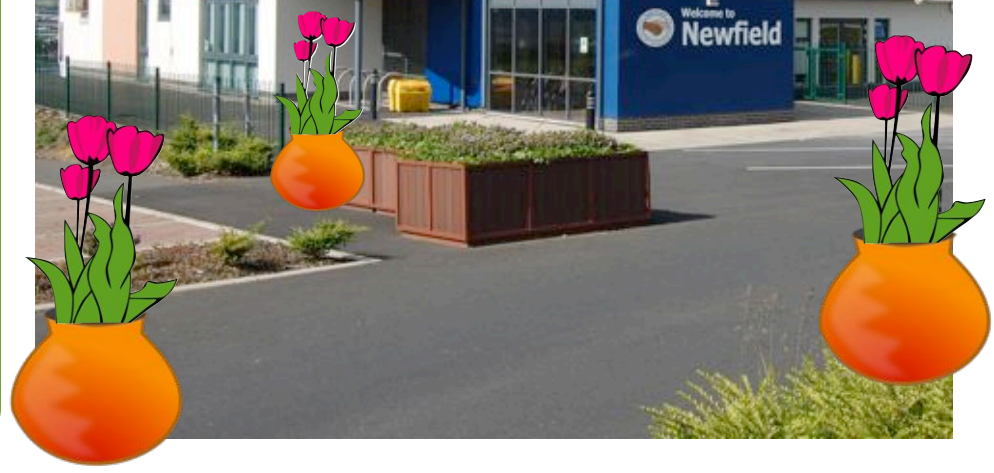


Spring 2012

# Newfield Express



## Letter from the Newfield Express Editor.

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

It has been a busy term in which we have had many events taking place! Chinese New Year was the first event that we celebrated, followed by a Valentine's disco, health and safety week - where we had visitors coming in and we learnt loads. Older students took part in a celebration of dance, the whole

school enjoyed experimenting at the science exhibition and M&M Productions came in and did a performance of 'The little princess'. All this and lots of fundraising too, along with Easter celebrations! What a busy term!

Have a great Easter.  
By Matthew Unsworth

Sports Relief Valentine's day  
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Celebration of Dance @ King George's Hall  
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Chinese New Year  
Work Experience  
World Book Day Film Club  
M&M Productions - the little princess



### Marie Curie Daffodil Sale

Class 1 would like to say a big "THANK YOU" to all who bought a daffodil at our sale. We collected £40.00 for the charity, selling the little pots of daffodils that we had grown.



## Welcome to our new staff...

we have recently got some new staff, so 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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*Donna Cook*



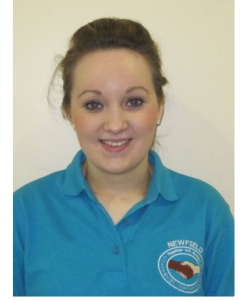
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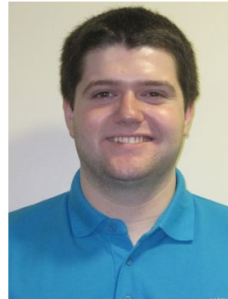
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*Rachael McKenna*



*Rebecca Huggill*



*Michael Rhodes*



*Mark McKay*



*Sally Smith*



*Zareema Jameel*



*Olivia Batt*



*Jeanette Eskdale*

...A great big 'hello' to our only new pupil this term...

*Safa Rehman*



...And goodbye and goodluck to Stephen who is leaving us



## Message from the Head...

*Hi Everyone!*

I don't know about you but I really enjoy reading the termly newsletter. It's really good to see all the activities the children and staff have been doing.

The programme has been varied as usual and it's good to see everyone enjoying themselves.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the staff for all their hard work and dedication.

Without them many of the exciting activities couldn't take place and as always we thank you for all the support.

May I wish you all a very happy Easter and relaxing holidays and I look forward to seeing you all in the new term.

