

TAKEOVER WEEK

Hello and welcome...

... to our termly e-newsletter where we give you a round up of some of the activities that we have been up to - please remember to regularly visit our [website](#) to see all of the [blogs](#) and photos from our always busy Newfield Family!

It has been another very exciting, busy Autumn term, where we have been getting to know a new headteacher along with [new children](#) and staff.

Back in September we were happy to welcome a new school year with lots of [activities](#) and [outreach visits](#) and [staff training](#), but we were very sad to lose Queen

A NEW HEADTEACHER, RACHEL KAY

Elizabeth II and welcome a new King.

We welcomed another [Pets as Therapy](#) dog, Harley into school.

Our [RRSA](#) work has continued, and along with school council pupils have been making sure they have their say - one class has been writing a [weekly newsletter](#) for us all to catch up in school!

We've celebrated languages, harvest, [Halloween](#), [bonfire night](#), Remembrance, world mental health day and [Takeover week](#)... along with the many charity events in which we have taken part via our extensive enrichment calendar.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Our support for parents has continued with workshops and [coffee mornings](#).

We welcomed teachers from over 16 schools for an [IQM cluster meeting](#) where we showcased MOVE - they had a great day!

At the end of term we celebrated Christmas. What a busy term with lots and lots of learning and fun!

Thanks as always for all of your help, commitment and support for school, it is much appreciated.

We wish you all a great Christmas break, enjoying time with family and friends, and we look forward to seeing you in 2023.



Hello from the Headteacher...

Hello everyone,

What a busy and fun packed first term for me at Newfield this has proven to be. I am delighted that I am a part of the Newfield family and slowly getting to know all the amazing students and staff. I wear my badge with such pride and love talking to people about the amazing work everyone does here. Often the small steps our children take are the type of things that others may take for granted, but mean so much to us all. This includes things like children trying their first taste of new foods, taking their first independent steps or asking for help from a trusted adult.

It has also been great to welcome so many of you to the many events we have held across the term – the highlight for me being the hugely successful Christmas Fair. To me these kind of events are what make us

unique – connecting everyone together and making a difference beyond the four walls of school. As always we strive to help our pupils learn about the wider world and empower them with the skills they can use in their daily lives.

One my highlights this term has been takeover week where some of our students worked across the site on various roles. Suha did a brilliant job of being the headteacher for the day. Her main job, she felt, was to get everyone to 'chill and be nice to each other' which was great! I was less keen on her idea of watching movies and eating chocolate all day however!

May I wish you and your family a happy holidays and look forwards to seeing more of you in the Spring Term.

Rachel

SPECIAL ENRICHMENT EVENTS

During this term, we have taken part in number of charity events, raising awareness and money to help others as well as special events to enhance our experience of the world.



In September we celebrated our support staff on [EHCA Appreciation Day](#); learned lots about different languages and cultures on [European Day of Languages](#); had an art competition and raised money wearing denim on [Jeans for Genes day](#) and said goodbye to our [Queen](#).



In October we enjoyed [harvest](#); thinking about our wellbeing on [World Mental Health Day](#); had a 'spooktacular' time for [Halloween](#) in a special MOVE session and held a [street food festival](#) as part of our curriculum enrichment!



In November after our half term break, we held special events for [Remembrance](#); we joined the nation and Pudsey in one of our favourite fundraisers [Children in Need](#); we welcomed parents into school for some [workshops](#) to support communication; some of us enjoyed planning events for [anti-bullying week](#) and we had a brilliant week with lots of 'Takeovers' going on when the children were in charge!



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let us not forget



In December, Christmas landed - you can find out all about that on the back page, so read on!

READING AT NEWFIELD



Teachers Sarah and Shannon have been busy making our [libraries even more exciting](#) places to be!

Both now have sensory books, chapter books, picture books for reading for pleasure, banded phonics books for primary and banded phonics books for secondary. The SEND library also has shelves for bilingual books, audio books and dictionaries. We have some librarians from TG1 who try to keep it all in order!



We invited parents into school to look at and purchase books from the [Scholastic Book Fair](#). Harley our new PAT dog has been [reading](#) with children too!



