

Summer
2012

Newfield Express



We've achieved the
inclusion quality
mark for the 3rd time!
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Letter from the Newfield Express Editor.

Hello! We are Daniel and Matthew. We are leaving Newfield this Summer, so we are the editors for the school's newsletter this term for the very last time.

We, the pupils and staff at Newfield school, have had another exciting, fun filled term. Lots of events have kept us busy and we have had so much fun!

Please read on to find out about what we have done for the Adventure week to Bendrigg Lodge, the American themed Prom, Our first Summer fair, Class

trips, Performances and Sports fun day.

Finally, we would like to wish everyone a nice long break and for the leavers all the best of luck for the future. We have loved every minute of Newfield

By Daniel and Matt



The Big Sing RRSA
Our Leavers Prom
Inspire Festival @ The Lowry
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The Queen's Jubilee
All Mixed Up!
Celebration of Achievement
2-13 Showcase

RRSA
Rights Respecting
Schools Award



In May we were delighted to hear that we have successfully achieved the Recognition of Commitment level (RoC) of UNICEF's Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA). This means that we have shown that as a school community the rights of children are at the forefront of all of the work that we do. We can now use the logo, to show everyone what we are committed to and what we have achieved - well done everyone!



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



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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Zakaria Bahar, Brad Brandon, Jack Eaves, Adam Davey, Luke Hill, Stephen Elliot, Devon Elliot, Louise Etherington, Henna Mukhtar, Zara Khurshid, Sufyaan Patel, Daniel Royle, Matthew Unsworth, Razina Valli, Tanya Wheatley, Shamma Patel



Emma Witherington

Kathleen Davis



Debbie Ratcliffe

Ann Gorman



David Barker

Rabia Dodia



Margaret Williams

Good bye to the staff leaving this term

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

THE ROYAL JUBILEE



We celebrated the Jubilee with a whole week of special events - it was amazing! Pupils at Newfield enjoyed Children's Entertainer Andy McGee.

Everyone at Newfield enjoyed the culinary delights of a whole school Jubilee themed Buffet and special appearance from Colin Ballard AKA St. Anne's Town Crier. Oh Yey, Oh Yey!!

Razina and Adam made a great King and Queen during our Newfield Royal Ball. Every class performed for Royalty before being commended from the King and Queen themselves and the audience applauded their fantastic efforts.

The School Hall was transformed into a Royal Gallery and exhibits of pupils interpretation of the Queen was erected for all to see!

Ice Cream for everyone!! Pupils loved hearing the sound of the ice cream van arriving at school and going outside to ask for their own ice cream. Here you can see Dominic enjoying his Ice Cream in the sunshine.

During the Jubilee Karaoke event, Newfield unleashed some budding Super Stars and everyone was amazed with their brilliant voices and enthusiasm on the microphone. Pupils queued to show the school their fantastic singing talents.

The Newfield Royal Ascot Day was certainly an exciting event where pupils cheered for their horses to win the races and medals. Everyone enjoyed nibbles and drinks at 'half time' and exhibited their beautifully designed hats. What a week!



Inscape Music Festival @ The Lowry

This half-term some of the 2-13 choir went to the Lowry Theatre in Salford to perform at the Inscape Summer Music Festival. The Festival has now been running for 10 years and this was Newfield's second year performing. The festival is organised by 'The Together Trust' which is a north west charity. A variety of special needs school from around the north west participated in the event. The choir all enjoyed performing their chosen song 'Just Sing' and watching the other schools performances. It was a lovely atmosphere and all the performers sang beautifully! All the children who participated also got a certificate to take home and at the end all the schools sang together a special song called 'We've All Got Something To Give'. This song was specially written for the event and is sung every year at the end of the show. All the students who went enjoyed the experience of performing on a big stage and they all did Newfield proud!



'The Big Sing' at King George's Hall

On June 13th a number of members of both the 2<13 and 14<19 choirs took part in a singing event at King George's Hall with other schools from within Blackburn with Darwen. The choir members attended rehearsals and singing workshops during the day and then performed some songs alongside the other schools at an evening concert. We were also asked if we would like to perform a song of our own – so we did! We sang and signed 'Three Little Birds' and 'Ain't no Mountain High Enough'. The audience thought this was wonderful and we were the only school there to get a standing ovation. The head teacher of another school emailed Geoff to say how brilliant we were!



A Summer of Music



In Class 5 we have been having music therapy with Kenton Mann. We have been playing the keyboard, drums, chimes and cymbal. We even played music through an I-pad.

We have really enjoyed our Thursday afternoons.

