



SCHOOL FOR AUTISM @ NEWFIELD OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY

NEW HEADTEACHER COMING SOON

CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES

Hello and welcome...

to our Spring term e-newsletter! Following the success of our first e-newsletter last term, we are continuing to let you know what we've been up to with a slimmed down, paperless version, so that you can click the many links which will take you directly to the blogs and photos on the website for each event and article. This term has been as busy as always, with lots of events, visitors and fantastic learning going on to take us from a few Wintery snow days

to Summer! We were very excited to have the [official opening of the school for Autism @ Newfield](#) at the end of term, with special guests and a big whole school party to celebrate!

The children and staff have been doing lots of exciting things, but behind the scenes, something very exciting has gone on this term, with our hunt for our next head teacher. The governors and a panel of pupils put candidates through their paces and we now know who will take over in September when Geoff

heads off into a long and happy retirement - so read on to meet our new leader...

We've ended the term with some lovely sensory Easter celebrations and a truly absolutely amazing production of 'The Greatest Showman'.

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

Have a wonderful break and we will hopefully see you in school soon when we return for a long, hot Summer term!





Hi Everyone!

Amongst the many key events and activities we've had this term, for me the two most significant events have been the appointment of your new Head Teacher, Rik Robinson, and the official opening of the School for Autism @ Newfield!

Many of you know that I will be retiring at the end of this academic year and therefore we held interviews early in the term for my successor. I am delighted to tell you that the Governors appointed Rik, who has briefly introduced himself in this term's newsletter. I am sure you will join me in wishing him and the school continued success as you

Message from the headteacher

move forward together...and I know you'll get to know him more once he joins you in Autumn 2019.

Of course the other significant event was the opening of the new school which is reported in the newsletter and it was a very proud moment for me and the Newfield family!...the building is a brilliant addition to our outstanding school and I am sure everything will continue to go from strength to strength over the coming weeks, months and years!

Enjoy Easter and your break and I'll see you all in the summer term!...sadly my last!

Geoff Fitzpatrick

Introducing our new headteacher from September... Rik Robinson

'I am delighted and honoured to be appointed as the new Headteacher for Newfield School and I am very keen to get to know parents & carers, as well as the pupils and staff. Newfield has a history of excellence and I am looking forward to finding out more about the school as we move forward in a new chapter for the Newfield family'.



SPECIAL EVENTS

This term we have taken part in a number of special events, raising awareness and enhancing our learning...

Pupil Voice has been really high on the agenda this term, with [RRSA](#) meetings, [School Council](#) meetings and the [BwD Youth Elections](#) - we always want to know what our children think and so we really encourage taking part in these activities and acting as advocates for each other.

During Children's Mental Health Week we celebrated 'Time to Talk' day with pupils thinking about being healthy inside and out, and talking and taking part in activities that make them feel good. Staff enjoyed another [wellbeing breakfast](#), where they were also encouraged to take the time to talk to each other to support their mental health.

On 14th March we took part in activities for [International School Meals Day](#), thinking about who makes our meals and where the food comes from - we raised £100 for the charity [Mary's Meals](#), providing at least 1 good meal each day for a year for 7 children living in poor countries around the world.

[Red Nose Day](#) came around again and we dressed in red, wore silly noses and had lots of fun all in the name of raising money for this great charity.

time to change
time to
talk day
07/02/19



COMIC RELIEF
RED NOSE DAY
15 MARCH 2019

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

During [FairTrade Fortnight](#) pupils and staff were treated to cafes - planned and run by our fantastic catering team - with a range of FairTrade treats in [both schools](#), as well as taking part in Fairtrade craft activities and even shopping, then selling products on a [FairTrade tuck shop](#). We had a good time, with a few visitors too, and decided that everything tastes better when it is FairTrade!



THE SCHOOL FOR AUTISM @ NEWFIELD OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY

On 2nd April - World Autism Day - we held our [grand opening ceremony](#) to officially mark the opening of the School for Autism @ Newfield. It was an exciting event with many special guests and an opportunity to celebrate with and thank all the people involved in making our fabulous new building become a reality and make such a difference to the lives of our pupils. You can see all the photos and find out more about the special event on our website.



WORLD BOOK DAY 2019

On 7th March we joined the nation in celebrating [World Book Day](#). There were lots of story book characters round school as pupils and staff dressed up and took part in special sensory sessions in the studios, as well as enjoying guest readers coming in to entertain classes.

The following day we all really enjoyed a live theatre experience when M&M Productions came to school and treated us to the story of '[The Little Princess](#)'. Everyone had a great time and it reminded us all how much we love books and reading!



We can't put everything we do on the website, but we do like to share a selection of the teaching & learning activities with you - here are some of them...

Our older pupils experienced the world of business and enterprise - setting up and running their own thriving [catering company](#)... while others have been out in the community learning about [horticulture](#)...

We've had visitors in to teach us about [Fire Safety Awareness](#)... as well as other visitors from [Olympias Music Foundation](#) who gave some workshops around music and performance...

All over school pupils took part in activities celebrating [Chinese New Year](#) - welcoming in the Year of the Pig with a range of sensory themed fun!



Curriculum News



Pupils were brilliant performing in [The Greatest Showman](#) at the end of term, which was enjoyed greatly by the audience of family members and friends of school.

Easter Holiday

School closes:

Friday 5th April 2019

School re-opens:

Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Spring Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May 2019

Summer Half Term Holiday

School closes:

Friday 24th May 2019

School re-opens:

Monday 3rd June 2019

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