DEVELOPING CREATIVITY

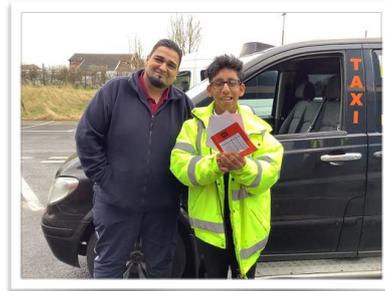


We've written a [poem](#) that is quoted on a bench in Blackburn and produced a [dance film](#) that is now shared on our YouTube channel - what a creative bunch our Newfield Family is - please take a look if you get chance!

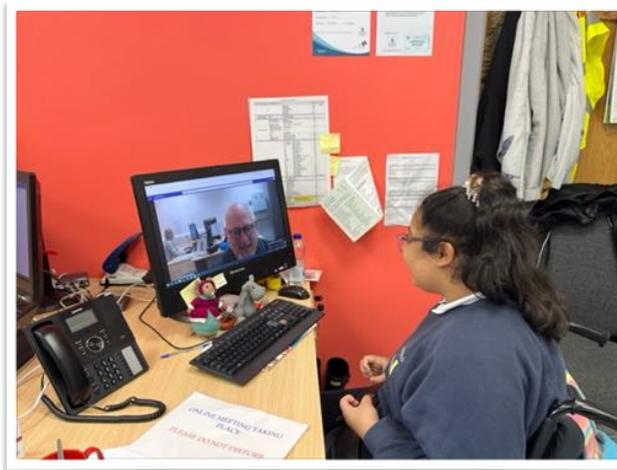


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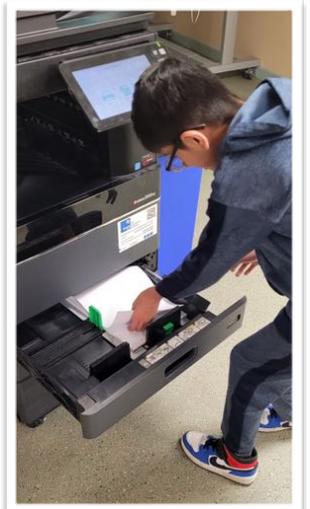
In November we once again took part in [Takeover Week](#), where our young people were in charge and doing all of our jobs! They all had a fantastic time, learnt lots and enjoyed the experience of taking on adult responsibilities.



As part of our student takeover event pre-formal students in school were invited to take part in a life skills event exploring cookery, [nursing](#), first aid, home maintenance woodworking, exploring tools and safety. They had a lot of fun hammering!



Lots of our children enjoyed [office work](#) and did a great job answering phones and joining online meetings!



Zobi really enjoyed working with Lynx and finding out what he does all day - programming the studio, sorting the printers, typing, organising the laptops and playing on the walkie talkies apparently!



CHRISTMAS FAIR

Christmas came earlier than ever this year, with the [fair](#) falling on 2nd December - we were pleased to see lots of visitors, and enjoyed the brass band and all of the things children had made - including these lovely reindeer, a raffle and lots of sweet treats - [Father Christmas](#) also paid an early visit!



We've had lots of fun chasing a [cheeky elf](#), [Buddy](#) around school - he's been getting up to all-sorts!

There have been lots of things going on, including [crafty decorations](#), [playing in the snow](#), visits to the [panto](#) & [farm](#). Staff enjoyed a festive [lunch](#) & [quiz](#).

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES & PERFORMANCES



Christmas Holiday

School closes to all:

Friday 16th December 2022

School re-opens to staff:

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

School re-opens to pupils:

Wednesday 4th January 2023

Spring Half Term Holiday

School closes to all:

Friday 10th February 2023

School re-opens to all:

Monday 20th February 2023

Children had lots of fun decorating [classroom doors](#), enjoyed [Christmas lunch](#) in their festive clothes. [Post 16 students](#) held a special assembly for their families to attend. KS1 performed for parents and KS2 children did a fantastic job showing off their talents at their [Christmas showcase](#).



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