

Summer
2013

Newfield Express



Letter from the Newfield Express Editor.

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

I am writing the newsletter for the last time as I am leaving school after 14yrs. This last term has been an excellent busy term as always. We have had Alistair Nicholson who set up pottery workshops, a leaving assembly for Anne Shaw and we have had a Swimming Awareness week in which all students got an opportunity to go down to our Hydro pool and join in with some of the fun activities which were organised by Nicola and Janis. We are very proud to have achieved some national awards this term too - Level 1 RRSA as well as LPPA, which we celebrated by holding a beach

party - in the rain! You can read more about it inside. We have been fundraising for a new minibus - There was a fabulous fashion show organised, as well as the Summer Fair, both of which were well attended. We've been on trips and we got active during Sports Day. The Celebration of Achievement Assembly was wonderful and our leavers were treated to a Bollywood themed Prom. I will certainly miss all of the Newfield fun! Hope you have a wonderful summer.
Ismail Seedat



Sensory work in the studio
Leaver's Prom
Friendship Fortnight
Beach Party
Pottery Workshops
LPPA Summer trips
Singing - Inscape @ The Lowry
Swimming Awareness Week
RRSA Wigggleathon
Celebration of Achievement
2-13 Showcase Sports Days

Breaking news...

The Summer Fair raised over £3,800 for our minibus fund! If you want to 'give us your money' to help us, go to newfield.org.uk and click on this button!



Thank you!



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 eleven of our friends! We will miss you all and hope that you keep in touch.

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Nimra Dar, Maariya Shani, Lauren Parkinson, Ismail Seedat, Nicola Dillon, Arron Waddicon, Fraaz Ahmed, Adam Aspinall, Timothy Bury, Shakif Ahmed, and Samuel Charles



Hafsa Zafar



Vasile Tamase



Asiya Sange



Pottery Workshops



As part of the Creative Curriculum, community artist Alistair Nicholson came to our school to demonstrate how potters work using a potter's wheel. Pupils had the opportunity to experience shaping clay and were excited to take home their own personal designs. We loved making our own vases and bowls - it was really messy!

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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Good bye to the staff leaving this term

We are also saying goodbye to a few 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!



Carla Mitchell



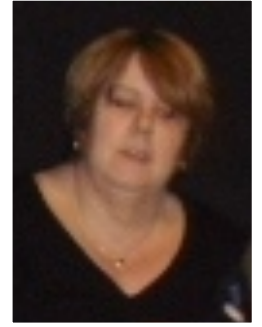
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Note from the Head!

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Hi Everyone!

What a brilliantly successful term and year we have had!.....it started with our successful OFSTED, particularly praising us for how well we all work together to help our children ...and finished with two major recognition awards....Leading Parents Partnership Award and the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Award!

I am particularly proud of both these awards as they show what we can achieve together, putting children and their families at the centre of all that we do! What was great in all this were the parents who met and spoke with the assessors in support of our partnership work...and the children's contributions just made you want to burst with pride!

As always, thank you all for your continued support in school and I wish you a very Happy holidays.....hope the sun shines!

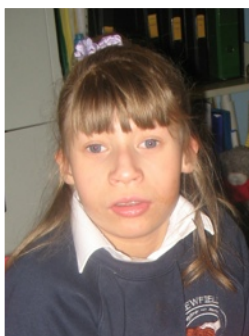
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Geoff Fitzpatrick

Happy Retirement Nurse Anne!



After working at Newfield, and before that Dame Evelyn Fox school for many years, Nurse Anne Shaw retired earlier this summer term. We had a big, tearful, assembly that some parents also attended. A great big 'Thank you' for all of your devotion and care Anne. Our Newfield family will really miss her and we wish her a long and happy retirement!



A fond farewell to Levi

We were all deeply saddened in May when our friend, Levi, passed away.

Everyone in school knew her - she was a very lively girl!

Lots of staff went to the funeral and Levi came to school, one last time to say goodbye to us all on her way to the service.

We would like to pass our condolences and best wishes onto Levi's family, especially her foster mum, Sonia, who many of you will know from the parents group or from her time on our governing body - Levi and Sonia have been a big part of Newfield for a long time and we will all remember Levi as part of our family.

SWIMMING AWARENESS WEEK



Janis and Nicola (our swimming teachers) invited classes to their lessons at the school pool to raise their awareness of the learning which takes place whilst pupils use this fantastic resource.

All the pupils had fun learning through the themes of 'sporting activities in the water' (competitive swimming, water polo and synchronised swimming) and 'trains' (warming up to the 'love train' going on a 'holiday train' and dancing to the 'locomotion') Parallel water based activities were planned using the 4D equipment in the hall and the studio which every class in the school took advantage of and had lots of fun.



