



## AUTISM ACCREDITATION

### Hello and welcome

to our 30th issue of the newsletter! It has been a very busy term, in another very busy year for the Newfield family - and we are growing - read on the back page for a building update on our school for Autism. We have had lots of visitors to school this term, including 3 all the way from Kenya who link to our RRSA ambassador role. All pupils have been taking part in a wide range of activities including sports days, a production of 'Trolls', Art

## PROM

exhibitions, summer trips, RRSA outreach days - as well as celebrating Eid, holding an under the sea enchanted prom, preparing for all the final accreditation of external awards for our leavers and taking part in our annual celebration of achievement assembly - and of course all the usual 'ordinary' curriculum work. A highlight of this year has been the number of award bodies that have successfully re-accredited us - we take our work very seriously, fun as it may be, & that is so that we are confident that each and

## CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT

everyone of the Newfield family does their very best to make a positive difference to our children & their family's lives.

We hope you find time to read the blog on our website from time to time and would happily hear any thoughts you have on things you would like to see us do in school and ways we can improve - but first, we are ready for a holiday!

So, thanks for all you support and wishing you a happy summer... [See you soon!](#)





# Hi Everyone!

Congratulations to everyone for another very successful year at Newfield.....we have been very successful on many levels including re-accreditation from Leading Parent Partnership and Inclusion Quality Mark and successful visits from Autism Accreditation and UNICEF's Rights Respecting School Award level 2 with the reports due out in Autumn.

The new School for Autism @ Newfield is going up fast with the steel work completed and commemorated with the recent 'Golden Bolt' Ceremony attended by local authority dignitaries, our children and the architect Tim Potter...all organised by the builders Robertson's.

The roof goes on over summer and then we'll get a feel for our new school.

Once again I would like to thank all families and carers for your continued support to help staff to help the children to succeed.....after all, that's what the Newfield Family is all about!

I continue to be very proud to be the head of a school with fantastic children and staff who, with the families, make this the best job in the world!

Have a great Summer break, I hope the sun shines for you and see you again in the Autumn!

*Geoff Fitzpatrick*



# GOODBYE CLASS OF 2017

The Summer term is always touched by sadness as we say goodbye to some of our friends - this year we have 13 students leaving us, and also several members of staff - we would like to thank them all for the hard work, support, kindness and love - over sometimes a few years, sometimes very many years - and wish them all the best of luck and happy times ahead!



**Abu, Myrah, Mobin, Lucas, Jessica, Lewis, Ibrahim, Samyan, Sunia, Maggie, Steven, Suleman & Thomas**



Linda Cowie



Angela Bridges



Sam Parker



Gill Barraclough



Nurse Lorraine



# SPORTS FUN DAYS

Pupils enjoyed two days of sports during June. The first day saw lots of pupils playing seated volleyball and taking part in a range of athletics activities including races, target throwing and javelin competitions. Lots of classes joined together to play with each other. Pupils cheered their peers on and had a really good time.



On day two, the theme for the morning sessions was team games. Pupils took part in Boccia and Kurling, they worked together as a team to compete against each other. In the afternoon we held a 'Just Dance' disco. Pupils and staff enjoyed dancing with each other, copying actions and having a great time.



Throughout the two days, classes had the opportunity to take part in a Newfield orienteering activity in which classes worked together to navigate around the school to find places on their photograph map.



S2 creating artwork from nature materials such as leaves.



Over this year pupils from the Secondary department have been taking part in the John Muir Award (discovery level). The award has involved them discovering new places such as parks, allotments, beaches and woodlands. They have been busy exploring what you might find in these areas, such as wild flowers, leaves, ponds, wildlife and animals.

As a class group they have all taken part in completing the conserving element by making bird feeders, conserving the school pond, creating bug homes & completing animal surveys. The final element to the award is sharing. The pupils have achieved this by creating artwork that represents their discovery and understanding. Some of the pupils have written mini reports on what they have learnt, whilst others created PowerPoints to share with the other Secondary pupils. The Award has been a great success this year & we hope that the award can continue to allow the pupils of Newfield to develop a better understanding of outdoor learning & the importance of our local environments.

R5 completing their conservation element by caring for the tadpole in the sensory pond. They are adding water into the pond over the dry weather, making sure the tadpole had plenty of water to swim around in.





# OUR WORK CONTINUES... 4

## RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS AWARD

On the 9th of June we welcomed 3 visitors from Kenya into school - they work for the charity we support and we held a special assembly sharing information about similarities between our schools. Our guests were treated to songs by the choir as well as a lively wheelchair dance from classes 4 & 5.

We presented them with pictures that the children have drawn and also a laminated copy of the powerpoint about our schools and of the articles of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). In being ambassadors for UNICEF we love to promote rights of children, and were keen to make sure that this was extended to our friends in Kenya.

The guests were very impressed by our school and our children. We will be continuing to support them to help the children in Kenya by fundraising and keeping in touch.



To support the charity the steering group held another successful 'Bag2School' event, earning over £60 and then sold cushion covers and bags that had been sewn using donated material raising over £200 - all of this will go to funding outreach placements at the orphanage school - thank you to everyone involved - we are changing lives!



At the end of June we had a visit from UNICEF to carry out our level 2 re-assessment - Pat and Paul. They met with pupils, staff, parents and governors and saw examples of our work as well as touring school - they were very pleased with what they saw - we are still waiting for the final report - so fingers crossed!

