

Autumn
2011

Newfield Express



Look at our
great new pupil
entrance!

Letter from the Newfield Express Editor.

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

We, the pupils and staff at Newfield school, have had another exciting, fun filled term. We have had more work done on the building to make it even better, with a new pupil entrance and the fantastic new sensory equipment in the swimming pool. Please read on to find out about what we have done for Children in Need, Jeans for Genes day, in Need, Jeans for Genes day,

Harvest Assembly, Christmas and Eid celebrations and lots, lots more!

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas, and see you all again in the new year!

By Matthew



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Autism Accreditation



In September we were thrilled to be awarded 'Autism Accreditation' status by the National Autistic Society! This accreditation is an award which recognises a high standard of educational provision and care to meet the needs of pupils on the autism spectrum. A review team came into school and observed lessons. They were very impressed by our lovely sensory facilities and thought the way we supported our pupils to help them manage their behaviour was very good too. All of the staff worked very hard to gain the accreditation and we are very proud of our pupils!

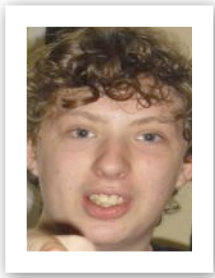


Welcome to our new pupils...

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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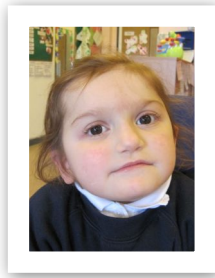
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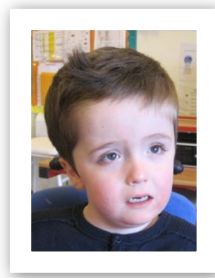
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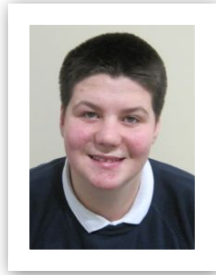
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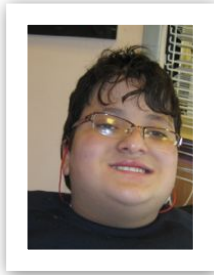
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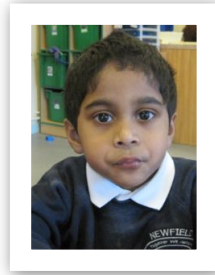
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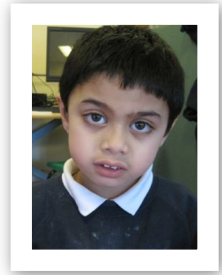
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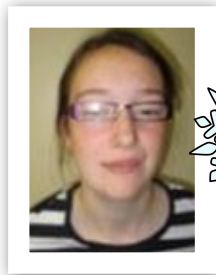
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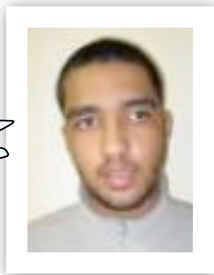
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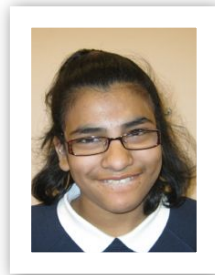
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...and our new staff



Ewelina Biele



Laura Holmes



Goodbye & Goodluck to TA1 Sinead Scotting, who leaves us to take up a new job!

Message from the Head...

Hi Everyone!

Every term seems to get busier and busier as we continue to offer a packed programme of events and activities. Thank you for all the support as always. I am particularly delighted at the Autism department's achievement this term gaining accreditation from the National Autistic Society for their work with the children...well done!

Also the school pool has now had a make-over with investment in lighting and sound effects to make the whole experience motivating and enjoyable for both children and staff...they all love it!

May I wish you a very happy Christmas and holidays and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

Geoff Fitzpatrick

Eid Assembly

This autumn term we have celebrated Eid ul-Fitr (end of fasting) and Eid al-Adha (end of pilgrimage). There was an Eid lunch provided where we had spicy curry, samosas, naan bread and a traditional rice pudding called 'kheer'. Bright coloured table and wall decorations filled the hall to reflect a joyous occasion and we had 'nasheeds' - special songs - playing in the background.

The lively Eid party was accompanied by a Henna stall and our pupils had some really lovely designs applied to their hands and feet by a

professional Henna specialist. It was so busy we have to thank our staff, Nafisa for joining in to apply patterns for more of our pupils.

Lastly, our Eid assembly was enjoyed by the whole school listening to our 14-19 choir singing the Eid Mubarak song and nasheeds recited by several pupils. It was enriched by an Islamic story presented by our guest speakers from the Madrassah Club, involving a story about sacrifice and throwing stones, with a special meaning encouraging us to be good. Mo Hussain



Harvest Assembly

For the Harvest Assembly on Friday 30th October, Newfield staff and students collected a great deal of tinned and packet food together, which was then donated to the charity SLEAP, for homeless people aged between 16-25. The food was presented by the pupils from the ARC to Tony Crawford who attended the assembly on behalf of the charity. We also had Lynn McCann with two helpers from her Good News Group from

St. Andrews Church in Leyland and they acted out a Harvest story. Along with this, we heard some fantastic singing from the 2-13 and 14-19 choirs. Classes 1, 2 and TG2 entertained us all with their Harvest performances. We were joined for this by pupils and staff from our community link school, Avondale Primary. Thank you to everyone for their kind donations. Beth Towers



The Good News Group

Tony Crawford from SLEAP accepting food parcels from the pupils



Pupils performing and singing their Harvest songs.



