



TRIPS

Hello and welcome

to the latest issue of our newsletter. There has been so much going on this term that we can't fit it all into the newsletter - but please look at our blog on the website which gives you information on many more of our events. As well as all the things in this issue, we have recently been taking part in Summer class trips, a visit to Stonyhurst college, 2-11 Showcase, holding performances

PROM

of both the 'Lion King' and the 'Jungle Book' to entertain parents and guests, selling goods and games at a 16-19 Enterprise Summer Fair, Prom (pictured below) and joining in the preparation and festivities for Eid! All this along with the 'ordinary' day to day life learning and having fun at Newfield - how do we pack it all in? We are certainly ready for a sunny (hopefully) Summer holiday and as always are sad to say goodbye to some friends as they

AWARDS!

move on to new, exciting places and things. This has been an action packed year even by our standards - thank you all for your support - whatever contribution you make - it all helps us to be a very happy Newfield family.

Have a wonderful Summer and we will see you in the Autumn term!



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We welcomed just one new child this term. **Zobi** is a very happy, smiley boy and has settled in well with all of his new Newfield friends.



Hi Everyone!

Another academic year has drawn to a close.....and it's surprising how quickly they go by! The school has had an exceptional year with our outstanding OFSTED report and this term our Lancashire Evening Telegraph 'Outstanding Special School of the Year' Award which you can read about in this issue of the Newsletter. If you were able to attend our annual Celebration of Achievement you will see how well everyone has done both individually and as a team.

As always I am grateful for all the support parents and carers give us to help our children succeed...and we simply could not do this without you! I hope you have a good summer and if you are going away anywhere you have a fantastic time!

Once again I would like to thank all the staff, professionals and volunteers for their excellent work and I look forward to seeing you all again after the break!

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Geoff Fitzpatrick

A very Happy Retirement to **Mrs Adele Kinsey** as she leaves us this year - after 22 years at Newfield and Dame Evelyn Fox schools. Thank you for all your hard work, love and dedication Adele - we will miss you!



**CLASS OF
20
16**



Goodbye & good luck also to TA Megan Phillips who leaves us to continue her studies and pupils Sanaa and Marcus who are moving out of the area!

Time again to say goodbye to our oldest students...

Fahd, Rachel, Megan, Hassan, Katie, Nori, Alex, Amir, Ruby, & Sophie

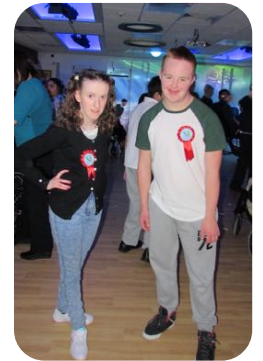
It's always sad to see our young people go, but exciting that they have grown up and have new things to look forward to.

We wish them the very best of luck for the future - please come back and see us sometime!

GOODBYE TO OUR LEAVERS - CLASS OF 2016



At the end of last term we shared the success of our 'Outstanding' judgement from OFSTED with an open morning, party & cake - lots of parents, governors, friends and LA colleagues joined us for cake and celebrations - thanks to all who came and made it so special. Children and staff enjoyed commemorative wrist bands and coasters to take home as well - as a reminder!



'Special School of the Year'

We were delighted to be given this award at an event at Stanley House hotel in June. Staff Geoff, Jenny, Linda & Julie went along with pupils Darren & Mariah and governors Louise & Janet. There were lots of other schools there and it was a really inspiring evening. We enjoyed being on the red carpet and being told how brilliant we are - again! The award is on display in school - thanks to everyone in the Newfield family - we have **all** been part of gaining this, working together.



SPORTS

BOCCIA

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Monday started the week off with everyone in the school taking part in Boccia sessions, where they split into two teams and competed against each other to see who would win. The game of Boccia can be played by rolling or throwing the ball at different speeds, heights and angles to get the closest to the white target ball. As well as the physical skills learnt, they developed team skills, taking turns, co-ordination, competition and enjoyment.



SITTING VOLLEYBALL



On Tuesday the children explored the game of Sitting Volleyball. They took part as a team and practiced the skills needed to play the game and counted how many volleys they could get.



On Thursday the children and staff explored and played the game of 'Goalball'. Goalball is a game that has been created for children with a visual impairment or blindness. It has very simple rules, but the aim of the game is to get the ball in the opposite net. The children split off into 2 groups, then using ramps or the skill of rolling, got the ball into the opposite net to score a goal. The bell ball gave a lovely sensory approach to the sport and it was lovely to see everyone getting involved.

GOAL BALL



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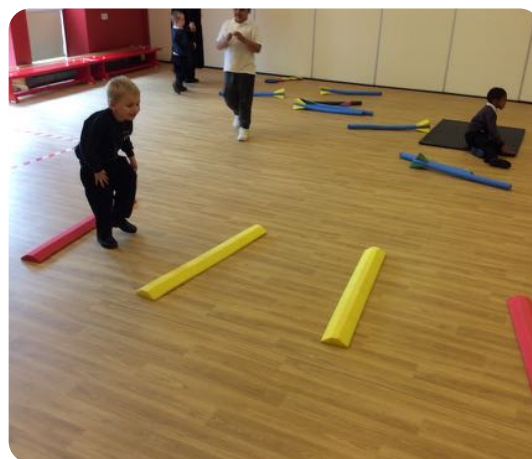
The game of 'Curling' was introduced to the children and staff on Wednesday. They had several lanes set up in the hall and had to aim the curling disc towards a target. Whereas the other games have involved balls and rolling/ throwing, today's sports involved pushing. The children had to determine and judge how hard or soft to push the disc in order to get closest to different targets.



