

Summer
2011

Newfield Express



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amazing new
sign!

Letter from the Newfield Express Editor.

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

It has been an another busy, exciting term. We have had lots of things happening like the Communication Week - where we had an ice cream van come into school & a trip to Hawaii in our new studio, A performance of the Wizard of Oz, and our very first Prom for the leavers. Our friends joined us from Avondale School for a joint trip to Clitheroe Castle where there was a demonstration of the

Battle of Hastings. It was fun to see them again and other schools during Friendship Fortnight, where we all worked together in stimulating activities.

We are coming to the end of this school year. I would like to wish all our readers a very Happy Summer Holidays.

Shamma Patel



Sensory work in the studio
Our 1st Leaver's Prom
Friendship Fortnight Singing Squares
Communication week
Royal Wedding Day
Summer trips
Ice cream van visit
Swimming Awareness Week
The Wizard of Oz
Celebration of Achievement
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Good bye and Good Luck to all of our leavers

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The time has come again for our oldest friends to leave - this year we are losing sixteen of our friends! We will miss you all and hope that you keep in touch.

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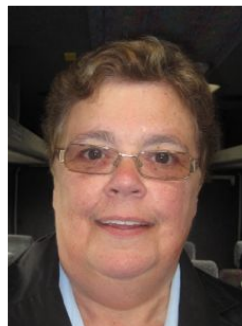
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Ruth Talbot



Andy Parkinson



Bernice Brown

Good bye to the staff leaving this term

We are also saying goodbye to another 3 staff this year. Thank you all for the time you have spent with us. You have touched the lives of many students. We will miss you - please keep in touch!

THANK YOU!



In June the Blackburn and Darwen Freemasons very kindly presented a cheque of three hundred pounds to our school. The photograph shows the presentation team with our pupils. We would like to say a big 'Thank you' to them!

Welcome to our Newcomers

We have had a few new faces around this term. We would like everyone to give a warm welcome to our newest pupils and staff.

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Martyn Berry

Sean McIntosh

Note from the Head!

Hi Everyone!

Another great newsletter highlighting all the wonderful achievements and events held this term. I am particularly pleased with the new lighting and sound effects installed both in the main hall and the new studio which have benefitted our children greatly. Many of you have had the chance to experience the effects during the terms events. Other highlights for me were the Royal Wedding celebrations and of course our Celebration of Achievement Assembly.

Thank you once again for all the support this year.

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Geoff Fitzpatrick

Happy Retirement Mrs. Forde!



After working at Newfield, and before that Dame Evelyn Fox school for 24 years, Mrs. Alison Forde is retiring this summer.

'Thank you for all of your hard work and many years devotion Mrs. Forde'. We will all really miss her and wish her a long and happy retirement!

by Rebecca Harrison

A fond farewell to Mr. Jack Peet.



We were all saddened at the end of May when we received the news that Mr. Jack Peet, our former chairman of governors, had died at the age of 85. Jack worked as a teacher for many years and was a governor at our school for 10 years, but spent a total of 45 years as a school governor at a variety of local schools.

We all enjoyed speaking to Jack when he came into school, particularly the tales that he told us about his memories of wartime during some of our services of Remembrance.

We now have a meeting room upstairs which is named after him - 'The Peet Room', where important school meetings will be held.

He will be really missed by all of the children and staff at Newfield.

Communication Week 2011

In the week beginning 20th June, there were many activities that took place to promote communication. We had a great communication trail which had pupils going around the school and having fun working together to complete tasks. Each class carried out a "Speech Bubble" activity with the Speech and Language Therapy team. There was a whole school 'holidays' themed lunch which was a huge success!



An ice cream van came to our school and we communicated our choice of treats using various methods of communication.



Celebration of Dance

As part of the Communication Week, we expressed ourselves through dance.



The Performing Arts group used ribbons to emphasise their 'Fireworks' dance and R5 grooved to 'Blame it on the Boogie'.



