



# Fairholme Focus

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## Off to a Flying Start!

A stirring performance of 'The Magic Flute' by our Drama Workshop set the mood for a frantic start to the new school year which so far has included singers performing in 'Noye's

Fludde', a trip to see 'The Butterfly Lion', History Day, opening of St. Asaph Library, Harvest Festival and a football and netball tournament. This has all fitted around our very

busy class curricula. We have also launched a new set of enrichment clubs, including languages, technology, photography, thinking skills, cooking and first aid. A flying start, indeed.



## Noye's Fludde

We were delighted to join other local schools in the recent Mid Wales Opera production of 'Noye's Fludde' by Benjamin Britten. Twenty of our singers, collectively known as 'Aurora Chorealis', spent two practice days at the Cathedral prior to the two performances on Fri-

day 20th September. The opera, about the Biblical story of Noah's Ark, formed the start of the North Wales International Music Festival and helped raise money for last year's flood victims in St Asaph. The children formed the cargo of animals in Noah's Ark and were dressed in pyjamas carrying cuddly animals! Performances were packed out in the Cathedral and much enjoyed by parents and friends.

**Welcome to Oliver, William, Krish, Emaan, Oliver, Luca, Sophia, Charlie, Lucy, Caoimhe, Amelia and William!**



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## Morpurgo Classic Comes to Life

Forms III and IV were lucky enough this term to watch their class book, 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo, come to life on stage at Llandudno's Venue Cymru. This inspiring tale of enduring friendship transported the children from the African veldt to the battlefields of First World War France, as they followed the adventures of Bertie and the White Lion. 'The Butterfly Lion' is one of the various Michael Morpurgo books

enjoyed by many of our classes during class reading sessions.



## Special points of interest:

- Half-term Sports Camp — come and join the fun, sign up now
- Read about our Harvest Assembly on page 3
- Mid Wales Opera brings Britten's "Noye's Fludde" to St. Asaph
- Enjoy the Drama Workshop news and pictures on Page 2.

## Travelling Back to Tudor Times



This half term Forms II – VII were fortunate enough to participate in a Medieval Day in which they were transported back into Tudor times by ‘Peter the Pedlar.’ The sessions gave an invaluable insight into the lives of both the rich and poor in Tudor society.

Pupils were given the opportunity to handle historical artefacts which helped to further develop their skills of historical enquiry. Great fun was had trying on various items of Tudor clothing and discovering just how heavy chainmail is! They also tried their

hand at wool spinning, writing with a quill and creating a rubbing of a wood carving.

Finally, the pupils had the opportunity to make a replica coin from the reign of Henry VIII to keep as a memento of the day.



## The Magic Flute

Twenty children returned to Fairholme a week early this year to join the latest Drama Workshop. Guided by Mrs Perkins, alongside Miss Foulkes and Miss Hughes, the children had fun looking at the story of ‘The Magic Flute’. Having watched an animated version of Mozart’s Magic Flute, we embarked on our own much less classical version which included a carpet of fire, monsters, mystery and finally marriages with many pop songs, old and new, slotted in along the way. A great way to spend a week – next chance for a drama workshop is the first week of the Christmas holiday – suitable for any emerging young actors and actresses Form II upwards.



## School Council

The new School Council is now in session. They have thrown themselves into organising cake sales and second-hand uniform sales in a bid to raise money for their chosen playground equipment. Our new Council leaders – Morgan, Jasper and Natalie

have been most enthusiastic in taking on their new roles and the younger members of the group have contributed well in meetings.



## Restocked Library Opens

Following flood damage to St. Asaph Library last year, the building has been completely refurbished. Fairholme children were invited last term to select their favourite books for suggested new books for the library restock. This half term, our newly appointed Librarians, Matthew and Luiza, were invited to the Official Opening Ceremony and were each able to give a short speech on why they liked their chosen book. St. Asaph dignitaries commented afterwards how outstanding the Fairholme children had been and how well prepared and confident they seemed. Always good to hear! Thanks to our Librarians and Mrs. Hall for her guidance. Each child’s chosen book now contains a name plate inside.



