

Spring 2013

# Newfield Express



## Letter from the Newfield Express Editor.

Hello! My name is Adam Aspinall. I am the editor for the school's newsletter this term.

It has been a busy term in which we have had many events taking place! We celebrated Chinese New Year, had a Valentine's disco, and a Health and Safety Week - where we had visitors coming in and we learnt loads. Students took part in a celebration of dance,

the whole school enjoyed experimenting at the Flash Bang Science event, Class 1 had a daffodil sale, and lots more...

Enjoy reading about our fun term.

Have a great Easter.

By Adam Aspinall



Red Nose Day Film Club  
 Sign2Sing Flash, Bang Science  
 Celebration of Dance @ King George's Hall  
 Health & Safety Week  
 Chinese New Year  
 Easter Valentine's day  
 World Book Day RE Week  
 M&M Productions - Charlotte's Web

### Marie Curie Daffodil Sale

Class 1 would like to say a big 'THANK YOU' to all who bought a daffodil plant or a bunch of flowers at our sale. We collected £76.00 for the charity, selling the daffodils that they had grown.



Hi Everyone!

## Message from the Head...

My how the time appears to fly by!.....it only seems a short time ago I was contributing to the Christmas newsletter!!

We have had such a great time this term with all the events you can read about in this edition! It's not every day you can say that you have taken part in a record breaking attempt...but we did in our Sign 2 Sing when the children appeared on Radio Lancashire! This term we have also used our 'sensory pods' quite a lot in the main hall and studio. The pods are inflatable 'igloos' in which you can set up small spaces for sensory work or create exciting environments to explore!...the children love them...so maybe we can set them up again soon for you to come and see?!

As always, thank you all for your continued support in school and may I wish you a very Happy Easter and holiday!

Geoff Fitzpatrick



## Health & Safety Week

Throughout the week beginning 25th February 2013, students took part in more health and safety activities, this year organised by Jill Kettle - Pupil Services Manager & Terry Dean - Premises Manager. The purpose of the week was to increase awareness of dangers and how we can all be safe! There were visits from St. John's Ambulance, The Fire Brigade, The Mountain Rescue Service.

Pupils also had road hazard awareness sessions, where they practised crossing roads safely. They also learnt about ways to keep themselves clean and germ free.

Everyone enjoyed meeting the special people who work hard to keep us safe - and especially liked having a go on the fire hose and rescue landrover!

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## Valentine's Day

## ویلنٹائن کے دن کا

On the 14th February we celebrated Valentine's day with the now annual love disco! Pupils and staff wore their nicest red clothes and danced to old favourites as well as current hits! The following day, Helen and the kitchen staff made us a delicious whole school Valentine's buffet - everyone got a cupcake as well as chocolate dipped fruit!



## Rights Respecting School Award

On Wednesday 16th March 2013 the Steering group held a Rights Respecting School Award Assembly. Some of our students from 2-11 and 11-19 acted out scenarios where children's rights were either respected or disrespected. The scene included a Football match and Airport which demonstrated whether the rights were being respected in examples of real life situations. We all enjoyed acting out the scene and put a lot of effort into it.

By Ismail Seedat and Katie Jemson

## بچوں کے حقوق کا احترام



**RED  
NOSE  
DAY**

**FUNDRAISING  
FOR RED NOSE DAY**



Newfield school raised lots of money on the 25th Red Nose Day for Comic Relief. Many people wore something funny, ranging from clowns to animal themed onesies and our own 'Find Wally' character. There were baked cakes on sale, amusing activities that had you laughing in 3 large pods, sensory red objects to explore, and sweepstakes involving a Red Nose cake and Jessie J.

The winners for the competitions were Connor Robson and Helen Thomas.

At the end of the exciting day, we had an 'Action Song Big Red Dance-a-Thon' where we danced in our funny costumes and accessories.

Thanks to everyone for joining in on the day and thanks to Hayley and Danielle for planning all the events!



## Recycled Fashion Show

This half term students in the 11-19 phase have been looking at materials and their properties as part of their Creative Curriculum lessons. To showcase their learning a Fashion Show was put together to model costumes created using recycled materials in various forms and properties. Each class had investigated different materials and consolidated skills to develop, design, style and produce items of clothing. They were modelled by students in the fashion show, with pupils from each class scoring them to declare a winner for the most innovative and stylish recycled fashion wear!

All the contestants were absolutely fabulous, but the overall winners were TG5 with their great hand dyed T-shirts. Well done to everyone for their creativity and skill in making clothing fit for any fashion show!



# Religious Education Week

During the R.E. week at Newfield, pupils joining in with lots of special activities related to Christianity, Hinduism and Islam, organised by our R.E. subject coordinator, Jenny Nelson. It was good to see interactions of various sorts with many different related objects, which helped to raise awareness of each religion.

On the final day of the week there was an exhibition of all the wonderful work pupils had created. There were things like, candle crafts, rangoli patterns, and mosques made out of junk materials. It was a stunning display of what we had achieved learning through an intensive and fun packed week.

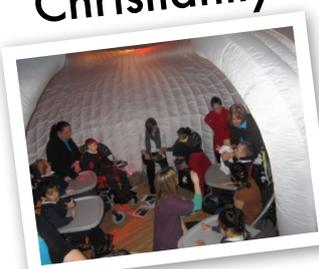
Islam



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Christianity



## Outreach - School links are going international!

We are in the very early stages of an exciting project here in school. We hope to form a close link with a similar school to ours in Pakistan. This will open up opportunities for our pupils to learn about children who live in another country and to celebrate our similarities and differences.