Students from TG5 & 6 have been learning about how to make a pop video with a visiting musician Andrew Ford. We have all had opportunities to sing, play the drums and film each other. Andrew has taught us the 'tricks of the trade' e.g. using a green screen to stand in front of whilst singing. In the finished video it will look as though we are standing on the X Factor stage! 'I loved singing 'The Climb'', said Tanya, and other students have amazed staff with both their singing and dancing skills - move over Beyonce! By Lynne Booth



Newfield Website

In September we will be launching our website. We have been working hard on getting lots of information and photographs so that we can share information about what is happening in school. We will let you know as soon as it is ready to be launched - we will be inviting parents into school for a coffee and to have a session on the laptops familiarising themselves with the site - watch this space!

2<13 Showcase

Following numerous requests from parents, on July 11th the 2<13 department took part in their 2nd 'Showcase'. The whole department took part and every child was included in demonstrating to parents some of the work they have been involved with during the year. The culmination of the event was a whole department performance of the M People song 'Proud' which had everyone singing and signing! Well done 2<13!



Building Work Update

Holiday times are always busy in school whilst we undertake general repairs and maintenance and this summer is no exception! One of the main pieces of work being done is a new floor covering in the Darwen Hall. The floor in our larger Blackburn Hall was replaced last Summer and this work will now complete this area, ensuring that it provides a suitable surface for all the activities that take place.

The other major piece of work is decorating and refurbishing our primary classes; and will involve re-decoration, new floor coverings and some new furniture so that our primary pupils will have bright, and tidy class rooms ready for September. Other works include external painting, repairs to the fence and playground repairs – just to make sure that Terry and Sean are kept busy whilst everyone else is on holiday.

Summer Fayre

Newfield School's first ever Car Boot Sale and Summer Fayre was held on the 7th July 2012. After the week's rainy weather we were all hopeful for a clear day but the weather was glorious! We had lots of car boot stalls and stalls with clothes, cakes, jewellery, crockery and books for sale. We also had beat the goalie, bouncy castles and the Red Rose Majorettes who performed for us. The Mayor of Blackburn, Councillor Zamir Khan came along and enjoyed the sunshine and fun too. In the 'guess the weight of the cake' competition, the cake weighed in at 7.8lbs and the winner was Pam Crompton who guessed the closest at 7.3lbs - Congratulations!

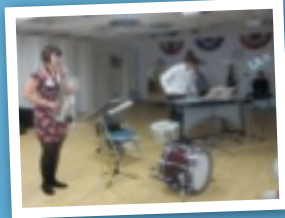
Thank you very much for all your kind donations and thank you to all those who came and made our Summer Fayre such a wonderful event, we made approx. £1500 towards a new mini bus for our school.



ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES



Live Music Now visit! - We were grateful to the Rotary club who donated funds to allow us to organise a music event from 'Live Music Now'. We were joined in school by two very talented musicians who entertained the whole school. We had the opportunity to listen to the sounds of the saxophone and a vibraphone. The vibraphone was really unusual and sounded fantastic. The pupils all enjoyed the different styles of music, including some very familiar pieces from our favourite Disney films. We also had the chance to play some percussion instruments and move our bodies to the music. Mr Parker from the Rotary came to see the event and I think it was clear to him that the pupils all appreciated their donation.



TG3 really enjoyed going to do cycling down at Witton park - they all slept well after an exhausting day!



Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6 had a big day out together at Windmill Farm near Southport. There was so much to do but we managed to fit everything in. The pupils all enjoyed meeting and feeding the animals. The train ride around the farm was a hit with everyone and so was the big soft play area.

Back in school some of the pupils even made postcards about their day, commenting on what they liked best. They looked great!



On Wednesday 4th July the whole of 14-19 went to Lytham St. Annes and had a great day. The weather was wet and wild, but the sun did come out some of the time! We went on the pier and spent a fortune on the slot machines! Some of us walked into town and did some shopping, and some went along the promenade. We all had a lovely packed lunch sheltering from the rain and we all really enjoyed our great big (WET) day out!

Thanks to Julie for organising it - where are we going next?!



SUMMER TERM

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES



This half term R2 have been on their end of year class trip to Camelot. We all had a great time despite it raining most of the day. All the children enjoyed going on lots of different rides and watching the horse jousting whilst we ate our dinner. We went on lots of rides including the log flume, dragon coaster, ferris wheel, carousel, tea cups, water slide, ghost train (we were all very brave!) and the spinning balloons. Finally, we had a bit of time in the soft play area. It was a very successful trip and I think we would all love to go back again!



