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Newfield Express



Letter from the Newfield Express Editor.

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

It has been a jam-packed term so far. We celebrated Eid ul-Adha in style with a special Eid Assembly. This was followed by a whole school Eid lunch in which we had traditional Asian food with a special guest who performed a Nasheed. In September, for the 11-19 phase, there was a day out at the Museum of Science & Industry in Manchester which linked with the theme of The Industrial Revolution. We had a Maths Enrichment week which all the students participated in and enjoyed.

There has been lots of fundraising going on as usual. We had a very exciting visit from the OFSTED inspectors, where we enjoyed showing them how great we are! It has been really busy organising the Christmas plays this year with each class in 11-19 performing classic scenes from Oliver, and 2-11 holding a traditional Nativity. We have also had the fabulous Christmas fair, a Christmas Lunch and a party & disco to end a great term. From all of us, I wish you a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

- Children in Need Christmas
- Class trips
- Remembrance
- OFSTED
- Film Club
- 21st anniversary of UNICEF's CRC
- Witton Pilot Project
- Harvest
- Halloween fun
- Maths Enrichment day
- Jeans for Genes day
- EID
- M&M Productions - Sleeping Beauty



OFSTED...

It's official!.....we have been judged by OFSTED to be 'good' with outstanding features especially our partnership with parents. This report is very complimentary & demonstrates our commitment to the children & how hard we all work. The success of the school we share with all those who support our work; parents, carers, health professionals, mainstream colleagues and other support services. Most importantly we thank the children and students for making it a real pleasure and privilege to work at this school.

Thank you for all your support!



Welcome to our new pupils...

Lots of pupils joined us in September at the start of this school year. We would like everyone to give a warm welcome to all of our newcomers.

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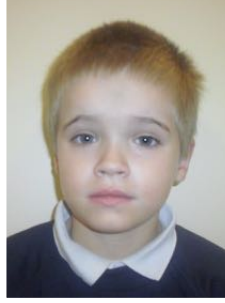
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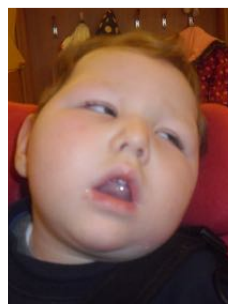
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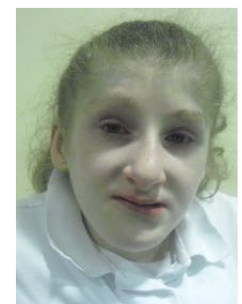
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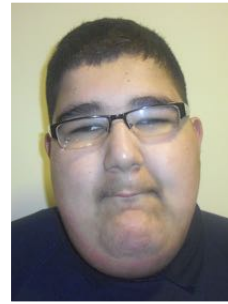
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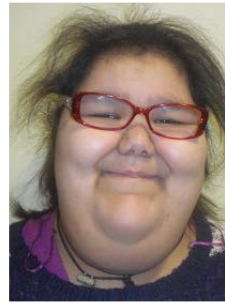
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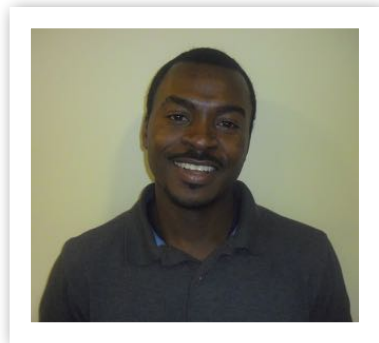
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Welcome also to our new Site Supervisor - Trisroy

Hi Everyone!



Message from the Head...

This has been a really eventful term!...but the highlight has got to be our impressive OFSTED inspection report. Their judgement is a testimony to all the dedication and hard work the staff, and you as parents/carers, put into helping our children reach their full potential. I am very proud of the staff and children for all they have achieved. The inspectors were truly impressed!...and so they should be! This report now provides us with a springboard to move forward and further secure improvements in what we do, and how to help each other in the future.

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

Geoff Fitzpatrick

Hayley Miller - R3

Why did you want to work here at Newfield?

I wanted to work here because I think it's a really really good school I think all the students are absolutely fabulous. I think all the teachers and staff are really enthusiastic and really supportive of the school and just thought it would be a really nice place to work.

How did you feel when you first came to this school?

I felt very welcome actually, everyone was really really nice and helped me find things and helped me to settle in. I felt very happy that I'd got a job here.