'Jungle' was the theme for the ARC's dance and it was thrilling to watch them perform 'the lion sleeps tonight'. Class 2 presented the Bean Bag Boogie' and there was also an Indian 'Dandia' dance.



TG4 did a lively 'Wake Up, Shake Up' dance routine, which prompted everybody in the hall to get up and shake what they could. By Adam Davey

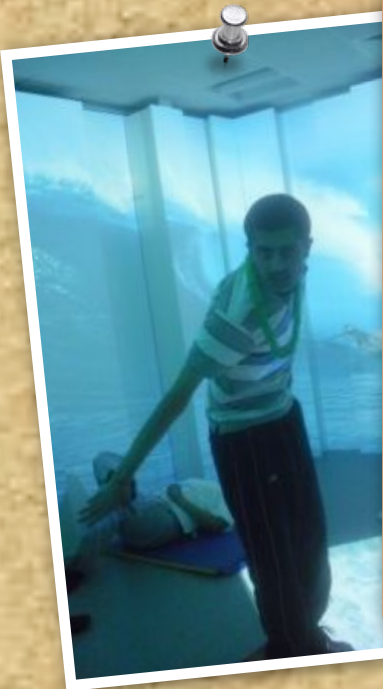


SWIMMING AWARENESS WEEK



During Swimming Awareness week classes were invited to visit the school swimming pool to see their friends using the pool and to join in with the lesson by following actions on the pool side. Each class was collected by a 'lifeguard' and there were water related activities in the atrium.

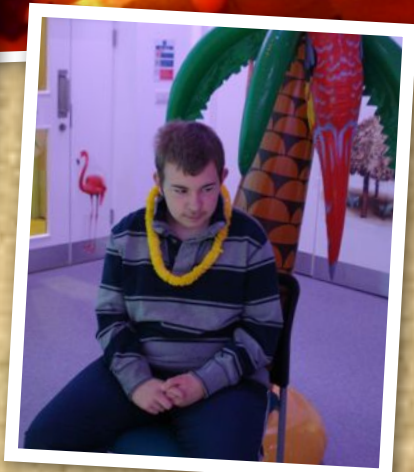
Everybody had lots of fun! Linda Cowie



During communication week every class went on a 'pretend' trip to Hawaii. They communicated with the Travel Agent by going in person, sending an email or making a telephone call and they then received their tickets and boarding cards. Each class had to find Gate number four and then go through a body scanner at the airport!

After a short flight they arrived in Hawaii where they were greeted by saying 'Aloha' to each other. After a morning on the beach they had an afternoon of surfing then watched a beautiful sunset before flying back to Manchester where the temperature was 13 degrees with grey clouds and a light drizzle!!

It was a fantastic adventure, thanks to our lovely new studio.
Linda Cowie



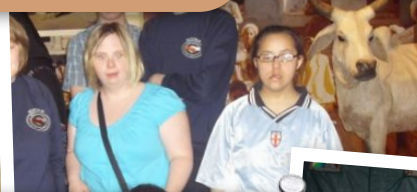
HAWAII STUDIO TRIP



Class 6 and R2 enjoyed a trip to Clitheroe Castle on July 4th. We travelled from Darwen train station to Clitheroe with some of the staff and pupils from Avondale School in Darwen. We spent some time at the Castle re-enacting The Battle of Hastings using helmets, spears and shields. We also made 'armour' for an egg and then threw it from the battlements to see if it would break! Everyone had a really fun time.



This term TG4 went to the Blackburn Museum and Art Gallery. They explored Asian artifacts and looked at the origins of the Dandia dancing. It was really fantastic to see other intriguing musical instruments like the huge brass gongs!



Class 4 had a great day out at the 'Safe Play Centre' in Ribbleson. We had a fantastic time on the soft play and in the sensory room before having a picnic in Ribchester. Even though it rained on the picnic we were able to sit in the pergola and have a good time.