*Geoff Fitzpatrick*







## Valentine's Day

### ویلنٹائن کے دن کا ڈسکو

On the 10th February we celebrated Valentine's day and also raised £187.83 for British Heart Foundation!! We did a red raffle and paid 50p to wear red or posh clothes. We want to thank everyone for their help and contribution! We had a valentines disco and we danced the night away.  
By Matthew Unsworth



## Sports Relief

### سپورٹ ریلیف کے لیے پیسہ بنانا

We celebrated sports relief on Friday 23rd March. Pupils and staff came to school in sports wear - lots of legs were on show! - and paid 50p for the charity, which Matthew collected. Everyone took part in a variety of fun, sporting events in the hall and we had a mass zumba-thon. We raised a grand total of £85.33, along with 1 euro 5cents and an American quarter!!! Everyone got a certificate for taking part.

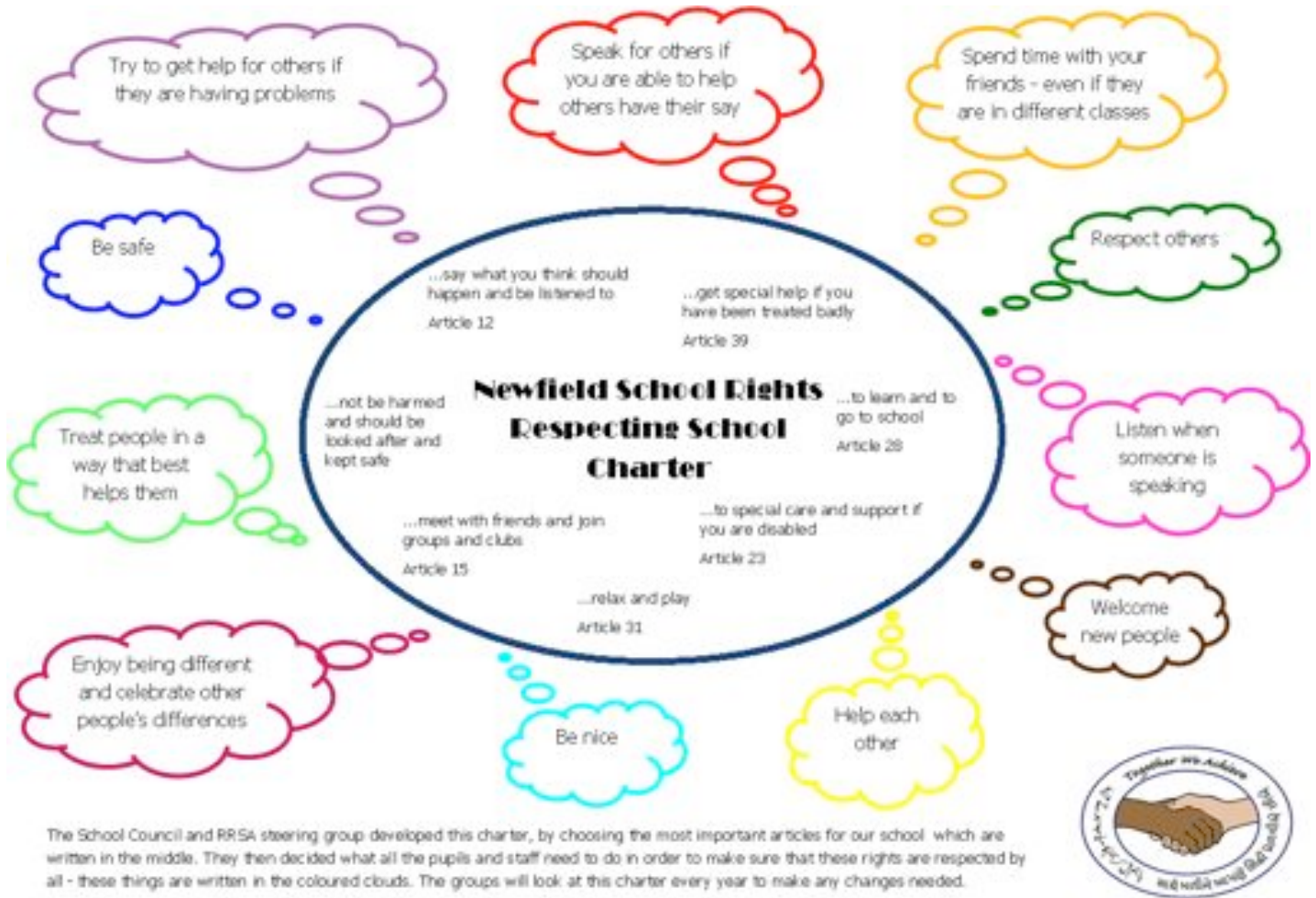




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# Rights Respecting School Award Newfield School Charter

