

Newfield

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DAY

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PERFORMANCES

Hello and welcome...

... to our termly e-newsletter where we tell you a bit about some of the activities that we have been up to - don't forget to look at our website and youtube channel for lots more about the Newfield adventures!

It has been a short but busy term where we've been hard at work learning and developing skills, particularly around enhancing independence at all levels.

We enjoyed thinking about our wellbeing in [Children's Mental Health week](#), have spent time out and about the community on outreach visits, and celebrated, amongst other things, [Valentine's day](#), [Fairtrade Fortnight](#), World Book day, Ramadan and Easter.

We had a great Science week, secondary pupils delivered a great performance to their audience and

we have benefitted from many visitors - parents, nurses, [Cook Stars](#) and YPS members for the [BwD Youth Elections](#) - it's been nonstop - and all of these people have joined us to support the learning and development of our children and young people.

You can read more about these exciting activities in this edition as well as in the [student newsletters](#), and if you have something that you think would benefit us & what we offer, please do get in touch - we love trying out new initiatives to enhance our provision and the cultural capital of our Newfield Family.

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

We wish you all a restful holiday, a happy Easter & a wonderful Ramadan!

We look forward to seeing you in the summer term.



Hello from the Headteacher...

Hi everyone please read this information from the local authority with regards to the planned expansion of Newfield school. We want parents, pupils and staff to be involved in the development of our school moving forwards so we can ensure we continue to provide the best possible learning and environment for our wonderful students and the Newfield Family.

Parent Consultation in relation to Expansion of Newfield.

We are delighted to inform you of some exciting changes that will be happening at Newfield School over the next few years.

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council have allocated us £2.3 million to expand our provision for specialist

places, to support the forecasted demand across the borough.

There is an ongoing demand for places at Newfield to access our specialist provision. This would also allow students who are currently educated out of the borough to receive education within their local community.

The initial plans for Newfield School are to extend the main building at each end of the existing school to provide six purpose built additional teaching spaces.

This will also allow us to take in more students from the age of 4 where the current demand is especially high.

The expansion of Newfield School will not have any negative impact on current pupils and staff. The number of staff will increase, to accommodate the additional pupil numbers and school will be actively recruiting high quality staff in the future months.

The expansion will also serve to enhance the existing resources and ensure that spaces are much better aligned with the needs of each group of student.

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council as the admissions authority for Newfield school are keen to hear parent, carers, and other interested stakeholder's views on the proposal before it goes to statutory consultation.

If you wish to express your views, please follow the link below –

<https://forms.office.com/e/H43GbbD9qh>

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

Rachel

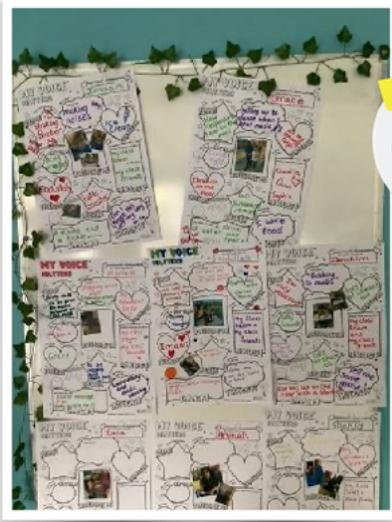
CULTURAL CAPITAL

This is a really important part of being at Newfield - it means all the things that we do to open up the world for our pupils, providing them with new and varied experiences, from the time they join us until they leave into adulthood. Here are some of the things we've done this term!



Some students were involved in writing the [BwD Co-production charter](#) back in January.

In February we thought and talked a lot about our wellbeing during [Children's Mental Health Week](#) under the theme of 'my voice matters'.



We had lots of fun doing all things red on [Red Nose Day](#) and raised lots of money - over £470 - well done and thank you all! Our production of [Raya and the last dragon](#) was a great success - we have some stars in the making!



SCIENCE WEEK



We had some special visitors during Science week, with some small animals as well as 3 chicks who were with us all week! We also enjoyed doing experiments - like blowing up balloons with gases from chemical reactions!



The RRSA steering group have been meeting and busy planning how to promote the rights of all children.



Even though every day at Newfield is a happy one, we loved celebrating International Day of Happiness on 20th March.



bamboozle

At the end of term, the travelling theatre company delivered several performances of 'Pulse' in school which was a great success and really engaged some of our learners.



DROP EVERYTHING AND READ!
D.E.A.R.



We all love enjoying books, and pupils and staff wore pyjamas and comfy clothes to spend time reading stories both inside and out in the great outdoors, so we had a great time on World Book Day.



CELEBRATING THE COMMUNITY & DEVELOPING INDEPENDENCE

Community Visits



Health Checks



Blackburn Market



Supporting all of our children to develop their confidence and independence is very important to us - whether they are very young Explorers, or very grown up in Post 16 - we do lots of activities to ensure that they are as independent as they can be.

Enterprise



Shopping



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Our children love coming to school and we believe that regular attendance is central to raising standards in education & improving life chances. For the academic year 23-24 governors have set a target of 88%. We are currently in-line with national attendance for special schools at 87% - we hope you enjoyed learning about your child's attendance this term via our certificates!

Let's all try to attend school as much as we can to enjoy learning together!



Easter Holiday

School closes to all:
Thursday 28th March 2024

School re-opens to all:
Monday 15th April 2024

May bank holiday:
Monday 6th May 2024

Summer Half Term Holiday
School closes to all:
Friday 24th May 2024

School re-opens to all:
Monday 3rd June 2024

AnnMarie & Mathilde held a transition coffee morning which gave families a chance to come together with social care and health to think about life after Newfield.

The dads and lads also came together again this term.

If you have any ideas, questions, suggestions or just fancy a chat please contact our Family Wellbeing Coordinators in school!

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