Everybody had lots of water fun!



Rights Respecting Schools Award - Achieving Level 1 of RRSA



We were absolutely delighted to be visited by UNICEF Assessor, Mrs. Pat Peaker, back in May, who came to find out about the work we have been doing on respecting children's rights. She met with children, staff, parents and governors and was really very impressed with our school. She awarded us Level 1 of the Rights Respecting School Award and said that we were all brilliant ambassadors for UNICEF.

The steering group decided to hold a Newfield Beach Party to celebrate this achievement - it rained hard on the day but we had a buffet lunch, party games, sensory beach activities, an ice cream van visit and a fantastic disco - everyone loved it!



TG7 went on a class trip to Madame Tussauds in Blackpool on Thursday 13th June. Everyone was very excited to see some stars and have their photographs taken with them. We arrived in the minibus and entered the building where we found the likes of Shrek, Cheryl Cole, Simon Cowell and Jamie Oliver. We then had a class 'mug shot' taken with various boards. We all very much enjoyed the museum, especially sitting in the 'Rovers' with Deirdre Barlow and drumming alongside pop stars such as Tom Jones and Peter Andre!

Being able to box, play golf and throw darts was fun too. We even had our photograph taken with the royal family. After our visit we sat next to the promenade to eat our lunch and have ice creams, despite the rainy weather. We then we had a quick look around the gift shop to buy a souvenir before heading home. It was certainly a trip to remember!



Class 1 completes 6 weeks pet therapy at Wellybobs farm!

We enjoyed being outside in all weathers and experienced lots of sounds, smells and unusual textures to touch. We met farm animals and some exotic creatures. We had our favourites which we visited each week, these included the reindeer with the broken antler, that was mended with blue sticking plaster, the two day old baby goats, the mum and baby donkey. Jodie and Polly the parakeets were noisy and always seemed pleased to see us. The most unusual animal was the baby wallaby that was kept warm in a fur coat and carried around in the flight bag. We were not very keen on the snakes and iguanas. Our most exciting experience was the horse riding, we had to wear riding hats and sit up straight as we walked along the side of the field. We enjoyed every minute of visits and travelling on the minibus was a new venture for us.



TG5 had a fantastic time at Smithills Farm for their class trip. They fed lambs using milk bottles, handled chicks, guinea pigs, rabbits, and owls. There was a 12 foot long Burmese Python snake and some thought it felt like a handbag! The enjoyable tractor and trailer ride reminded us of roller coasters. There was a stop made to feed donkeys with bread and see some milking action from the cows. Lots of other animals, including more snakes and alpacas, were appreciated at the wonderful farm with all its great 'sensory' smells.



SUMMER TERM



Class 4 have had a fantastic day out at Windmill Farm near Southport. There was so much to do and we started our busy day on the lovely playground equipment. Some pupils even braved the zip wire! We then enjoyed a train ride spotting lots of the farm animals. We even took the sun with us so we could enjoy our picnic lunch outside. Everyone did a super job feeding the lambs before it was time to head back to school.



R3 and R5 went on a day trip to Hothersall Lodge – an outdoor education centre in Longridge. The first activity was an indoor climbing wall and caving experience. Kitted up with helmets and harnesses, most of the pupils enjoyed the challenge of climbing up and down the wall. Some of them also had fun being hoisted into the air in a harness and swung backwards and forwards. The indoor cave was also popular - pupils were able to explore the passageways and had to find different objects that had been placed in there. The final activity in the morning was orienteering, which involved looking at photos of the outside area and trying to find the places pictured. After a quick lunch, it was time to get wet and go canoeing. The pupils had a great time in the canoes and enjoyed steering towards and collecting up lots of plastic yellow ducks that had been thrown into the lake. It was a brilliant day and the pupils did really well to take part in so many new and challenging activities!!



On Tuesday R1 visited 'The Blue Planet Aquarium'. We saw big sharks, lots of different fish, frogs and lizards. There were even crocodiles. We all enjoyed going through the underwater tunnel where sharks and sting rays swim over your head. Everyone had a good time and it was a lovely day out.



On Thursday 4th July TG4 went to visit a synagogue in Bury as part of their Religious Education lesson to see all the items talked about in their lesson and how some of these were used.



The Leavers had a Day Out at Witton Park and the Bowlplex in Blackburn. They had a fantastic time playing Ten Pin Bowling and winner of the games was Timmy!



