



Fairholme Focus

Volume 5, Issue 6

July 2014

Enjoying the Sun

It has been fantastic this half term to be able to have so many outdoor activities in the sunshine – school trips to Pili Palas, Anglesey Sea Zoo and Chester Zoo, Sports Day, Teddy Bears’ Picnic, marching rehearsals, impromptu guitar lessons and many play based outdoor activities. It has been a very busy, but most enjoyable, end of year.

We are of course sad to see Form VII go, but congratulate them on their many academic, musical, dramatic and sporting achievements. Thanks of course go to Jasper, Natalie and Morgan for their contributions in their roles as School Prefects. They have provided a dedicated, enthusiastic and organised approach to School life which will be much missed.



One Hundred Years of Memory

Music and Drama departments have been working furiously this term towards a completely different end of year event at the Cathedral.

Form VII have been studying the War in their history lessons. They worked hard to prepare an excellent assembly to share with the rest of the school which ensured that everyone, even the younger pupils, has some understanding of why we are commemorating this war and what it might have been like to live in those times.

In commemoration of the centenary of World War I, the children have been preparing songs, ballades and parodies from the great war, dance and drama scenes and have taken part in a lot of marching activities! We were delighted that Mr. Jarvis was able to come in and teach us the basics of marching and halting, saluting, standing to attention and rifle carrying. The children certainly enjoyed this part of our preparation and were able to put some of what they had learned into practice in the main event.

All this work, of course, culminated in the main cathedral event in which all children enthusiastically performed. There were certainly some great moments of fun but also some very moving moments which suddenly brought home the severity of war and the effect on all those living one hundred years ago.

Thank you to Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Cotterill, Miss Messham, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Hall and to all the children for their efforts and contributions to such a memorable event.

Inside this issue:

Spaceport	2
Pili Palas	2
Zoo Trip	2
RNLI Concert	3
Beach Safari	3
Teddy Bears’ Picnic	4
Key Dates	4

Special points of interest:

- Read about further maths success in the Junior Maths Challenge – see page 2
- Enjoy news and photos from Sports Day 2014 on page 2
- Boots! – Read about Boots, the Bengal Eagle Owl, and his trip to see Fairholme’s Early Years department, page 3
- Read about Form VII becoming scientists for a day at the Catalyst Museum— see page 3





Spaceport

Just before half term, Form VI T pupils took a trip to Spaceport in Wallasey to further their science studies on space and experience life beyond the stars! Pupils enjoyed the Space Planetarium Show which taught them much about the life and work of astronauts and how space travel affects their bodies.

Excitement reached fever-pitch for the scary simulator ride followed by the rocket launching session which gave each pupil the chance to launch a rocket using compressed air.

Finally, we left reality in favour of more fictional space adventure, visiting the Time Travellers exhibition – a must for fans of Dr Who! There were Time Lords to suit everyone, even Mrs. Perkins!

Zoo Trip

Form V enjoyed an extremely warm trip to the zoo last week. Although most of the animals seemed to be asleep upon our arrival, we did manage to see some giraffes, butterflies, jaguars and apes before lunch time. After lunch in the sun, we attended a workshop which focused on animal habitat and adaptation for survival. The children expertly demonstrated their knowledge of habitats and scientific vocabulary and paid excellent attention when learning about animal adaptation. We then headed towards the lions and tigers, took a rather nervous trip though the fruit bat forest and ended our journey at the long awaited meerkats, whereupon Miss Edwards and Mr. Perkins enjoyed the first quiet time of the day!

Maths Challenge

Following our success in the Ruthin maths challenge last half term, we were delighted to hear that that Christian, Matthew and Luiza have been awarded a

Sun Shines on Sports Day

A fantastic Sports Day was enjoyed by all, this year in glorious sunshine. Racing included running, hurdles, egg and spoon, obstacle and relays as well as our new 'Ready for School' race in which our youngest pupils battled it out to get dressed in shoes, blazer and hat, do their homework and make it to the finish line!

Children were awarded points for each of the races and the high jump which contributed towards the Individual medals in each class. The older

pupils' points contributed to the House Challenge; this year Raleigh were the proud winning team. Thanks to Mr. Rees for organising this event so well and thanks to Mrs. Sanders for the very welcome Pimm's and scones with strawberries and cream – absolutely delicious!

Thanks to all who supported the Rotary Club in this year's Balloon Race – always a beautiful sight – this year we raised over £300, an excellent effort and very much appreciated.



