlotte in Form VI.



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Sports Camp

Following Sports Day, another of Mr. Rees's Sports Camps was held over the half term break. This gave the children an opportunity to take part in yet more athletics as well as getting in training for the tennis, cricket and rounders which we focus on in the second half of term.

A great time was had by all, even in the rain! Thanks to Mr. Rees for all his hard work.



Special points of interest:

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Bodelwyddan Castle



Forms I, II and III went to Bodelwyddan Castle for their educational outing. The grey weather did not dampen spirits! All the children had the opportunity to explore the Victorian playroom and visit the different family rooms. Each form also participated in a workshop. Form I went on a mini beast hunt in the forest. They then made clay mod-

els of different mini beasts. Form II found out about old toys, including dolls and puppets. They identified and explored the different materials the toys were made from. Form III went on a walk to explore the natural environment. Then they transferred their ideas using a variety of materials and media and created large scale landscapes.

Seven Day Saga

Form Assemblies have continued this term with each Form presenting one day of the week, how it came to have it's name and why pupils like it. Form IV took on Wednesday, named after Wodin, the Norse King of the gods, known as the All-father; Form VII took on Thursday, named after Thor, the son of Wodin; Form VI followed this with Friday, named after the goddess Freya; Form III rounded off this series of assemblies with everyone's favourite day – Saturday, named after the planet, Saturn.

All these assemblies were the build up to our Summer Celebration at St. Asaph Cathedral for the performance of 'The Saga of the Seven Days'. Thank you to Mrs. Cotterill and Mrs. Williams for their tireless efforts in preparation for this event.



Fond Farewell to Miss Palmer

Our thanks go to Miss Palmer this term for all her efforts assisting in Kindergarten. She has worked very well with all the Kindergarten children and has also led craft and rounders clubs. Miss Palmer is starting her PGCE course at Bangor University in September and we wish her every success.

Miss Pett will be returning to Kindergarten in September and Miss Hughes will continue in Kindergarten to assist with this handover.



Travel and Transport in Form I



Form I have enjoyed their final topic 'Travel and Transport'. Activities have included finding out about different vehicles, transport in the past and the sorts of journeys we make. The children used our 'Travel Agents' to book holidays and find out about different holiday destinations. They made their own authentic passports too! The children designed and created their own model vehicles using a variety of packages which they proudly held up for a class photo!

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!

Operation Pied Piper

Form VII recently visited Greenfield Valley Heritage Park in order to gain an insight into what it would have been like to have been billeted during the war.

On arrival, we were greeted by Miss Yarnell who was the billeting officer and was also to be our new teacher. We were led to the schoolroom where Miss Yarnell informed us which family we were to be billeted to. She then proceeded to tell us what life would have been like during the war. We learnt about air raids, rationing and propaganda and were fortunate enough to be able to try on a gas mask and use the gas rattle. This session culminated with us writing an imagi-

nary letter home to our parents to let them know what our new billet was like.

After lunch we had the opportunity to visit the Tudor and Victorian farmhouses and the other farm buildings, such as the blacksmith's forge to look at all the interesting artefacts. There was just enough time to visit the adventure playground and maze before returning to school after a most enjoyable and informative trip.

AW, Head Boy



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. They all brought in a variety of food to share with their friends. The teddies brought with them the recent heat wave and so a great time was had outdoors. Even Miss Foulkes, baby Evie Rose and their teddy were spotted at the party. All the teddies enjoyed themselves and so did the children!



We're Going to Stay All Day . . .

Form VT with Mr. and Mrs. Perkins took a most enjoyable trip out to Chester Zoo last week. Walking around the zoo the children spotted elephants, giraffes, rhinoceros, gorillas, lions, . . . and many more. Having stopped off for a lunchtime picnic in the sun, they continued with a scary visit to the bat cave followed by a workshop called "Survival Kits". The children explored a selection of artefacts and worked out how different animals are adapted for survival and how they are dependent on other animals and plants that share their habitat. They looked at food chains and the risky business of animals finding food and avoiding being eaten!

The best part of the day was, of course, travelling on the monorail, when everyone was too tired to walk any further and the final trip to the gift shop!



Commotion in the Ocean!



Kindergarten's topic this half term has been 'Under the Sea'. The children have been keen to identify and learn about creatures that live under water. There have been sharks and mermaids in the role play corner!

Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Monday 15 July – Wednesday 17 July 10am – 4pm	Form I upwards	Sports Camp (Early drop-off/late pick-up available)
Wednesday 28 August – Tuesday 3 September 9am – 4pm	Form II upwards	Drama Camp
Wednesday 4 December 2.30pm (provisional)	KG to Form III Parents welcome	Lower School Nativity Play Oriol House Hotel
Tuesday 10 December pm	ALL	Rehearsal at St. Asaph Cathedral Please collect from Cathedral at usual time unless staying for club.
Thursday 12 December 2.30pm	ALL Parents welcome	Carol Service St. Asaph Cathedral

Gone Fishing!

Form V Lions visited the Blue Planet Aquarium this term. The children enjoyed a tour around the aquarium encountering a variety of creatures in lots of different zones. After lunch, the children attended a workshop about sharks which included

matching sharks with their world record information. The shark show and underwater aqua-tunnel were a hit with all, as were the fighting crabs we encountered in 'where the land meets the sea'!



Farewell to Form VII

Sadly it is time once again to say farewell to Form VII. This year, Form VII have been very proactive organising charity events, cake sales, uniform sales and for the first time have run the book fair. Many of them have taken very active roles in the music and drama world, while others have led house teams and school teams to match victory (and sometimes defeat!)

Austin and Lowri have proved to be most responsible in their roles as School Captains. They have led the School Council through school inspection interrogations and, through establishing the fruit stall, have a source of income. The Council is now able to put some of their ideas into action and have purchased

some small equipment for the school playground.

Quite apart from all these extra-curricula activities, Form VII have been extremely hard working in the classroom and have gained excellent entrance examination results.

We wish them the very best in their future secondary schools; they will be much missed at Fairholme.



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