The RRSA Steering group, along with the School Council, developed the charter below - which is a set of goals for all the children and adults in school to try to keep to, in order to respect everyone's rights and make sure that everyone in school is safe, happy and learning! We would like to invite everyone to try to stick to these goals.



The School Council and RRSA steering group developed this charter, by choosing the most important articles for our school which are written in the middle. They then decided what all the pupils and staff need to do in order to make sure that these rights are respected by all - these things are written in the coloured clouds. The groups will look at this charter every year to make any changes needed.

This term we spotlight Mr Paul Lee, who is our new Chair of Governors. He answered our questions so that we can get to know him a bit better...



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## Governor Spotlight

*What is your current job?* I am Head of Safeguarding in Blackburn with Darwen. I'm based in Children's Services but my role also involves safeguarding adults

*Why did you become a governor?* I previously attended the Governing Body as the director's representative, which meant that I attended on behalf of the Strategic Director of Children's Services and I was really impressed with the school. I therefore became a governor in 2011.

*What aspirations do you have for the children and young people here?* That each child and young person is safe, happy and is able to achieve their full potential.

*What is your favourite colour?* Blue - this has a link to football!!

*Do you support a football team?* I do unfortunately - Blackburn Rovers. We have just beaten Sunderland and are 6 points clear of relegation. Europe next season!!!!

*Do you have any hobbies?* I like reading, walking (with the dog) and I have a particular interest in criminology. My professional background is in criminal justice and I used to be the external examiner for the Foundation Degree in Criminology at Blackburn College.

# Health & Safety Week

Throughout the week beginning 12th March 2012, students of Newfield School participated in an amazing health and safety themed week. The purpose of the week was to increase students' awareness of potential dangers and ultimately keep them safe!

The week was filled with a variety of activities and workshops. Here are opinions and thoughts about the week from the students of Booster Group 6. Zahid particularly enjoyed the police visit as he was able to experience the use of police equipment. The entire booster group enjoyed Zumba although it tired them out! Nimra really enjoyed the road safety

workshop and now feels confident and safer on the roads! Zakaria thought the first aid activity was great as he got bandaged up! Zara thought the kitchen safety tour, with Helen the cook, was excellent - very informative! Finally, the class discovered that Sean and Terry drink enormous amounts of tea as they go about their daily jobs!(no surprises there then)

The Health and Safety week proved to be a huge success. All the students thoroughly enjoyed and valued the activities on offer and would like to thank those involved in making it the success that it was!

By 14-19 Booster Group 6

## محفوظ ہونے کے بارے میں سیکھنا

Kitchen hygiene and safety



Road Safety



Police and community safety



First aid



Health and fitness  
- Zumba



Safety at work





# World Book Day



Thursday March 1st 2012 was World Book Day. World Book Day is a celebration! It's a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading. It's the biggest celebration of its kind and it is marked in over 100 countries all over the world. As part of our celebrations at Newfield we organised some exciting activities for our students to take part in. These included a Bookmark Competition. Each Class also chose a book and did work related to it. This included puzzles and games, making and decorating biscuits, producing related art work as well as making masks and dramatizing parts of a story. Some of the pupils visited the Atrium where they could listen to a selection of stories while handling related artefacts. The film "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone" was shown to pupils who all thoroughly enjoyed it. There was a Multi-Sensory Story "The Gingerbread Man" in the Studio where pupils could dress as characters and experience some of the sights, sounds, images and even smells associated with the story!