Pili Palas

Form III enjoyed a gloriously hot summer's day at Pili Palas on Anglesey. They learnt about the life cycle of the butterfly and in addition to the butterflies themselves, had a chance to get close to a snake, a stick insect, some extremely large spiders and a hissing Madagascan cockroach! They saw the Meerkats being fed, stroked a Guinea Pig and also met rabbits, goats and two very large hairy pigs. The weather was perfect for playing in the outdoor playground and bouncy castle and enjoying an ice cream.

Bronze Certificate in the countrywide Junior Maths Challenge, James has been awarded a Silver Certificate and Sithika, with our highest score, a Gold Certificate. Fantastic news as this competition is really for Year 7 and 8 pupils.

RNLI Concert

This term, our singers were delighted to be invited to perform at Kinmel Bay Church, along with three other schools, in support of the Royal National Lifeboats Institute. There was a very good turn out by children and parents who were entertained with a little preview of our songs from World War I.

Thank you to Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Cotterill for organising this special event.



Catalyst

Form VII became scientists for the day on their trip to the Catalyst Science Centre in Wrexham. Donning white lab coats and protective glasses they conducted an experiment to investigate the effects of various strength of medicine (an alkaline solution), on the neutralisation of an acidic solution (a simulation of stomach acid resulting from indigestion). They also had plenty of time to experience the many hands on exhibits in the centre, completing a workbook in the process. The trip ended with the traditional visit to the shop!

Beach Safari

Form II had a super day out at the Anglesey Sea Zoo. A tour of the zoo was followed by lunch and a chance to play out in the sunshine. They then watched the feeding of the fish in the "underwater forest" fish tank after which it was time to put on wellies and head off for the beach safari. Plenty of creatures were found under the rocks at low tide,. Everyone enjoyed catching crabs (and of course letting them go).

Boots!

The children of Form I have been finding out about owls and writing their own sentences. Calden's Grandparents very kindly offered to bring in their Bengal Eagle owl named 'Boots'. The children were

joined by Kindergarten. Boots was very well behaved and even displayed his large wing span! The children asked some very thoughtful questions and learnt a great deal more from seeing Boots.



Humpty Workshop

Form I had an exciting day out at Technquest. This started with a sea-side show complete with radio controlled shark and Caitlin dressing up as a crab during which the children had to answer questions to find the buried treasure. After some time exploring the hands on exhibits they attended a Humpty workshop where the children worked in groups to build Humpty (a chicken's egg in this case) a protective suit out of balloons. Alas poor Humpty was not saved!



Welcome to Joel!

Some important dates for your diary

Date	Forms	Event
Monday 7 July – Wednesday 9 July 10am – 4pm	Form I upwards	Sports Camp
Wednesday 27 August – Tuesday 2 September, 9am – 4pm	Form II upwards	Drama Workshop
Friday 12 September 2pm – 4.30pm	Form VII	Netball and Football Tournament at King's School (Late pick-up ~ 5.15pm)
Tuesday 23 September pm	Form VII	Shakespeare Schools Festival Workshop (Late pick-up ~ 5:45pm)
Friday 17 October am and evening	Form VII All parents and younger pupils wel- come for performance (Tickets for sale)	Shakespeare Schools Festival Performance, Theatr Colwyn (Children to meet for the evening at 6pm for 7pm performance)
Wednesday 3 December 2.30pm	KG–Form III Parents welcome	Nativity at Oriel House Hotel (Please drop children at Oriel House at usual morning time for rehearsal)
Monday 8 December pm	KG – Form III	Christmas Party and visit from Father Christmas
Monday 8 December pm	Form IV – VII	Trip to Rock 'n Roll Pantomime at Clwyd Theatre (Late pick-up ~ 4.30pm)
Tuesday 9 December pm	ALL	Rehearsal at St. Asaph Cathedral (Please collect from Cathedral)
Thursday 11 December 2.30pm	ALL Parents welcome	Christmas Carol Service, St. Asaph Cathedral

Teddy Bears' Picnic

The teddies and Kindergarten were out again enjoying a picnic to celebrate the end of this year. After the sandwiches, carrot sticks, cakes etc. the children were entertained to a magic show by Mr. Bimbamboozle. Great fun was had by all and a great way to celebrate all the hard work and new challenges experienced by the Kindergarten children this year!

Fairholme Preparatory School
Mount Road
St. Asaph
Denbighshire LL17 0DH

Phone: 01745 583 505
 Fax: 01745 584 332
 E-mail: admin@fairholmeschool.com
www.fairholmeschool.com

