

Autumn
2010

Newfield Express



Hello Everyone - Letter from the Newfield Express Editor.

My name is Adam Davey.
I am the editor for the
school's newsletter for this
Autumn term.

Well, we have had a busy term.
We had lots to do like Harvest,
Jeans for Genes Day, Halloween,
Bonfire Night, Poppy Day, Eid
Assembly and Parties, Christmas
Fair, Carol Services and the
Christmas Party.

My colleagues are doing different
articles for many of these events.

A group from the 14-19 phase
performed a dance show at the
Blackburn Redbrick Theatre which
was a huge success and a great
experience for those involved.

Students in the Autism Resource
Centre held an Art exhibition which
was very popular with everyone.

Have a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year from everybody
at Newfield School.

See you in January 2011!



Eid Celebrations

Children in Need
Harvest Festival
Jeans for Genes
ARC Exhibition
Bonfire Experience

Christmas Fair
Poppy Day Carol Concert

The Newfield Express News Team.



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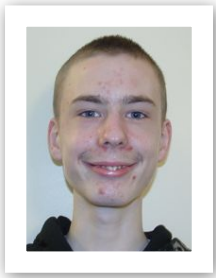
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Welcome to our new pupils...

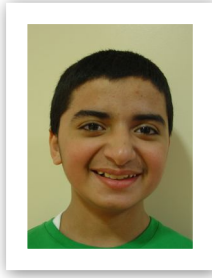
As usual in the Autumn term there have been lots of new faces around school to get to know. We would like everyone to give a warm welcome to all of our newcomers.

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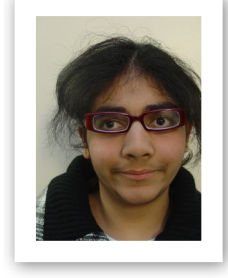
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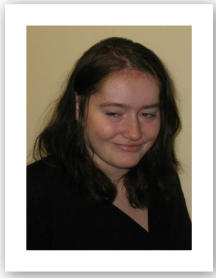
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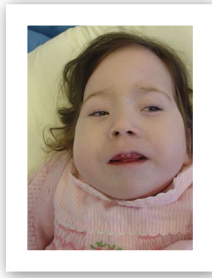
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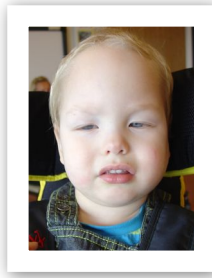
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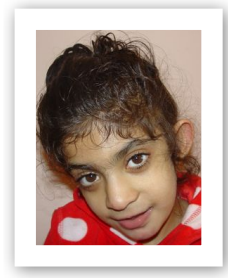
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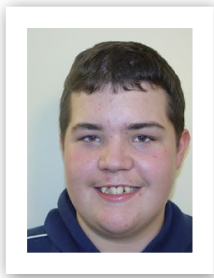
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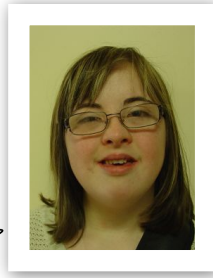
Sana Mahmood



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Stephen Power



Lauren Parkinson



Jack Westall

...and our new staff



Jenny Nelson



Shamaz Sardan



Greg Sharples



Cherry Fielding



Paul Murray



Katy Stokeld



Susan Bradford



Ruth Talbot



David Walker



Gemma Tomlinson



Leah Berry



Katrina Adamson



Adam Craig



Interview with ...

Katy Stokeld

By Tanya Wheatley, Kurt Parker and Matthew Unsworth



Question: Where did you work before coming to Newfield School?

Answer: I worked with Wigan Council where I was involved with over 150 schools.

Question: What is your favourite TV programme?

Answer: I enjoy watching Emmerdale.

Question: What is your role?

Answer: I am the HR manager and I train staff.

Question: How old are you?

Answer: I am 27 years old.

Question: Do you live in Blackburn?

Answer: No, I live in Chorley.

Question: Do you like our school?

Answer: Yes, I like Newfield School and I had a good experience here prior to coming to work here.

Question: Where did you last go on holiday?

Answer: I went to Cyprus in September.

Question: Which famous person would you take to a meeting?

Answer: Katie Price as I would be curious by her response.

Question: What do you like doing in your spare time?

Answer: I love shopping.

Question: Tell us one thing about yourself that no one knows.

Answer: I am getting married in August!



Bonfire Experience



We had a Bonfire Experience event with various different activities going on. Lots of people tried the Toffee Apple activity and enjoyed dunking apples into chocolate. There was a special OmiBeam equipment which used movements to create effects of a bonfire. It was also fun to explore related sensory items. Traditional bonfire food was served including parkin, hotdogs and peas.



Jeans for Genes Day



On 1st October for Jeans for Genes day we joined the nation to raise money for genetic illnesses. Many people paid £1 to wear their jeans or blue clothing for the day.

We iced and then sold over 240 lovely fairy cakes which were devoured quickly.

We raised a grand total of £247.08 which was sent to the Jeans for Genes charity.

Thank you and well done everyone!



