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# Newfield Express



## Hello Everyone - Letter from the new style Newfield Express Editor.

My name is Ismail. I am the editor for the school's newsletter.

It is usually done by Mrs Walker but we have had a bit of a change and now the Secondary pupils are going to be doing the newsletter in Golden Time on Friday afternoons - it should be lots of fun. I would like to start off by giving a very warm welcome to our wonderful new head teacher Mr. Geoff Fitzpatrick and all of the new pupils who have started this September.

It has been a very busy term - we are always doing wonderful things at our school. We had a Halloween party, we did fundraising for Children in Need by going all spotty and had a special visit by

Pudsey himself! Jack Peet came into school and gave a very interesting talk about Remembrance Day and his experiences in the war. This time of the year it is always very nice to be at Newfield. Our school choir, which I am a member of, goes to Blackburn Cathedral to perform at a special concert. This year I did not attend this event as I was going to Darwen Vale High School to perform with other children from the after school club at Newfield in a Christmas Cabaret - as I said it's been a busy time!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our staff, pupils, parents and friends of Newfield School a very Merry Christmas and a fantastic 2008.

Thank you.  
Ismail Seedat



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Ismail and the rest of the newsletter team at the big interview.

## Special Feature

### Interview with Geoff Fitzpatrick our new Headteacher

Q. How does it feel to be at this new school ?

A. It feels really good to be at this new school and I am enjoying it.

Q. Is this school far from your home?

A. Yes where I live my old school used to be just 1 mile down the road, which isn't very far at all, so I could get to and from work in about 5 minutes. But here, I have to travel 13 miles so it takes me a little bit longer but it is still not a long journey. It only takes about half an hour.

Q. Which Doctor Who character do you like?

A. I like lots of them you see - I'm quite old.

Q. What is your favourite football team?

A. My favourite football team is Preston North End because I am from Preston but I think Blackburn is doing a lot better than Preston.

Q. What is your job in this school?

A. I am the head teacher at this school. I work particularly with the teachers and the staff, but I am responsible for the children.



Q. What is your favourite food?

A. My favourite food is probably pizza and my favourite sweet food is chocolate cake.

Q. Have you made any new friends?

A. Yes I'd like to think that the people I have met at this school are my friends .

Q. What do you like to do at the weekend?

A. At the weekend I have to spend a lot of time taking out my 3 boys and they all play basketball so I spend a lot of the weekend driving round different sports halls and watching them play basketball, but if I am not doing what they want me to do I quite like going to the cinema and I like gardening.

Q. How many years have you been working for?

A. I have been working for 32 years and I have been a teacher for 21 years.

# Pupil Talk

We asked pupils 'what do you think about the changes this term?'

I thought it was a good decision to move library and toy library to the atrium. The new colour paint is great. It links the primary and secondary with the two colours.

The Senior Leadership team is now in one room downstairs. I like that students can now find them and ask Mrs. Starkie and Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Ford questions.

## Scouts

At the end of last summer term, in July, the scouts held a special assembly to mark 100 years of Scouting. The theme was 'One World, One Promise' and Newfield scouts took part in the 'Join In' Century celebrations with Ray coming along to help out as usual.





# Welcome to our Newcomers

As usual in the Autumn term there have been lots of new faces around school to get to know. We would like everyone to give a warm welcome to our newest