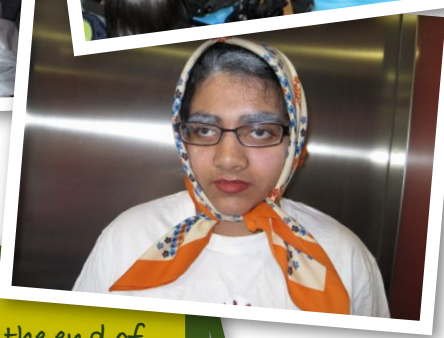


On Wednesday 13th July, members of TG1 and TG2 teamed up with their Witton Park High School peers and made the journey to Stanley Park in Blackpool. They had a fantastic day out, filled with sunshine, ice cream, picnics and adventure playgrounds. A fun time was had by all at a truly wonderful setting. Martyn Berry.



SUMMER TERM TRIPS 2011

WIZARD OF OZ SHOW



The Performing Arts group presented the end of the year play, 'Wizard of Oz'. All the pupils involved looked fabulous and gave dramatic performances. The audience engaged with the characters and really enjoyed it. Well done! Rachael Hayhurst

PROM NIGHT 2011



Newfield held its very first 'Leavers Prom Night' on 7th July. The theme was 'A Night in Paris' and the leavers had planned everything about it - decorations, buffet, disco and photos - with the help of Rachael and other staff. We even got to ride around in a beautiful vintage car! Everyone was very glamorous and had a magical night.



BENDRIGG 2011



A group from 2-13 went to Bendrigg Lodge near Kendal for a Residential visit in June. Jodie, Ammara and Jordan from C4 and Sunia, Jessica, Steven and Mobeen from C6 were helped by 2 students from Post 14 Rebecca and Kurt. We all surprised ourselves with how much we were able to achieve (that included the staff!) Thanks to all the staff who came along as well – Mrs Forde, Mrs Tindall, the 2 Emmas, Ruth, Rachael and Christine. We were also joined for the day on Wednesday by Emily, Ammaarah and Junaïd with Mrs Starkie and Andy Lavine. A good time was had by all!





*Celebration of Achievement
Assembly
Wednesday 20th July 2011*

At the very end of the Summer term we held our special assembly to celebrate the hard work of all of our young people. Our guest of honour, Councillor Maureen Bateson, MBE, gave out the awards. All of our leavers also received their portfolios at our assembly. Some children received awards for outstanding achievements, courage and effort. The choir sang beautifully and it was a wonderful occasion as always as well as a great way to end the school year. Well done everybody!

QEGS Jazz Band Visit

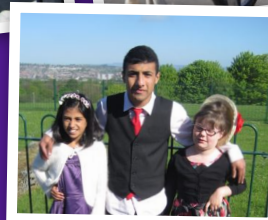
On Wednesday 6th July a Jazz band from Queen Elizabeths Grammar School came to play for us. It was really good fun! They introduced all the different instruments to us and played some tunes that we all knew. Ammaarah in class 5 was very excited to hear the Eastenders theme tune! We all danced to "Superstition" and then the boys let us have a go on the drums and keyboard and feel the vibrations in the trumpets and saxophones. Julie Jones



Newfield's Royal Wedding

The school celebrated the Royal Wedding by holding our own mock Royal Wedding. It was great to have a whole school event where everyone was taking part in the celebration together. The horse and carriage were really special and the themed 'wedding' buffet was really well received. There were decorations, bunting, flags and placemats made by individual classes which had

enhanced the whole atmosphere in school. Thank you to everyone who made the day special and wonderful.



Important Dates:

Summer Holiday

School Closes:
Friday 22nd July 2011

School re-opens:
Wednesday 7th September 2011

Autumn Half Term Holiday

School Closes:
Friday 21st October 2011

School re-opens:
Monday 31st October 2011



Our new Sensory Studio and Hall

We have been very lucky to have a brand new studio and a hall built with equipment installed which allows us to have some wonderful experiences which will enhance learning in all subject areas for all pupils. This term all classes experienced a pretend visit to Hawaii. They have been excited, motivated and have thoroughly enjoyed joining in the fun. The images, both still and moving, make you feel as if you are really there!! We are looking forward to many more lessons and themes using these lovely facilities.



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