2-13 Christmas Celebrations

Prickly Hay

The pupils in the 2 - 13 Department along with students from R1, 2 and 3 performed a Nativity Play called "Prickly Hay" on Tuesday the 6th of December.

It was the story of a stable boy Sam, who kept his stable nice and clean for the visit of Mary and Joseph and subsequently the baby Jesus, Shepherds, Kings and Angels.

The play included lively "Hoe-down" music and many of the pupils were dressed for the occasion performing square dances with the occasional "dosey doe".

The performance took place in our large hall and we made good use of the new stage and lovely technical sound and lighting equipment to really enhance the atmosphere.

Staff and children worked hard making costumes and props as well as learning the dances, songs and dialogue.

It proved to be a colourful and lively performance and was enjoyed by parents and carers as well as friends from our mainstream link primary schools.

Sheila Peers



LPPA - Leading Parent Partnership Award

As part of our commitment to working in partnership with parents, Newfield School has committed to achieving the Leading Parent Partnership Award. This will support our development to improve the way we work and communicate with parents and carers. It is

really important to get parents' ideas about this so we will be asking for lots of input from you in the near future. The staff leading this work are Vicki Clements, Deputy Head Teacher and Dawn Lyness, HLTA.

Jeans for Genes Day



At the start of October 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 £401.53 for Children in Need. We played games in the large hall, and we sold lots of cakes. ASDA kindly brought Pudsey Bear into school on the day which delighted us all. The staff had a special lunch to raise funds and also had a competition to guess where Pudsey ended up on his bike, which Mrs Cowie won. It was very colorful in our school because all staff and pupils came in bright clothes. The staff had a special lunch to raise funds. Thank you for making this a successful event.
By Matthew Unsworth



14-19 Christmas Carol Concert

This year we had a very lively carol concert, with lots of chances for the audience to join in singing, as well as short performances for each tutor group, including dances, songs and poems. We had a fantastic time, and we

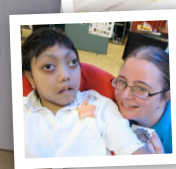
think that all of the friends, parents and carers also enjoyed themselves. The highlights were a visit from father christmas and TG2 and the amazing solo singing of Arron in TG4 - he sounded great!



ARC Shopping Experience

During the Autumn term the Autism Resource Centre worked on the theme of Shops. All five classes learnt what things we can buy in different shops. Classes made items to be sold at a market stall.

These items ranged from pot pourri, cup cakes, sweets, stationery and jewellery. Everyone had a really good time using their 'give to receive' skills and buying and selling items and we also earned some money to spend on equipment for school. Helen Thomas





Christmas Fair

We had a Christmas Fair on the 2nd December, we had a lot of things to sell. We had a really great time we raised lots of money for school.

It was really busy and nice to see lots of old friends and former pupils, as well as lots of our families.

Thanks to all the visitors who supported us and thanks for all the donations to the Christmas fair!

By Matthew Unsworth



Governor Spotlight



This term we spotlight Mrs Joan Bamber who has recently stood down as our Chair of Governors after many years of service.

Joan has been a longstanding member of our Governing Body having served for over 23 years as a governor with over 10 years spent being Chair at various times, including the last four years.

Joan became involved as a Governor following a request from the Local Authority. She had previously been a teacher at Brockhall Hospital School until it closed, before moving to teach in a special school in Preston.

Joan advises that one of her most memorable moments was when she attended the 'Royal Wedding' at school in April 2011. She thoroughly enjoyed seeing everyone dressed to attend a wedding and seeing the happy couple parade up and down in their horse and carriage.

Joan intends to continue as a Governor until Summer 2012 when she then intends to take her well-earned retirement to enable her to spend more time with her family.

Our thanks go to Joan for her loyal support to school over the years and her attendance at so many of our events in school.

Remembrance Assembly

TG6 were in charge of the Poppy Appeal in school. We talked about why we have the appeal, next we made posters and leaflets to send home. We sold poppies and then did an assembly on Remembrance Day. We made a poppy man and wreaths for the assembly and had a minute's clapping instead of silence. We will remember them.

by Adam Davey

Dan selling poppies - we sold 2 boxes worth and raised loads!



Brad laying a wreath in the assembly



Tanya and Zak making the poppy man

UNICEF - A Rights Respecting School

As a school we have decided to work towards an international award, which is governed by UNICEF and is all about protecting and celebrating the rights of children. It is very important to all of the children and staff at Newfield that people understand that children all over the world have rights. We are learning about what these rights are and how we can work to make sure that children at Newfield have these rights protected - we have set up a group to make sure that this happens. Every child in school will be given a book to take home and share with their family which tells them all about the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

We would like everyone to join us in our special work, celebrating and respecting the special rights that we all have.



Last year we joined 'Film Club', which is a national scheme which encourages schools to develop learning through the medium of films, by lending us films for free. Teacher Katrina is our school coordinator. The Film Club has a

huge selection of films old and new to choose from. We really enjoyed watching several films and discussing them in class last Summer term, so we have decided to hold a film club showing during the last week of each half term this year. This term in film club we have enjoyed watching The Chronicles of Narnia and Gnomeo and Juliet. We enjoyed eating lots of popcorn during the films! We voted to decide which films we would like to watch before Christmas - Rio and Elf won! We are thinking about planning a weekend film club event for siblings to attend in the future - so watch this space! Katrina Adamson



www.filmclub.org

Important Dates:

Christmas Holiday

School Closes:

Friday 16th December 2011

School re-opens for STAFF:

Tuesday 3rd January 2012

School re-opens for pupils:

Wednesday 4th January 2012

Spring Half Term Holiday

School Closes:

Friday 10th February 2012

School re-opens:

Monday 20th February 2012

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