The main aim of World Book Day was to encourage children to explore the pleasures of books and reading. You can be assured that we all had a fantastic day!

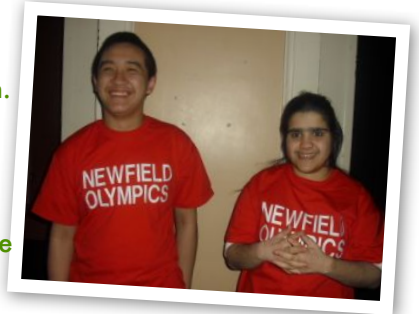
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## Celebration of Dance @ King Georges' Hall

### ناچنا کنگ جورجس ہال میں

This year's celebration of dance took place on the 20th March. The theme was 'The Olympics'. Students from the 14-19 phase took part in a dance to 'We will rock you' by Queen. Twenty three schools took part but we were the best and got a standing ovation! We repeated the dance in assembly for those who could not attend the evening event and they loved it! The Blackburn with Darwen dance festival was considered an outstanding project and was granted this 'London 2012 Inspire mark' by the Olympic Organising Committee.  
By Matthew



# Experimenting is fun! - Science in the creative curriculum

سائنس کے بارے میں سیکھنا



During Science week this term we came together as a school to display some of our science activities that we had been doing in our classes. The 'Experimenting is Fun Showcase' was successful in engaging both, students and visitors in the work we have all been doing this term, providing everyone with an opportunity to get involved in the actual experiments. We enjoyed having our friends from Avondale Primary, our community link school, join us for the event. As well as the showcase, the whole school was also involved in a wonderful sensory trail around the school building, incorporating the students own work. The students enjoyed following the trail and experiencing the variety of sensory items on display. The students also enjoyed a science based Studio session during this week.



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it's not just  
a good idea.  
IT'S THE LAW.



## 14 -19 Students on Work Placement

For six weeks this term we have been on a day placement at the Connexions building in Blackburn Town Centre. The course has helped both of us to prepare to go out on work experience.

We have both really enjoyed the course and have learnt lots of different skills through completing various tasks, which will help get us ready for working life.

We have then spent 5 weeks doing a one day work placement - Daniel landscaping with Balfour Beatty and Adam working at Sainsburys supermarket.

We have both really enjoyed this taste of working life!

By Adam Davy & Daniel Royle



## LPPA - Leading Parent Partnership Award

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As part of our work towards the Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA) we have been looking at developing a school website and the 'parents and carers' section of this. It would be great to have your

views about this and what type of thing you would find useful on a website! We'll be sending out a letter soon asking you about this but please email any suggestions to [newfield@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:newfield@blackburn.gov.uk)



# Chinese New Year - year of the dragon

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For Chinese New Year this year Newfield welcomed back the Chinese Lion Dance Workshop. The whole school was invited to come along and watch the Lions dance and have a go for themselves, whilst also having a chance to listen to and play the large drums for the Lions to dance to. We also had a Chinese banquet for our lunch and the students had the opportunity to enter the Chinese New Year Art Competition. There were some fantastic pieces of artwork on display, but overall the judges decided that the winners were Dominic Tsang from TG2 for his drawing and painting of a dragon, R1 for their textured collage of a Chinese Lion and Class 4 for their big painted concertina dragon - well done!



## Goodbye & Good Luck...



*John Shepherd*



*Sue Wild*



*Lorraine Parry*



*Janine Fahey*

Some of our staff have retired, or left for pastures new this term - We would like to say a really big 'Thank you' to them all for their many years helping us. Added altogether, these staff have spent a total of 81 YEARS working at Newfield School! We hope they all keep in touch.



*Janice Bennett*



*Alison Holmes*



*Carl Wainwright*

## Important Dates:

Easter Holiday

School Closes:  
Friday 30th March 2012

School re-opens:  
Monday 16th April 2012

Summer Half Term Holiday

School Closes:  
Friday 1st June 2012

School re-opens for STAFF:  
Monday 11th June 2012  
School re-opens for PUPILS:  
Tuesday 12th June 2012



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