



GOODBYE & HAPPY RETIREMENT HEADTEACHER GEOFF

END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

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Hello and welcome...

to our end of year Summer term e-newsletter!

As always it's been an action packed term - there is always so much going on at the end of the school year - and this is a particularly special one as we say goodbye, not only to our students, but to our headteacher.

Our oldest students have taken part in Duke of Edinburgh for the first time and been on exciting adventures and expeditions!

We have been enjoying summer trips, our annual Art Exhibition & sports week. We have also celebrated Eid, raised money on a market stall and marched with elephants for the happy days children's charity!

We have had lots of visitors, including some old friends from Kenya who link with our RRSA steering group, who came a long way to see us again.

There was the Celebration of Achievement assembly and of course a wonderful Prom to send our leavers off in style.

There has been lots of learning, playing and having fun - you can click on the links throughout the newsletter to read more about the many activities on our website blog.

Much thanks as always for all of your Newfield Family support.

Have a wonderful summer and we will hopefully see you in school in the Autumn, at the start of a new school year, with a new headteacher!

Happy Holidays!



Farewell message from the headteacher

Hi Everyone!

Well this is it!...my final message to you all as I am leaving at the end of this term to retire!

I have great pride in the achievements of the school over the years and to see the children grow and develop has been inspiring! None of these achievements would be possible without the care and commitment of a hard-working staff and the dedication and partnership with parents and carers. I fully appreciate the support, and shared belief, that only the best will do for our children!

It has been a privilege and honour to work for you and your children, knowing that through the highs and lows, we have always pulled together to make things work for the sake of the children... I will be forever humbled and grateful for all the support.

Not only am I leaving but I am also retiring which is a 'double whammy' for me!... what will I do all day?

...believe you me with two new grandchildren I shall have my hands full!!

I would like to take this opportunity to give my thanks and appreciation to all the staff, over the years, who have demonstrated a commitment and drive to offer the very best of standards and care for the children; For believing in me! I am immensely proud of all their achievements, the accolades we have been given and our 'outstanding' OFSTED judgement.

Being the Head of the Newfield Family has been very rewarding and I hold the children and the staff in high regard and with great affection.

I shall miss so much of our work but wish the school all the very best for the future under the leadership of your new Head Teacher, Rik Robinson.... I am sure you are in very safe hands!

Take care and goodbye! X

Geoff Fitzpatrick

SPECIAL EVENTS

This term there has been lots going on to enhance our learning as well as lots of fun [summer trips](#)...

We were delighted to welcome Steve Gill, our IQM assessor, back into school and even more pleased with being re-accredited with [Flagship status](#).

We have [marched with elephants](#) to raise lots of money - £462.02 - for the Happy Days Children's Charity and had lots of fun doing it!

We celebrated [Eid](#) with a special lunch and disco.

There has been lots of enterprise going on with our oldest pupils selling gifts, salad boxes, cakes and even running a stall down on [Blackburn Market](#)!

Our [Art Exhibition](#) was a huge success once again and celebrated the work pupils through school do towards their Arts Award accreditation.

The [RRSA group](#) has been busy, with a visit to [Chestnut Lodge](#) in Widnes, [Seashell Trust](#) in Cheadle Hulme and welcoming [friends from Kenya](#) into school.

There have been lots of trips including ones to [Chetham's School](#) of Music, [Stonyhurst College](#), and The Lowry - to [watch a show](#) and to [perform](#) in one!



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Our oldest students from [Main School](#) and [School for Autism](#) have been taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme this year for the first time. They have volunteered, planned and very excitingly, in June, they have taken part in expeditions where they [hiked](#), [shopped](#), [cooked](#), [prepared their beds](#), had [camp fires](#) and [had loads of fun!](#) Well done to everyone who took part - it sounds amazing and we will definitely be continuing this with more groups in the future.



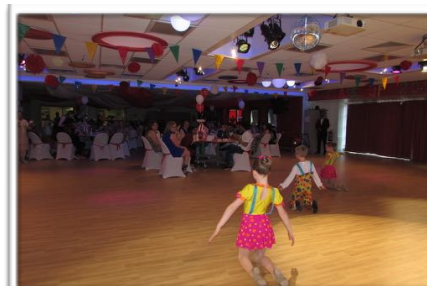
SPORTS WEEK

When summer finally came at the end of June it was just in time for our sports week. Children tried out lots of new sporting activities like orienteering, [bootcamp](#), [archery](#) and [assault courses](#), as well as continuing to enjoy old favourites like [swimming](#). At the end of a hot, sporty week we had an [assembly](#) where everyone received a rosette for their efforts and we had an icy treat from the visiting [ice cream van](#)!



PROM - CIRCUS

On 4th July students enjoyed a Circus themed [Prom](#), with our own ringmaster Geoff! The school was transformed into a big top and we were entertained by a juggler, dance troupe and a uni-cyclist! A feast of fairground treats was enjoyed including burgers, candy floss and ice creams. The leavers video was amazing and they each got their special hoodie. Everyone looked gorgeous all dressed up and we danced the night away - it was a great night out!





Celebration of Achievement



The whole school came together on 11th July to celebrate the fantastic achievements of our children. We had 2 headteachers presiding over the affair - with Geoff and Rik presenting the special awards as well as the leavers portfolios and accreditations.

It was a lovely assembly and a fantastic opportunity for children, staff and families to come together and reflect on the year's accomplishments for the Newfield family.



GOODBYE GEOFF

Children and staff enjoyed party lunches, with Geoff as the host, in the last week of term to celebrate another successful year and also as his leaving do.

Parents and friends of the school were also invited in to an afternoon tea to say goodbye, where he was presented with a miniature replica of our lovely atrium tree.

He will be greatly missed... as many of you will know, he is one of a kind!

So, as we say goodbye to our headteacher Geoff, we would like to thank him and wish him a long and happy retirement.



Summer Holiday

School closes to pupils:

Friday 19th July 2019

School closes to staff:

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

School re-opens to staff:

Monday 2nd September 2019

School re-opens to pupils:

Wednesday 4th September 2019

Autumn Half Term Holiday

School closes:

Friday 18th October 2019

School re-opens:

Monday 28th October 2019



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