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*Sebastian Haury*



*Bradley Hamman*



*Adam Hodgkinson*



*Fatima Mulka*



*Waqas Younis*



*Sami Hassan*



*Thomas Heald*



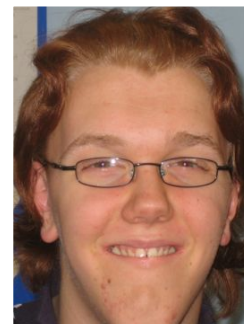
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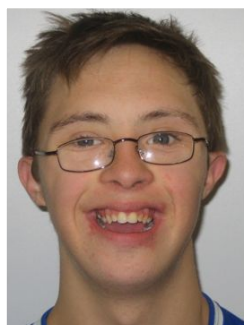
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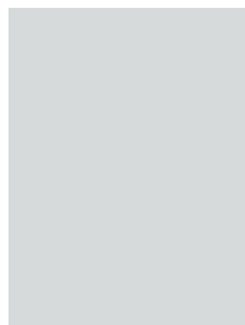
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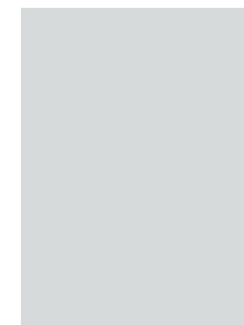
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*Adam Jones*



*Shafia Mohammed*



*Sydra Razzaq*

# Jeans for Genes day

On Friday 5 October to raise money on 'Jeans for Genes day' we all had to come to school wearing our jeans. The money we raised goes to help children with genetic illnesses. We also could buy gingerbread men who were also wearing jeans! The total money we raised was £212.65



# Eid Celebrations

## Eid Assembly

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After Ramadan we had an Eid assembly to celebrate the end of Ramadan. All our Mums and Dads came to the Eid assembly. Some Imams came from a Masjid in Blackburn. Talha did a special prayer that he had learnt and been practising at Mosque. Our Chair of Governors Mr. Jack Peet came to our school.



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## Eid Party

After the Eid assembly and after lunch we all went into the hall because there was an Eid party. There was an Eid disco. There was loads of food and drinks to eat and drink which staff and parents had spent all morning preparing. There was loads of dancing going on.

Ismail Seedat

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# Harvest Assembly

4C acted out a drama based on the word 'Harvest'.



Some pupils from primary dressed up and did a song and a dance about a farmer.



Some Bridge Unit students acted out a play with the moral that we should all share. The songs were very good. I liked the singing. There were lots of people who came including parents, friends, Mr. Peet and the Reverend Gill Dyer and her friend Fiona. Joey King.





## Halloween Party



Pupils in Secondary on Wednesday 31 October had a Halloween party. Lots of pupils dressed up as monsters and witches and zombies and scarecrows. There was a competition and Jade won as best dressed.



We had scary music and we had to decorate the hall. There was plenty of food. The jelly was orange and it was inside a Pumpkin. There were also cakes with halloween pictures on them. There was also a game-you had to put your hands in a bucket - it felt like worms but it was spaghetti. Everyone had a really good time.  
Daniel Ross



## Bridge Unit Mini Enterprise

Beautiful hand made greetings cards and jewellery will be on sale towards the end of the Spring Term. Contact the Bridge Unit for further details or look out for promotions around school.



## European Day of Language

On Wednesday 26 September Newfield joined in the celebrations for European Day of Language by holding a languages fair. We had stalls representing many countries and languages. Pupils and staff enjoyed tasting & smelling the different foods, listening to the foreign sounds and touching & looking at many artifacts from around the world.



Pupils from 4D filming on the chroma key at Pleckgate CLC.

Earlier in the week, 4D had gone to Pleckgate CLC where the team there had created clicker grids containing 4 sound files each of several countries and their corresponding languages saying 'Hello, Goodbye, Please and Thank you'. The children used this to practise saying the phrases in a variety of languages. When they were confident the children moved onto the 'Chroma Key', which is a green screen that allows a person to be projected onto a background picture on the computer. They then each chose a language and an appropriate background and filmed themselves saying the set phrases, until each child and all of the languages had been covered. The team at Pleckgate then turned this into one long film for us to show back at school.





Primary pupils using the Tudor instruments.