TRIPS 2013

Prom Night 2013

BOLLYWOOD



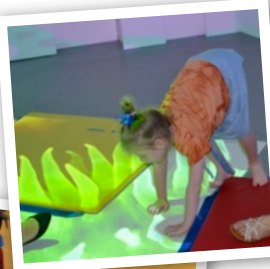
The annual leavers Prom was fantastic, with this year the 'Bollywood' theme! The hall looked amazing - check out our baby elephant! Many people dressed in beautiful asian style clothing, we had a delicious curry buffet and were treated to Bollywood dancing and drumming as well as a disco. Everyone had a really great time!

Wiggleathon!

There was lots of fun in raising £244.48 for the charity 'Happy Days'. We did lots of dancing and enjoyed wiggling to the music. It was a great time for everyone to take part for an important cause.



There were many sporting games played with events taking place in the halls, studio, classes and outside. It was great to see everyone interacting and taking part on the Sports Days so enthusiastically. Each phase had their own Sports Day. There were medals and certificates presented to winners and the 11-19 phase even had a trophy for the overall winning team. With the days hot and sunny, it was great to cool down with ice-creams and ice-lollies!



Sports Days





Celebration of Achievement Assembly

Wednesday 17th July 2013



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 very special guests of honour, who gave out the awards, were Mr. Harry Catherall, Chief Executive for BwD borough Council and Councillor Dave Harling, Executive Member for Schools and Education. All of our leavers also received their portfolios at our assembly and enjoyed collecting them to their own, personally chosen sound track! Some children received awards for outstanding achievements, courage and effort. Many parents, friends and colleagues who work regularly with school attended the assembly. 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 and thank you to all of our guests for making the event so special!

IQM Assessor Visit

Last year Newfield School became a Flagship School for the Inclusion Quality Mark because of our totally inclusive ethos for all our pupils. On June 19th our assessor Mr John Hill visited us again to see if we had achieved our targets for the year and to decide whether we could keep the flagship status for another 12 months. I'm pleased to tell you that he was very impressed with our progress and awarded it to us again.

Mr Hill was particularly impressed with our links with Witton Park School and really enjoyed seeing the Inclusive activities. Aimie demonstrated a switch assessment pack to him and he thought that this was an innovative way of assessing switch

usage to promote communication and independence.

Mr Hill thought that our Wellbeing profiles gave our PMLD pupils a cross curricular way of receiving necessary therapies and sensory experiences.

He was particularly impressed with the RRSA and our pupils. He had never experienced pupils in a special school who were able to say what they wanted and how they want things to be. He felt that they had been liberated! What a great celebration of a fantastic year's work!



2-11 Showcase

At the end of the year, we had entertainment from the 2-11 phase, which was based on curriculum themes. Parents, pupils from our link schools and the older pupils were treated to pirates, jungles, shapes and colours. It was fabulous to see the work from our primary classes and listen to some great singing from the primary choir. The Gangnam Style wheelchair dance was a super hit and it had everyone dancing and joining in with the moves!



Inscape Festival at the Lowry



Our wheelchair dance group from Class 3 and 4, and the choir performed in the Inscape Music Festival at the Manchester Lowry Theatre. It was really great being complimented on our unique wheelchair dance particularly when dancing to 'Candy' by Robbie Williams. The choir sung and signed to 'Walking on Sunshine' and 'Rule the World'. Thank you to Lois and the other staff who made it possible to show Newfield's talent.



LPPA - Leading Parent Partnership Award

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Newfield School is very proud to announce that it has gained the Leading Parent Partnership Award! LPPA assessors, Wendy Hartley and Tina Bate visited school on 3rd May and spoke to a number of pupils, parents, staff and governors. The assessors reported finding Newfield to be a very welcoming place and were impressed

with the way the school is focused on ensuring parents and carers were at the heart of their children's learning. They felt we had: 'very effective partnerships between home and school' and we demonstrated 'outstanding evidence of parental involvement.'
So well done everyone - a real achievement for 'partnership working'!



Fashion Show

The Parent's Group co-ordinated a very successful fashion show in June. It was attended by over a hundred ladies, friends and families from the school. The fashions included day wear, evening and bridalwear. The models and the clothes were provided by Ikram from Safaa Couture. The evening was hosted by DJ Shanaz who entertained with her music and lively banter. Supper was provided by Shabana and her team from Koken spices. The event raised £401.10 for the minibus fund. Thanks to everyone involved!



Important Dates:

Summer Holiday
School Closes:
Friday 19th July 2013

School re-opens for STAFF:
Thursday 5th September 2013
School re-opens for PUPILS:
Monday 9th September 2013

Autumn Half Term Holiday
School Closes:
Friday 25th October 2013
School re-opens:
Monday 4th November 2013



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

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