How long have you been a teacher?

This is my first ever proper teaching job so before I was here I was a student studying at university so I'm an NQT.

What is your favourite subject to teach?

I like doing literacy because I love stories, I love reading stories and talking about them and the characters, I think that's my favourite.

How is this school different to your last school?

Because I was a student I was at a few different schools on placement before I came here. I think this school is different because it is much more welcoming than a lot of other places, everyone's been very nice and friendly.

What interests do you have outside school?

I play a bit of netball but not as often as I would like to and I like to go out for my tea, that's one of my favourite things to do.

What is your favourite T.V. programme?

Oooh that's a hard one, I like to watch programmes with food, I like to watch cooking programmes. It makes me feel hungry but I like watching them... things like Great British Menu where they cook really really nice food.

Do you enjoy your job here at Newfield? I absolutely love my job at Newfield and couldn't imagine anything I'd rather do.



Tracy Durkin - Tutor Group 6

Why did you want to work here at Newfield?

I thought my skills would lend themselves well to Newfield, I felt that I could make a difference to the pupils.

How did you feel when you first came to this school?

I felt excited to start a new job but also apprehensive of changing jobs and meeting lots of new students and staff.

How long have you been a teacher?

I have been a teacher for 7 years and 3 months.

What is your favourite subject to teach?

That's easy - wood work and art.

How is this school different to your last school?

This school is different because I teach fewer pupils each week. At my last school I used to teach about 250 different pupils each week but here I teach about 20. I also do more fun activities here.

Do you find people here to be friendly?

Yes - very friendly. The staff have been friendly and the pupils are all very friendly and polite.

What interests do you have outside school?

I enjoy spending time with my husband and 2 children. I enjoy walking and rock climbing and I also like doing craft work.

What is your favourite T.V. programme?

My favourites are Holby City and Casualty.

Do you enjoy your job here at Newfield? I enjoy it lots!



Lois Talbot - Tutor Group 3

Why did you want to work here at Newfield?

I wanted to work with the very special individuals.

How did you feel when you first came to this school?

Really excited, really impressed with the building & facilities and the fact that everyone was so friendly.

How long have you been a teacher?

I have been a teacher for 15 years.

What is your favourite subject to teach?

Definitely music but also anything creative and anything to do with arts and crafts. I love glitter!

How is this school different to your last school?

This is a very special school. I came from a mainstream school where I worked with lots of different ability groups in a week.

Do you find people here to be friendly?

Unbelievably friendly! It is the friendliest place I've ever been!!

What interests do you have outside school?

I enjoy spending time with my family. I play the trumpet and flugelhorn - which is a bit like a trumpet but makes a more melodic sound. I play in Bolton Symphony Orchestra and a brass ensemble called 'Corus'. I have played in the Royal Albert Hall in the past.

What is your favourite T.V. programme?

When I get chance I love watching Holby City.

Do you enjoy your job here at Newfield? Yes I love it!



Meet our new teachers

This term, we had four new teachers join us. During their English lessons, some of the students put them through a grilling - interviewing them to find out a bit more about them!

Here are the results of the interviews - they all seem to love Newfield!

Danielle Roberts - Class 3

Why did you want to work here at Newfield?

I always wanted to work in a special school, mainstream didn't seem right for me.

How did you feel when you first came to this school?

Excited, this is the first school I have taught at since graduating.

How long have you been a teacher?

I have been a teacher for 3 months, I graduated from a 4 year degree at the University of Cumbria in June. This is my first school.

What is your favourite subject to teach?

That's a hard one... Creative curriculum, because you can get messy and do lots of exciting things.

Do you find people here to be friendly?

Yes - very friendly.

What interests do you have outside school?

I love to go rock climbing.

What is your favourite T.V. programme?

I don't really watch T.V. - I would rather be playing outside.

Do you enjoy your job here at Newfield?

Yes I love it! The children and staff are very friendly. The children achieve lots of things that make me smile and it gives me lots of job satisfaction.



Rights Respecting School Award بچوں کے حقوق کا احترام

On November, We held a tea party for the whole school, to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the UK signing up to UNICEF's Convention on the Rights of the Child(CRC). We really try as a school to promote and respect children's rights - so decided to celebrate this special occasion with a party and balloon launch. Paul Lee, the Chairman of Governors attended, and it was a lovely afternoon.