## Primary Department History Event - Tapestry of Music

On 8th November 2007 primary department held a special tudor event. All the children enjoyed looking at and touching the instruments that were played during the tudor times and listening to tudor music, it was very different to what we hear today. We found out that the tudors used cow poo as plaster for walls and that cow horns were used as musical instruments, some of the students got a chance to play the cow horns. Everybody had a good time and learnt lots of new things. Visit their website for more information:  
[www.tapestryofmusic.musicnw.co.uk](http://www.tapestryofmusic.musicnw.co.uk)

Daniel Royle & Yaseen Mahmood



## Children in Need

Newfield went spotty and colourful for Children in Need this year.



We had fun and games and Pudsey the bear came to a special assembly in the afternoon. Even Mr. Fitzpatrick went spotty when we all put a sticker on him to win a prize.



We had lots and lots and lots of fun and we had a great time plus we sold cakes, badges and had Pudsey bear toast for break. The staff bought butter pie lunches and did a scratch card competition which Mrs. Booth and Mrs. McManaman won. We had brilliant time and raised loads of money for Children in Need. The grand total was £591.33

Daniel Ross



## Goodbye...

During the summer holidays we lost two of our friends - Rhianne McGuirke from BU 2 and Ayesha Akhtar from P1. They are sadly missed.



## Christmas Fair.



Secondary and Bridge Unit held their Christmas fair. It was really busy. The cafe was absolutely full.



There were stalls selling toys, cakes and samosas, gifts, jewellery, bric a brac, jam and plants. There was a tombola and a raffle and a teddy tombola.



There was Henna hand painting and best of all of course Father Christmas was in the multi sensory room grotto. Loads of people came including children from some of our link schools.



We made over £1000 for all the treats that we get during the year. Well done everyone!



## Celebrating Christmas in Secondary.

Secondary had their Christmas Concert one morning in December. In the choir we sang 'Silent Night' after the people in 4C acted 'Barney - the story of Silent Night'. Mrs. North and a boy called Zakaria were dressed as mice and chewed the church organ. We also sang 'Away in a Manger', 'Christmas, Christmas' - which is the song we sang at Blackburn Cathedral, 'Oh Christmas Tree' and a 'Dans le silence' a French carol. My mummy and brother Joseph were there as well as lots of other people's families and friends. Mr. Peet and the Mayoress were also there. One group, 4B, were dressed as bugs and sang 'The 12 mini beasts of Christmas'. The Bridge Unit also did 'The 12 days of Christmas' and when they did '12 pipers piping' a teacher played the bagpipes.

Alan Fisher





## Message from the Headteacher.

What a fantastic new look newsletter. The pupils have worked extremely hard on this new format and I think you will agree it's nice to see everything in colour!

We've had a very busy term, as usual and it has been nice for me to see everything that goes on. I have been very impressed with all the hard work by pupils and staff and the support of parents, governors and friends of the school.

If you have any suggestions on how this newsletter can be improved, I am sure the news team will be happy to hear from you.

Happy Holidays.

*Geoff*

## 100 Club Winners

Aug: £10 Sejeeda Seedat  
£5 Gill Cousins,  
£5 Sam Hindle  
Sept: £10 Susan Westmorland  
£5 Clare Gebbie,  
£5 Margaret Williams  
Oct: £10 Bernie Brown  
£5 Ann Gorman,  
£5 Neil Morris  
Nov: £10 Carol White  
£5 Hazra Bharuchi,  
£5 Neil Morris

## Celebrating Christmas in Primary.



Primary Christmas concert went really well. Each class did a song and a dance about Winter and Christmassy things, like snowflakes and snowmen. The children all looked nice in their costumes. At the end everyone joined in to sing 'Away in a Manger'. Abubaker looked funny as Father Christmas and did a brilliant 'Ho, ho, hol'.



## Important Dates:

Christmas Holiday

School Closes:  
Wednesday 19th December 2007

School re-opens:  
Thursday 3rd January 2008

Half Term

School Closes:  
Friday 15th February 2008

School re-opens:  
Monday 25th February 2008



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