TG2 and TG3 also went to Camelot - they had a fantastic time and it was lovely and sunny for them for the whole visit!



Swim-a-thon

Some pupils have taken part in a swim-a-thon at Shadsworth Leisure Centre and Daisyfield Pool. The aim was to raise money towards the £20,000 New Mini-bus fund. Unfortunately, not everyone has been able to take part. There will be sessions in the second and third week in the Autumn term.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has supported the Swim-a-thon. Money is still coming in, the grand total will be confirmed in the Autumn term.



SUMMER TERM

Sports Day



On Monday 16th July, Newfield Sports Day took place and proved to be a success enjoyed by all. The glorious British weather ensured that activities had to take place indoors but spirits were far from damp. All pupils enjoyed fun activities including: Beat the Keeper, Knock em Down, Target Drop, Face shot, Bounce it and Deep Sea Diving. In the afternoon there was a fun presentation ceremony and Zumba dancing to top off a fantastic day. Well done to all those who took part!



The Inclusion Quality Mark is an award that is given to schools who can demonstrate that they provide equal opportunities for all their pupils regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, background and attainment. It is about each individual being a valued member of the community and providing every child with a real sense of belonging.

An Inclusive Curriculum should provide relevant and challenging learning to all children by setting suitable learning challenges, responding to diverse learning needs and overcoming barriers to learning. After a very rigorous assessment process, Newfield School was deemed to meet the requirements and was first awarded the Mark in 2006.

Successful applications were made again in 2009 and most recently in June 2012. In recognition of our achievements we have been invited to apply for 'Flagship School' status which we hope to gain by October 2012. This will enable us to share our exemplary inclusive practise with other schools. Well done to everyone - especially Julie Jones TLR for Outreach, for all her hard work making sure we are all included!



BENDRIGG 2012



On Monday we arrived at Bendrigg and we looked around the grounds, it was big. When we arrived it was raining but then it stopped and we went for a walk along a rope bridge.

On Tuesday we went to lake Windermere and had a picnic at Brockhall, and then had a camp fire and toasted marshmallows.

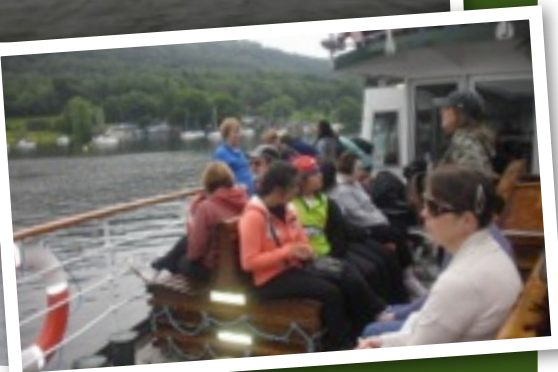
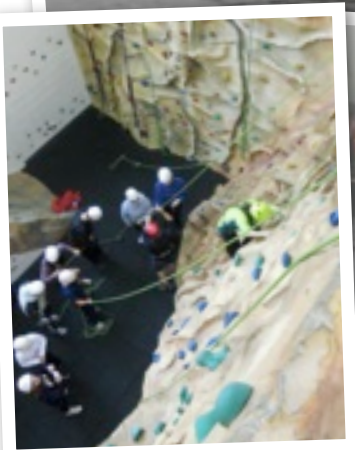
On Wednesday we went to the indoor climbing wall at Bendrigg which was quite high and quite scary and then we all went on the zip wire - it was brilliant and fun!

On Thursday we went to the indoor cave and then the big swing, later we went to the outdoor cave - it was really good, but terrifying because it was wet and dark and cold. Then in the evening we had a party.

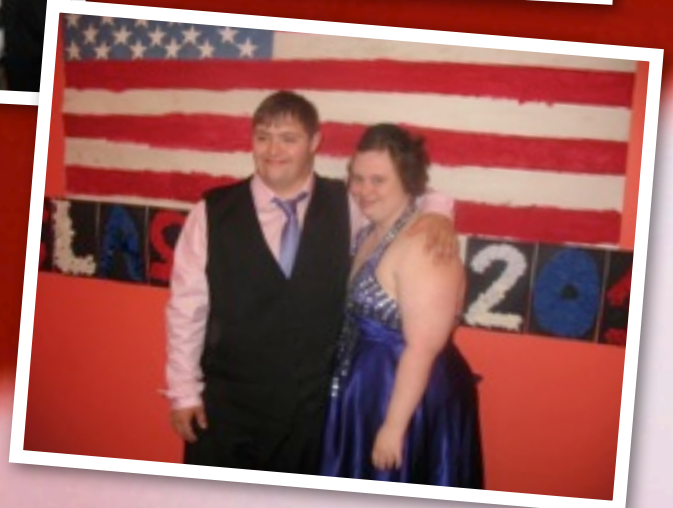
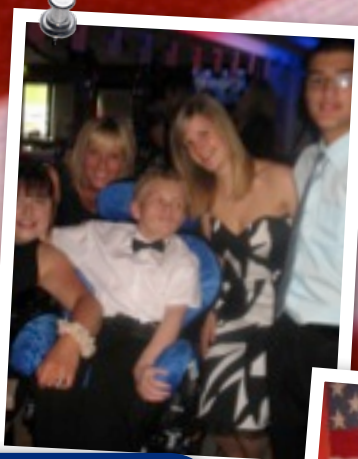
On Friday we cleaned the rooms and packed all the stuff and then we had a presentation.

