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FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Hello and welcome...

... to our termly e-newsletter! Don't forget to visit our [website](#) or click any of the many links which will take you directly to the blogs and photos on the website for each event and article.

This term has been the most unusual one on record - starting very well with everyone as busy as usual, even finding time for a [climate protest](#), and ending on a very sudden, unexpected and sombre note before the usual end of term, because of the Coronavirus pandemic. We are really sorry to not be able to

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

have all of the usual activities and celebrations going on in school, but recognise that at the moment, the most important thing for everyone in the Newfield Family is keeping healthy and safe - check the website for activities you can do for [learning at home](#).

Nevertheless, we wanted to bring you this edition of the newsletter to showcase some of the fun things, as a reminder of what sort of things we will be able to do together once more, hopefully in the near future.

We are very proud of our children and staff and we are

WORLD BOOK DAY 2020

looking forward to happier times when we can get back to business as usual, have everyone in school and working hard and continue with the progress that we always try to make.

Thanks as always for all of your help, commitment and support for school.

We hope you can take the time with your family to enjoy some good activities and keep each other safe.

We hope to see you very soon - stay safe everyone!

STAY AT HOME 

PROTECT THE NHS



save lives

Message from the Headteacher

I hope you are well in this unique and uncertain time. Over recent weeks, our thoughts have been dominated by the pandemic and ensuring all our children, staff and families are kept as safe as can be. I've been staggered at the support, togetherness and positive attitude of the Newfield Family that I've witnessed over the last few weeks. The way we have all looked out for each other has been amazing, and I know it will continue over the following months as we begin to get used to a new way of working.

However, we mustn't forget the amazing work that went on in school this term when life was a bit more normal. As ever, our children and staff put on a range of fantastic and inspirational events throughout the term as well as continuing the outstanding teaching and learning we've come to expect at Newfield.

We started the term back in January trying to get fit with visits to the Soccer Dome, working on the MOVE program and Motivate sessions at Audley Sports Centre. We've had regular visits from Baxter and he's been getting lots of cuddles and walks.

Children's Mental Health Week was an emotional time of reflection as we took time to think about how courageous and brave our children are, battling their challenges on a daily basis with great big smiles on their face. They truly are inspirational!

We had Valentine's Day events, pancakes, World Book Day... so much going on! You can read about all these events and more on the [blog](#) on the school's website.

Again, we enjoyed a term that the Newfield Family can be proud of. We look forward to when things get back to normal and we can do it all again. In the meantime, stay positive, stay home and stay safe.

Rik

SPECIAL EVENTS & WELLBEING ACTIVITIES

This term we have taken part in a number of charity events, raising awareness and money to help others, as well as special events focussed on learning.

It is very important to us to look after everyone's wellbeing - making sure we are all physically and mentally as well as possible, so we do lots of things in school to try to help this.

The RRSA Steering Group raised and presented more money and pictures to the [Love for Kenya fund](#), supporting a school and orphanage in Kenya.

We had a fantastic time on [World Book Day](#), dressing up, enjoying stories and being treated to a book themed special lunch!



In March we joined the nation to take part in [Sports Relief](#), where children enjoyed sporting activities and raised money for this worthy cause.



Staff enjoyed another of our half termly [Wellbeing Breakfasts](#) in February, where they had a cuppa, a chat, some toast and shared some down time with friends and colleagues before another busy day!

[Baxter, the Pets As Therapy dog](#), has loved coming into Newfield - and we have really enjoyed having him in classes and around school. This term he even did his [first full day](#) at school! He is very popular & really improving the wellbeing of everyone.

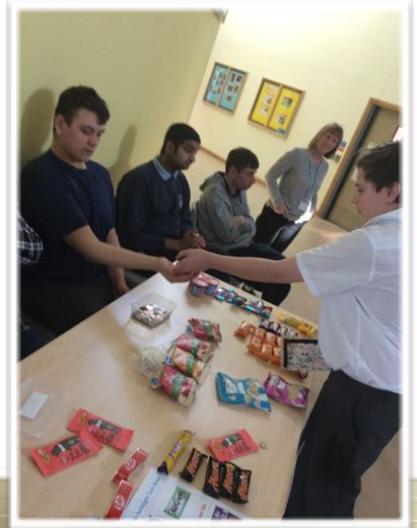


FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT

We had a fantastic Fairtrade Fortnight in February, where we learnt about the people around the world who grow food for us and how it is important that they get paid a fair price for it. We had a [Fairtrade tuck shop](#) and a Fairtrade cafe run by some of our pupils from the school for Autism.

Our brilliant kitchen staff made banana bread and tea loaf for pupils to enjoy during the fortnight.

It culminated with a brilliant [Fairtrade Bake off](#) competition where classes had designed, cooked and decorated 'bakes' using Fairtrade ingredients - it was delicious, enjoyed by all and we judged some very worthy winners!



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK



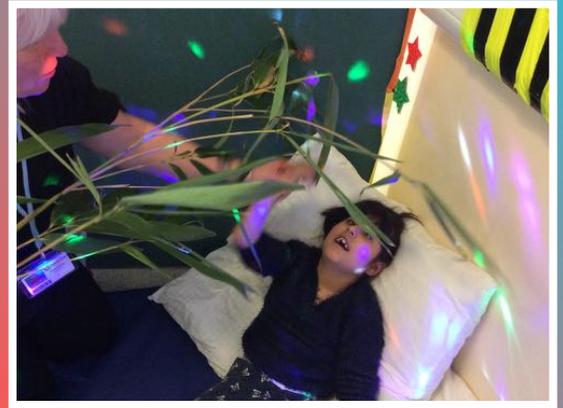
In February we focused on our [mental health and wellbeing](#). The theme this year was 'Find your brave' and we thought about the brave things that our amazing children and staff do every day.

[Being brave](#) isn't just about swimming with sharks or jumping out of airplanes, many of our children experience challenges and difficulties that require true strength and bravery to overcome. They work hard and persevere and generally do it with good grace and big smiles!

We are really proud of our everyday heroes and enjoyed celebrating and [sharing their bravery](#) in classes and assemblies.



OUR NEW VISION ROOM



Many of our children have a visual impairment and we are very fortunate that one of our experienced teachers, Tracy Durkin, has trained to be a QTVI - Qualified Teacher for the Visually Impaired. This term she has developed a new [vision room](#) which can also be used as a sensory room where pupils can work with staff specifically on improving and making use of their visual skills.

Tracy is available to advise staff and support children., as well as directly working with children.

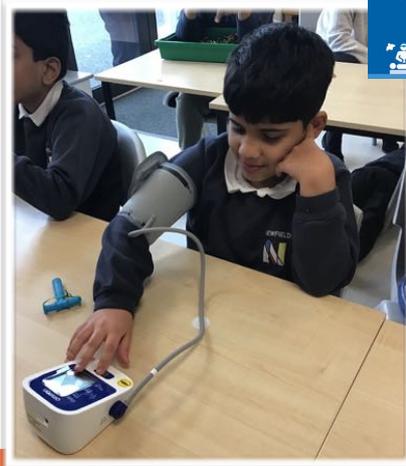
The room is regularly updated with new fun activities and specialist resources for the children to use.

WORKING WITH OUR NURSES

Some of our pupils really struggle with having health procedures 'done to them' and so our [fantastic nursing team](#) have been working with classes to help them to get used to working with health professionals who want to help them.

The sessions have been going really well as you can see from the fantastic photos showing our pupils being really brave.

The children have gone from being afraid and resistant, to relaxed and happy to have their height, weight, temperature and blood pressure taken - they've even had a go at doing it to the nurses Cate and June.



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