Christmas Fair

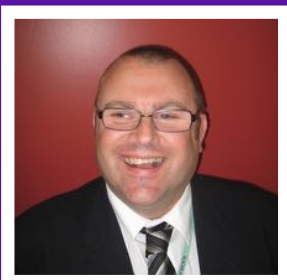
Our annual Christmas Fair was brilliantly attended by many people. There was a band 'Corus Brass' playing carols, which created a fantastic atmosphere...

There were lots of games and stalls selling objects that children had made – coasters, tree decorations, sweets, jewellery, plants and lots of delicious food in the cafe.

Also, Father Christmas paid a visit to what was our best Christmas street fair so far!



Paul Lee,
Our Chairman of Governors



Governor Spotlight



It has been another eventful term at Newfield, and many Governors have attended the various events that have been held: I personally attended the 21st Anniversary Tea Party for Rights Respecting Schools, and watched the 'balloon launch' on a very windy afternoon, and have also enjoyed a delicious Christmas Lunch! I have always been impressed when I have visited the school with the positive attitude and commitment to the children and young people by staff in whatever role they fulfil.

In addition we have had our long awaited OFSTED visit and whilst at the time of going to press the final report has not yet been published, the outcome was very positive and each and every pupil and member of staff should be congratulated for the part they have played.

On behalf of all the Governors may I wish all pupils, their families and staff a very Happy Christmas and restful holiday.

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2-11 Christmas Performance

On 11th December, our primary aged pupils staged a wonderful production of the Christmas Story. Classes 1-4, R1 and R2 were all fantastic and did us all very proud in a lively version of the Nativity play in the hall using our fabulous 4D sound and lighting equipment to set the scene. They looked great in their costumes and all worked really hard to learn the songs and the Makaton signs for these. The pupils also played different instruments during the songs.

The primary and ARC choir also performed and were super! Some of our pupils recorded key words and phrases from the story and other pupils used switches to play the recordings to join in too.

It was wonderful to see so many parents attending the production and seeing how talented our children are, using their communication and movement skills to great effect - they all really loved it!

Thank you to the staff who supported so discretely, and well done everyone!



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Since we launched our website in September we have had lots and lots of visitors from all over the World! Some people come looking for a school for their child, or for a job in a fantastic school like ours, or for ideas and information. We are always delighted to hear what people like about it, and welcome any suggestions on how to make it even better.

We write in our blog regularly to keep everyone up to date with what is happening in school, so for more information about the many, many events and activities taking place, please check it out soon!

Maths Enrichment Event



The Maths Enrichment event proved to be a huge success with lots of exciting, unusual and disgusting activities for pupils to polish up their maths skills. Activities included: Lemon and Lime Balancing; Deep Sea Diving for numbers; A Squelchy Halloween based Number Hunt; Wheelchair Roll or Long Jump and 2D Shape Eating! We had a fantastic time putting some of our learning about Maths into practice.



Witton Pilot Project



This term we have had a very exciting project begin between our school and Witton Park High School. All pupils in TG3 and TG4 have a weekly session at Witton Park, and now that they have a lovely new school we are going to extend our activities.

In October a group of parents of pupils who are attending the new scheme went to have a look round the new building. They were very impressed, not only with the great facilities but also the excellent behaviour of the students there. Our pilot group went to Whittakers in Blackburn to try on their uniforms. They all looked really cool!

After an initial tour day, November 6th was our first session at Witton Park. Jordan joined in Science, Tyler & Ammaarah joined in Drama and Emily & Maariyah joined in Art. We had a great time! We all think it's going to be very successful.

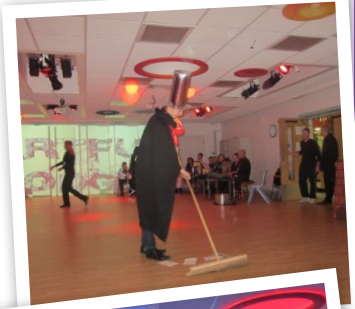
Julie Jones Outreach Coordinator.



11-19 Christmas Performance - Oliver Twisted

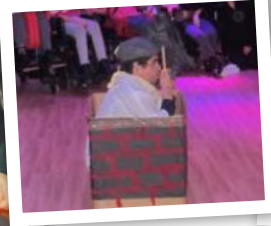
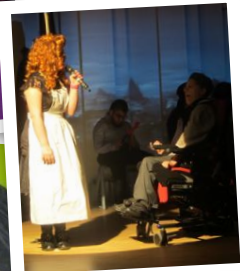


On the 12th December the 11-19 department put on a Christmas show called Oliver Twisted with a slight difference to the original Oliver Twist. Many classes performed their version of the classic scenes with great acting and fabulous costumes. There was also a musical experience led by Kenton Mann, where I sang a song called Oom Pah Pah and my fellow friends Arron and Lauren sang their own songs. To round off a wonderful morning with a treat, the Newfield Choir led by Lois and Rachael, sung some lovely Christmas Carols. It was a wonderful occasion which was enjoyed by everyone.



