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CULTURAL CAPITAL

Hello and welcome...

... to our termly e-newsletter where we give you a round up of some of the activities that we have been up to - please remember to regularly visit our website to see all of the blogs and photos from our always busy Newfield Family!

It has been another very exciting, busy Autumn term, where we have been working hard on all aspects of our <u>curriculum</u> - from <u>science</u> and <u>maths</u>, to <u>art</u> and physical development taking part in a <u>panathlon</u> - and everything in between! We even won an

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES & CELEBRATIONS

award for our <u>MOVE day</u> which is fantastic.

We want all our learners to develop a love of learning so we do a wide range of activities to promote independence and encourage creativity.

There have been lots of visitors and exciting cultural capital opportunities for our learners to develop skills, including a production of <u>Jack and the</u>
Beanstalk in school.

Many of you will know that we continue to refine our <u>curriculum</u>, so please have a look at the

SUPPORTING PARENTS

section on the website and let us know what you think.

At the end of term we celebrated Christmas, with many <u>special</u> <u>events</u> - What another busy term with lots of learning and fun!

Thanks as always for all of your help and support for school, it is much appreciated.

We wish you all a very Happy Holidays, enjoying time with family and friends, and we look forward to seeing you for more Newfield Family adventures in 2025.



Hello from the Headteacher...

Hello everyone

What a busy fun packed term we have all had. Once again we appear to have filled our Autumn term with some brilliant activities and a lot are in this edition of the newsletter!

We rounded off the term with a visit from Ofsted in which the whole team worked together to showcase the amazing work we do for our students across school. Look out for the report when it is published in the new year!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff team who work so hard across all aspects of school, to make Newfield the magical place it is.

I hope you have a good break and if you are celebrating Christmas enjoy all the festivities and I'll see you in the New Year!

Rachel

SPECIAL ENRICHMENT EVENTS

During this term, we have taken part in a number of charity events, raising awareness and money to help others as well as special events to enhance our experience of the world.

In September we learned lots about different languages and cultures on European Day of Languages; had an art competition and raised money wearing denim on Jeans for Genes day.

We also held some <u>big coffee</u> <u>events</u> to raise money for Mcmillan Cancer Support.



In October we were thinking about what we do that makes us happy for World Mental Health Day and we thought how lucky we are to have friends during Friendship Week.



In November we enjoyed Halloween experiences; we then held special events of Remembrance; we joined the nation and Pudsey in one of our favourite fundraisers Children in Need; we welcomed parents into school for our Transition event to learn more about provision





SUPPORTING OUR PARENTS

We have held a number of <u>parent carer workshops</u> this term, including <u>supporting reading at home</u>, <u>developing communication</u> and using <u>equipment to support communication</u> - they were all very well attended.







LEARNING OUTDOORS

We had help from B and Q to develop our <u>outdoor spaces</u> and we have lots of plans coming together for our explorers outdoor area in the new year.





Our young people were in charge and doing all of our jobs! They all learnt lots and enjoyed the experience of taking on <u>adult responsibilities</u> ranging from nursing, catering, site management and office work!





PRE-FORMAL EXPERIENCES

Our pre-formal learners have had lots of experiences which have come into school to enrich their learning - <u>Bamboozle Theatre</u> came with a fantastic interactive performance. We have been enjoying <u>Forest School</u>. We had a <u>paralympian</u> join us who enjoyed seeing our work in hydro.







We enjoyed taking on adult roles all over school during <u>Takeover Week</u>.

ACADEMIC SKILLS







CELEBRATING OUR STAFF

Our staff are really important in making sure our children have the best possible experiences, so we make sure they know that they are valued and have the training they need. We celebrated our support staff on EHCA Appreciation Day and one of our HLTAs won an <u>award!</u> We then joined in with <u>World Teacher Day</u> in October; and each half term we enjoy a <u>staff wellbeing breakfast</u>.



Children have been developing reading skills in <u>phonics</u> sessions, using a wide range of skills across the different <u>areas of the curriculum</u>, learning about how to <u>care for the environment</u> and <u>applying their skills</u> to write letters and play games.





CHRISTMAS FAIR

We had a popular <u>Christmas Fair</u> in December, with all the usual stalls selling things made by the children and we were delighted to have so many visitors, raising a total of over £1,512 - amazing.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

& PERFORMANCES

Students across school enjoyed a <u>sensory</u> Christmas and some of our Explorers went to a special <u>community</u> grotto.





There have been lots of things going on in the run up to Christmas including Christmas lunch for the children, parties, a staff chip shop dinner and a Post 16 Christmas Extravaganza!





Our Explorers - performed The Wriggly Nativity to families and we were amazed by the confidence and talents of the children, many of whom only joined us in September!



Our friends at Dunelm chose us to be the recipients of their Delivering Joy campaign and got us lots of Christmas presents for the children which Father Christmas passed on!





Christmas Holiday
School closes to all:
Friday 20th December 2024

School re-opens to staff: Monday 6th January 2025 School re-opens to pupils: Tuesday 7th January 2025

Spring Half Term Holiday School closes to all: Friday 14th February 2025

School re-opens to all: Monday 24th February 2025

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