We had an excellent week and the staff all behaved really well!

By Brad and Daniel



PROM NIGHT 2012



This year's prom was bigger and better than ever! It was based on American Independence day. We had a live band performing some classic hits, American food such as fries, burgers, and hot dogs. All the leavers got presented with a trophy, and leaver's hoodies. David also interviewed all the leavers individually and asked them about their time at Newfield and that was shown on the screen. It was a great night and one to remember!

By Ismail Seedat.



*Celebration of Achievement
Assembly
Tuesday 17th July 2012*

At the end of the Summer term we held our very special annual assembly to celebrate the hard work of all of our young people. Our guest of honour, Lisa Bibby - Director of Schools and Learning, gave out the awards. All of our leavers also received their records of achievement at our assembly and they had each chosen their favourite song to come out to. Some children received awards for outstanding achievements, courage and effort. We saw a movie trailer of the students time at Bendrigg which was great. The choir sang beautifully and it was a really great occasion. Well done everybody!

Note from the Head!

Hi Everyone!

There has been such a lot to celebrate this term with the Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics! However, this is always a bit of a sad term as we have to say goodbye to so many of our students who we will miss greatly. The Prom was an outstanding success this year with a live band and an American Theme ...great time had by all!

Over the summer we are planning further school improvements with a number of classes being refurbished and further grounds work to improve the outside facilities. Another thing to look forward to is the launch of our new website, but more news and announcements about that in the Autumn Term.

Thank you all for your continued support in school. We all really appreciate your help! May I wish you a very happy Summer holidays and I look forward to seeing you all in the new term.

Geoff Fitzpatrick

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Important Dates:

Summer Holiday

School Closes:

Thursday 19th July 2012

School re-opens for STAFF:

Monday 3rd September 2012

School re-opens for PUPILS:

Wednesday 5th September 2012

Autumn Half Term Holiday

School Closes:

Friday 26th October 2012

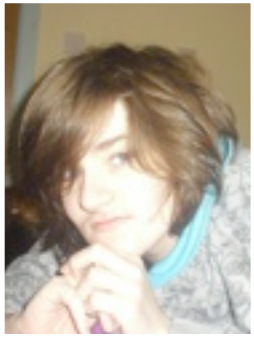
School re-opens:

Monday 5th November 2012

Christmas Holiday

School Closes:

Friday 21st December 2012



David Strachan

Good bye &
Good luck to the
students who leave
us this term!



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Governor Spotlight

This term the governors came into school to spend time in classes and see what goes on here on a normal day! Here are some of their thoughts on their time spent with us in class - it was nice to see them and we hope they come again!

Louise - "I spent the morning in R2 it was fantastic - they are a lovely class. I am keeping in touch with them by email - I now consider them my class".

Richard - "It was the most valuable thing I have ever done in school".

Paul - "I loved it - I went with my class to the Jubilee celebration and had an excellent time. The staff and children were fantastic".

Joan - "I enjoyed the class as they were baking and I showed them how to ice the cakes! I also enjoyed being in the royal box for Ascot Day during Jubilee week."

'Newfield School is committed to safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults as its number one priority' Full copies of Policies and Procedures related to all aspects of Safeguarding, and the Complaints Policy, are available on request from

Geoff Fitzpatrick, Head Teacher and Designated Senior Person for Safeguarding and Child Protection

Newfield School complies with the general and specific duties of the Equality Act (2010). In accordance with the duty we publish information that demonstrates that we have due regard to the need to: Eliminate unlawful discrimination, Advance equality of opportunity & Foster good relations. These specific duties have been considered in relation to all our policies and procedures in school. Our objectives will be reported on and published as part of the Governance public documents available for inspection under the Freedom of information Regulations and Data Protection duties.