Thank you to everyone who took part and made it extra special.

by Ismail Seedat



Children in Need

For Children in Need day on 16th November, we were excited to see Pudsey Bear visiting us and some of us enjoyed a cuddle. There were lots of interesting things going on to raise money for Children in Need. We had a cake decorating competition, sponsored walks, and stalls selling cakes and pies. All together we raised an amazing grand total of £702.31. Well done!



Inclusion Quality Mark Flagship Status



We are really pleased to tell you all about some very good news we have recently received. Newfield School has been awarded Flagship School Status for Inclusion! Flagship Status is achievable if you have 3 successful Inclusion Quality Mark assessments which we gained in 2006, 2009 and 2012. This is a fantastic achievement, well done everyone, particularly Julie Jones, Outreach Coordinator for all her hard work! Because of the diversity of needs of our pupils we are constantly evaluating and redeveloping our Outreach Programme. We now have a progressive programme of Inclusion activities that begins in Class 1 with pupils from local nursery schools coming to share play activities. Local school children of all ages join our classes for a variety of classroom activities and we also have community visits. From TG1 students attend Witton Park High School on a weekly basis and from TG5 students work at Stanley Grange, Myerscough College and Blackburn College. This interaction with their mainstream peers has immense benefits for our pupils. We also know that this is having an effect in the community as children with special needs are beginning to be recognised as not that different after all! Inclusion is a very important part of our curriculum and we are very grateful to all our link schools who support us so enthusiastically.

Jeans for Genes Day 2012

In October, Newfield joined in with 'Jeans for Genes Day' by dressing in jeans or casual clothes and selling & buying toast, tea cakes and cakes. Former pupils returned for the morning to help with the cafe and carry round the specially decorated, infamous bucket.

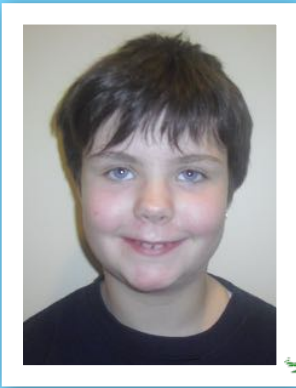
We like raising money for 'jeans for genes day' because lots of the children who come to Newfield have genetic disorders, so we hope that we are helping scientists to find cures and solutions in the future for some of the conditions that affect us today.

We also just love dressing in our own clothes, eating cakes and having fun!

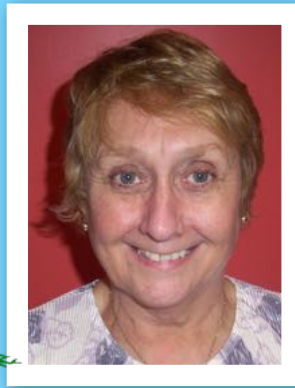
We raised just over £130 – thanks very much to all who contributed.



Goodbye & Good Luck...



Jodie Dyson



Carol White

One of our pupils has left to go to another school this term, and our very good friend, Carol who has worked here for 21 years is also leaving us to take a very well earned early retirement.

We wish them both good luck for the future and we hope they keep in touch.

Remembrance Day 2012

In November, before our special assembly, in classes we had all explored the themes behind Remembrance Day, trying to give a perspective of what it means. Each class created artworks in recognition of the event, which is pictured here and which was on display in school. During the assembly, there was a performance of 'The Last Post' and the 'Reveille' followed by a minute's silence. Stephen Irwen, from Blackburn Museum, came into school to show everyone some of the museum's first world war collection and we found it interesting and enjoyed wearing the uniforms and thinking about fallen soldiers.

We will remember them...



Important Dates:

Christmas Holiday
School Closes:
Friday 21st December 2012

School re-opens to staff:
Monday 7th January 2013
School re-opens to pupils:
Tuesday 8th January 2013

Spring Half Term Holiday
School Closes:
Friday 15th February 2013

School re-opens:
Monday 25th February 2013



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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.