We decorated the school with Jeans and we decorated the community tree as well.

Thank you for your donations and big thanks to Val Cotton for going backwards and forwards to ASDA to buy all the cakes for icing!

By Matthew Unsworth and TG4

Children in Need

In November, we raised about £350 for Children in Need. We played games, and we made cakes. ASDA kindly donated biscuit-cutters for us to make Pudsey Bear biscuits to sell. The Pudsey Bear made an appearance for the day which delighted us all. Some of us came to school in our pyjamas and a lot of us dressed in spots or stripes. The staff had a special lunch to raise funds.

Thank you for making this a successful event.



Eid Assembly

This year we had an Eid assembly. We enjoyed listening to Talha and Ismail participating in the assembly. A lot of students and staff dressed up in traditional, colourful and flashy clothes. We had some guest speakers come in and speak to us

about Eid, as well as read short stories. The choir sang a special Eid song. Later we had an Eid party with some lovely food. It was great and everyone had a good time!



Harvest Assembly

The Harvest Assembly was a great success. We prepared for the Harvest assembly by collecting tinned foods and packet foods. We have had some donations for T.H.O.M.A.S. which provides supported accommodation for ex-offenders and substance misusers to help them adjust to an independent life. We had a visit from their representative and a

guest speaker from St. Andrews Church. Pupils and staff in TG2 gave a performance about Harvest using some wonderful apparatus and costumes. The choir sang with Adam and Jack, on their guitars, finishing on a rocking note! A huge thank you to everyone who contributed towards this fun assembly and this worthy cause.



ARC Art Exhibition

During first half of Autumn term, the Autism Centre created an ARC Exhibition. For the Exhibition the pupils and students designed, made and displayed a variety of art and Design Technology work. Some of the items that were created; canvas paintings, tie-dyed tee shirts, wooden helicopters, model balloons, jewellery boxes and cushions. The whole school and parents of the artists were invited.



14-19 Newfield Dancers

The Newfield 14-19 Dance group performed at the Red Brick Theatre in Blackburn on 10 November 2010.

The theme was 'feelings'. The Newfield dancers displayed happiness with a dance of celebration. The performance was on the stage alongside groups from various day centres from Blackburn. They had lots of fun & everyone said that their performance was brilliant!

The dancers were as follows:
Rebecca, Kurt, Adam, Jack, Razina, Joey, Hamza & Aaron.



Christmas Fair



It was the school's Christmas Fair on Friday 3rd December. There were lots of stalls run by classes in school, including books, plants, gifts, cakes, sweets and sensory experiences. Everyone had lots of fun winning prizes on the tombolas and raffle. Some Hair and Beauty students from Blackburn College did hair styling and hand massage. The snow stopped some people from coming to the fair, but we still had lots of visitors including Father Christmas who spent the morning in a grotto which the young children enjoyed a lot. We have counted up the money and we have raised £753.02.



Christmas Carol Concert



We had two Christmas Carol Concerts, one for 2-13 and one for 14-19. They were both really lovely and there was procession at the start as well with pupils carrying coloured candles in. Parents and visitors were invited and everyone joined in with the singing of classic carols such as Away in a Manger. Hope of Heaven was another carol sung and we had a lovely demonstration of it with a melon to represent the world!



Remembrance Day Service

Our oldest students in TG6 prepared and held 2 special 'Remembrance Day' services on the 11th November. As well as selling poppies throughout the month to raise money for the British Legion, they made a huge man out of paper poppies to decorate the school in remembrance of those who have fought in conflicts. They also read poems and prayers that they had chosen or written and led the school in singing. We all held a minute's silence to honour the dead.



Message from the Head teacher - Hello Everyone!

Once again we have had a very busy term with lots of events and activities. The children and staff have been particularly successful in all their fund raising efforts which you will see from the newsletter. Good news in the New Year is that we shall finally have finished our new multi-sensory resources and the building work will be completed. We will be having special events, performances and an official opening of the new rooms. It only remains for me to wish you all a very Happy Christmas Break or holiday and thank you for all your contributions and help over this term.

Best Wishes

Geoff Fitzpatrick



Important Dates:

Christmas Holiday

School Closes:
Friday 17th December 2010

School re-opens to pupils:
Wednesday 6th January 2011

Half Term

School Closes:
Friday 18th February 2011

School re-opens:
Monday 28th February 2011



2-13 Celebration of Achievement Assembly

The Celebration of Achievement event for the 2-13 department took place on Monday 11th October. All of our pupils make progress throughout the year in school, but 14 of our pupils were chosen to receive an award for their exceptional achievements. These pupils were:

Kazaib Nazer, Adrees Asghar, Katie Sumner, Jamie Astley, Aqsa Natha, Dylan Harrison, Tyler Wallace, Joshua Smith, Junaid Kasam, Shahzaib Mansoor, Lewis Jones, Rachel Taylor, Ukasha Wadee and Waqas Raja.

We sang some celebratory songs and the individual pupils came out and collected their award from Mrs Lynne Booth, who, having recently retired from the 2-13 department, was delighted to come back and help us celebrate all the wonderful achievements!



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