The school is 'The Rising Sun Institute' (RSI) and is in Lahore. It is now the largest Institute in Pakistan providing education, speech therapy, physio, hydro & sensory integration therapy, vocational training, physiotherapy and speech therapy leading to rehabilitation into the community for more than 500 children with intellectual impairment, cerebral palsy and autism.

We are very excited about this new experience and look forward to sharing our activities with you in future newsletters.





# Newfield - Our Claim to Fame!



On the 6<sup>th</sup> February at exactly 2.45pm Newfield joined schools throughout the UK to 'sign2sing' for the charity Sign Health to set a new world record and to raise deaf awareness.

It was a big day! We had been invited into BBC Radio Lancashire to do a broadcast in the morning. Pupils - Arron Waddicor, Myrah Latif, Ismail Seedat got up really early to meet Lois, Rachel and Julie at the radio station.

In the afternoon Radio Lancashire sent a roving reporter to interview Head teacher Geoff and lots more pupils and to record the event. The whole school raised the roof and made a wonderful sound. Everyone was really enthusiastic, and all the staff had the most wonderful time signing and singing together with our fantastic students who loved every minute of it!

We are still waiting for 'sign2sing' to collate all their figures to find out if we were part of a world record. Watch this space!

Visit [www.sign2sing.org.uk](http://www.sign2sing.org.uk) for more information.

## Celebration of Dance @ King Georges' Hall



### ناچنا كنگ جورجس ھال

On 13<sup>th</sup> March, some pupils from the 11-19 phase took part in the Celebration of Dance at King George's Hall. The theme was based on literature books and the students chose 'Goosebumps' to dance to. The song Time Warp was incorporated with a twist of different moves to the original song. Our surprise feature was the fantastic Gangnam Style dance. By Ismail Seedat



# Flash, Bang Science! - Science in the creative curriculum

## سائنس کے بارے میں



We enjoyed a visit from "Flash, Bang Science" in February which tied in with our Creative Curriculum Theme: Living in a Material World.

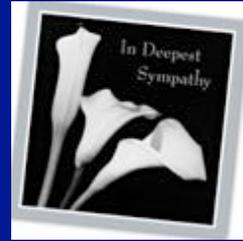
"Flash, Bang, Science is a group of Scientists who demonstrate and explain the magic behind chemistry and physics and how it links to real everyday life in a fun and exciting way!"

A workshop was set up in the Blackburn Hall with activities for the pupils to try. These included inflating balloons using chemicals, experimenting with corn flour gloop and using detergent to disperse food colouring.

All the students got to wear proper white coats and safety goggles and so we all felt like real Scientists.



We were very sad to lose two of our pupils during this term. James Worsley and Lauren Whittle had been pupils at Newfield for a very long time and will be very much missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with their respective families at this difficult time. We will remember them.



## World Book Day

## کتابیں کا جشن منانا اور



Marvin the Magician visited Newfield on World Book Day and surprised and delighted both students and staff with his fantastic tricks and funny jokes. He made a blank book appear to draw pictures using "Magic Dust". He made a balloon into a cat and magically made lollipops appear in an empty box.

As well as the Visit from the Magician some groups were treated to a story-teller session with Louise Brown from the Library Service, which included multi-sensory stories about cats and princesses. Other groups listened to the story of "The Gingerbread Man" in the studio and in the afternoon three groups listened to stories about Dinosaurs, Owls and Caterpillars in the Pods. It was a busy, eventful and most enjoyable World Book Day.

WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY  
7 MARCH 2013

Thanks to Sheila and Hayley, the English Coordinators, for organising such a great day!!



## LPPA - Leading Parent Partnership Award

Our bid to achieve the Leading Parent Partner Award (LPPA) is now reaching it's final stages! We have been running a number of in house Parent Workshops, covering subjects such as Maths, Literacy, Behaviour Support, Sleep Counselling and Movement Opportunities via Education (M.O.V.E.). The parents who have attended have found the sessions interesting and informative and more sessions are planned for next term so parents – please look on the website!  
[www.newfield.org.uk](http://www.newfield.org.uk)

## والدين کے ساتھ کام

The assessor will be visiting school during the next half term to talk to pupils, parents, staff and governors and to look at all the evidence we have collected to support our bid. So thank you to everyone for your support and hard work and parents – if you have any other suggestions as to how we can continue to strengthen our partnership, then please tell us!

## Welcome to our new pupils & staff...

Some new staff and pupils have joined us since the New Year - so there have been different faces around school to get to know. We would like everyone to give a warm Newfield welcome to all of our newcomers!

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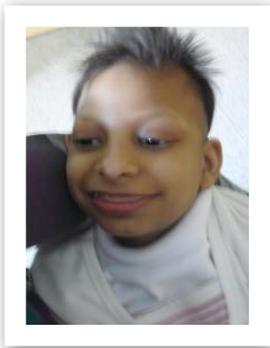
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## Important Dates:

Easter Holiday  
School Closes:  
Thursday 28th March 2013  
School re-opens:  
Monday 15th April 2013

School Closed - Bank Holiday:  
Monday 6th May 2013

Summer Half Term Holiday  
School Closes:  
Friday 24th May 2013  
School re-opens:  
Monday 3rd June 2013



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Some of our New Staff



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