WEEK

RACES

On the fifth and final day of National Sports Week, the children took part in different races against other classes. They joined up and completed running races, hurdles, relay, ball and spoon race, bean bag race and many more. As much as everyone wanted to win it was the fun of the races that everyone enjoyed the most and gave a lovely ending to a sporty week.



The week starting the 20th June, Newfield School celebrated 'National Schools Sport Week' and completed different Olympic sports every day.

An orienteering activity was available to try all week, where the children could search and find different characters around school and learn different information about them.

All children received a 'National Schools Sports Week' certificate for taking part in the event and trying new Paralympic activities!



SHAKESPEARE DAY

The first day of Arts Week, we commemorated the 400th anniversary of the death of Shakespeare with a range of activities including pupils seeing artefacts and imported food, drink & recipes from the Elizabethan/Jacobean period. They also engaged in drama in the multi-sensory 4D studio, where they explored the witches of Macbeth and the enchanted forest of Midsummer Night's Dream. In the afternoon, each Key Stage was given a Shakespeare play to explore and performed a piece to the rest of the school. It was a lovely day with both staff and pupils enjoying and taking part in a prominent part of British history and culture.

ARTS

DRUMMING WORKSHOP

What a loud day!
Pupils were involved in Chinese drumming workshops with Rick from More Music coming into school with his drums & treating us to some traditional Chinese music.



ARTS AWARD

Pupils in primary and secondary received their Arts Award at Discover or Explore level from Governor Joan Bamber at a special assembly.



POTTERS WHEEL

Pupils from across the different age phases took part in pottery workshops. They were visited by Alastair who is a community artist and had a go at throwing clay onto the potter's wheel. Everyone had lots of fun and made lots of mess!

INSCAPE @ THE LOWRY



On 29th June, the Secondary and Post 16 choir travelled to The Lowry theatre in Salford to perform on stage at the annual Inscape music festival alongside other special schools in the area. The choir performed "3 Little Birds" by Bob Marley and "God only knows" by the Beach Boys. All members sang and signed beautifully - we are very proud of them.

We all had a lovely time and are looking forward to performing again next year!

ART EXHIBITION & VISIT



Some groups went down to do artwork at Youthzone during the week.

We also held our own fashion show and Art Exhibition which parents, governors and guests attended. Everyone was impressed by the works on sale - paintings, ceramics and all sorts of crafty items.



WEEK





PROM 2016



In July we had a wonderful evening at our 'Fire & Ice' Prom. The hall looked fantastic, transformed into a magical fire and ice kingdom and guests arrived via the red carpet in all their fine clothes - some in very fancy cars!



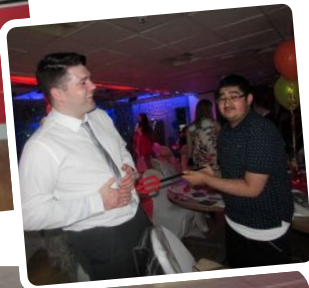
Once again Helen's Team had done an exceptional job with the catering & the themed food - the fire and ice themed desserts were very popular!

There was a photo booth with lots of props where everyone had a great time taking funny portraits.



After the meal, presentations took place - the hoodies looked great - and then we watched the leavers' video - and there were the usual laughs and tears along the way.

Many thanks to all those who contributed to make the night once again a poignant ending to the students careers with us - another great Newfield family event!



CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT



On Tuesday 19th July, we held our annual Celebration of Achievement Assembly. Presiding over the assembly and presenting the awards was The Worshipful the Mayor of Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council as well as Mrs Cate Tindall, MBE.

It was a lovely assembly and a wonderful way to top off what has been a very successful year.

The choir sang '3 Little Birds' and 'God Only Knows' and The Mayor said that he has attended garden parties at Buckingham Palace, and they are nice, but here it is nice and he feels it in heart.

After refreshments the Mayor had a tour of school - including the nurses room - from members of the RRSA steering group who had met him at the Armed Forces Day flag raising in Blackburn and had invited him to come to come and see us in school.

All of the parents, carers, guests and governors who attended thoroughly enjoyed the celebration of the pupils and staffs hard work throughout the year - well done to everyone!



FUNDRAISING FUN

As a school it is important to us to think about others and help people when we can. We have continued to do lots of raising money for charity this term... Here's what we've been up to!



We did the annual sponsored **'Wiggle-a-thon'** for Happy Days Children's Charity who kindly pay for lots of theatre groups who come to school to entertain us.



We took part in **'Be Seen in Green'** for the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, where lots of our children attend for specialist treatments, by paying £2 to wear green for the day.

LOVE FOR KENYA



The RRSA steering group have been asking for donations to buy **footballs, toys and parachutes** to send to 'Love for Kenya' charity which supports orphaned children in Kenya, as part of the UNICEF Convention on Children having the 'Right to play and relax' - Article 31. Friends of school are volunteering with the charity this summer and will take the toys with them.

Summer Holiday

School closes:

Thursday 21st July 2016

School re-opens for **staff**:

Thursday 1st September 2016

School re-opens for **pupils**:

Monday 5th September 2016

Autumn Half Term Holiday

School closes:

Friday 21st October 2016

School re-opens:

Monday 31st October 2016

derian house
children's hospice

The School Council organised a **'Crazy Pyjama and hat disco'** to raise funds for Derian House which many of our children access for respite and support.



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