We were delighted to join the yearly Netball and Football Tournaments at King's School earlier this term. Each of our teams played six matches against schools from around the Chester area. We were delighted that this year our girls performed extremely well,

awarded runners up of the plate competition and although the boys did not win this year, they had a great afternoon taking part in the competition. At the presentation, everyone received medals and certificates. We are now looking forward to arranging further matches at Fairholme.

## Harvest Gifts and WaterAid

Thank you so much for all your generous harvest gifts. Miss Hughes and the after-school clubbers arranged a fantastic harvest display for us once again this year in the School Hall. This year's harvest assembly had a watery theme and thank you once again for your contributions to our selected charity, 'WaterAid'. The children learned both before and during the harvest assembly about how their £1s could be used to help provide villages with water pumps so children in countries such as Nepal and Ethiopia need not travel so far each day to collect water.

During the assembly, all the forms contributed towards a highly entertaining harvest including songs, plays, haikus, readings and prayers. Your gifts of food were passed on to 'Save the Family' which is a charity based in North Wales and Chester. The food was sent to Plas Bellin Hall which provides accommodation for 24 homeless families, helping parents to get back on their feet.



## The Circus comes to Fairholme

The Circus arrived in Kindergarten a few weeks ago with plenty of different performers. The children have all enjoyed taking part in the role play corner, taking on the various roles of clowns, acrobats, ring masters as well as the awaiting crowd. They have been learning to balance on the tightrope, juggle the bean bags as well as doing acrobatic displays with the

hoops and ribbons. The clowns have been keeping everyone entertained with their funny costumes and disguises!



## First Aid Club

In First Aid Club, we have been learning to deal with a variety of injury situations. We have covered dealing with playground injuries and how to stop a nosebleed. The pupils have also looked at treatment for burns and scalds and also insect bites and stings.

saving technique of placing a person in the recovery position. Various First Aid scenarios were given to the pupils and they were all able to respond appropriately, well done!

Finally, the pupils have been learning the important and potentially life



## Roald Dahl Day

One of our special assemblies this term was devoted to Roald Dahl. Many children from Form III and above brought an extract of their favourite Roald Dahl book to read to the group and Form VI performed a drama sketch from an adaptation of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. All

the performances were most entertaining and provided an excellent confidence booster for the children; well done to all who took part.



## Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Monday 21 October to Wednesday 23 October, 10am– 3pm	Form I upwards	Fairholme Half-Term Sports Camp
Sunday 10 November	School Council members and volunteers/parents welcome	Remembrance in St. Asaph Cathedral Service 10:00am or War Memorial 10:45am School uniform please!
Thursday 21 November 4pm –7 pm	Parents welcome	Parents' Evening
Friday 29 November After school – ~ 6pm	Form III upwards  Parents welcome	Party in the Street, St. Asaph (We have been invited to sing at the street party. We hope most children will stay for party food at school followed by performance in RN Williams, Chester Street.)
Wednesday 4 December 2.30 pm	Forms KG, I, II and III  Parents welcome	Nativity Play at Oriel House Hotel (Please drop KG, I, II & III children at Oriel House before 9am instead of Fairholme for a rehearsal)
Friday 6 December 4.30 pm	Singing/Piano/ Instrumental Pupils Parents welcome	Carols Around the Tree (Informal performance at school by singers and instrumental pupils)
Monday 9 December Afternoon	KG – Form VII	Christmas Party with Puppet Show and visit from Father Christmas
Tuesday 10 December afternoon	ALL	Rehearsal for Carol Service (Please collect children from the Cathedral at usual finishing time)
Thursday 12 December 2.30 pm	ALL  Parents welcome	Carol Service at St. Asaph Cathedral (Please collect children from the Cathedral after the Service)
Wednesday 11 December	ALL	Christmas Lunch
Monday 16 December - Friday 20 December 9am - 4pm	Form II upwards	Drama Workshop



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