Our work as ambassadors continued when we held an RRSA Outreach day, where we welcomed pupils from Chestnut Lodge in Widnes who had contacted us wanting to learn more about RRSA; as well as pupils from Avondale School in Darwen. They had a fantastic time with our steering group leading fun activities including games, drama and craft to support learning about UNICEF and 'Wants & Needs'. Everyone had a brilliant time and we intend to link up on a regular basis.





# NEWFIELD GALLERY

## 3RD ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION



All pupils worked hard throughout the year to create imaginative art and craft work for an exciting exhibition which was viewed by many parents, pupils, staff and governors at the end of June.

Guy the pianist made the exhibition vibrant with his music which all the pupils enjoyed and some even had a go on the piano!



This was our 3rd annual exhibition and it was amazing! The quality of work was outstanding, each year it just gets better & better showing the commitment from pupils & staff.

Visitors to the exhibition enjoyed having drinks and nibbles served by the post 16 students, whilst enjoying viewing the pieces of artwork with their children which they were also able to buy.

The primary and secondary pupils gained an Arts Award which everyone passed. They will be given out in a special assembly to celebrate the work at the end of term. Some pupils won prizes for their artwork in the competitions.



A big thank you to all those parents who attended!

Look out for next year's exhibition!

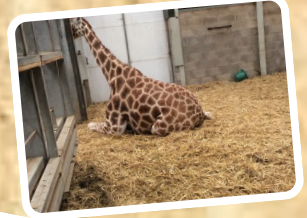






R2 had their annual school trip at the end of June and they ventured out to **Blackpool Zoo** where they had a lovely time meeting some of the animals they have been learning about this year.

Sadly, the sun wasn't out but the weather didn't dampen the children's spirits and they really enjoyed their day as you can see here in our pictures.



BLACKPOOL  
ZOO



Class 3 also went to **Blackpool Zoo** where they saw an orang-utan, penguins and 2 beautiful lions!

SMITHILLS  
OPEN FARM



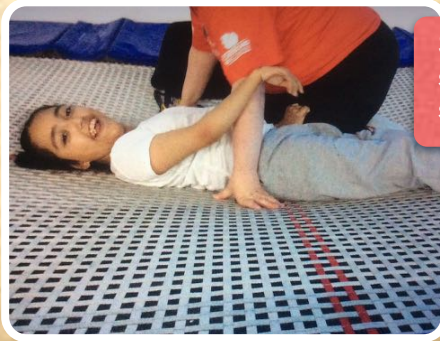
S1 had a great time at Smithills Farm in Bolton. The pupils took turns to feed lambs using milk bottles, handled chicks, dogs, rabbits, and owls. It was a great experience which used our senses where we had to get used to strong smells and touch different types of fur. Joshua found rabbit fur ticklish and was laughing a lot. Some of us fed goats, llamas, horses and pigs food from our hands which went everywhere. After visiting the reptile centre, the pupils went to see some milking action from the cows and were surprised by the size of them. Daiyaan found it hard to leave as he was moo-ved by the whole experience, particularly when a cow chewed on his coat!

# SUMMER





R7 enjoyed their trip to Brockholes Nature Reserve and McDonalds at the start of July. They enjoyed having ice cream, going for a long walk in the countryside and playing in the park.



Sara and Hassan enjoyed the trampolines in the sensory room at Preston city trampolining for their summer trip with Class 5 and S2



Class 4 and S3 spent the day at Lytham St. Anne's beach where they enjoyed playing on the sand and exploring different games with peers and staff. After exploring they enjoyed fish, chips and ice cream. A brilliant day had by all the children and a lovely way to end the school year.



Class 1 had a lovely treat at the end of the year with their own build a bear party at Leaping Lizards Playcentre where they all made their own little friend to bring home. The weather was so sunny they even managed a visit to the Castle Park in Clitheroe where they were able to play with friends before returning to school. It was a fantastic day!



# TRIPS





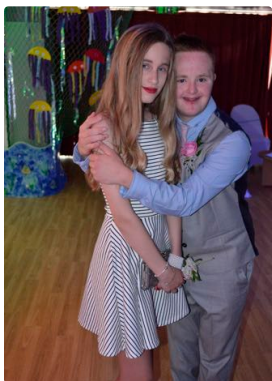


The Enchantment Under the Sea Prom took place on a lovely sunny evening on the 3rd of July. Everyone dressed in their party clothes and was greeted on the red carpet at the start of the evening - Myrah certainly arrived in style!



The halls had been transformed to a beautiful sea bed with a ship wreck, all kinds of sea creatures and sparkling, glistening secrets of the deep.

There was an amazing Neptune's Buffet provided by Helen and the catering team - all served in seashells and buckets, and all looking and tasting delicious - there was even a Sandcastle cake.



# Under the Sea







After the meal everyone proudly watched the class of 2017 film & then each of our leavers got their hoodies.

Finally it was the time for dancing, and we all had a brilliant time dancing away to our favourites.

Another wonderful happy evening over too soon - thanks to everyone who came and had a wonderful time, and to everyone who helped make it so special.



# Prom 2017





# Trolls



It was lovely to see so many families of our little Trolls enjoying the entertainment.

The Secondary Department put on a very colourful and lively performance of the Trolls at the beginning of July having been rehearsing for weeks.

All the performers were brilliant! They certainly looked the part and the costumes and stage were glowing with the UV lights - it looked really magical.

Lady Glitter Sparkles (MacKenzie) stole the show with her rendition of 'Hello' with a signed love heart for mum & dad that made sure there was not a dry eye in the house! There was also a terrific dance with attitude to 'I'm coming out'.

It was clear to see all the preparation and hard work that had gone into the production - and it paid off - well done Newfield Trolls - you were amazing and made us all want to release our inner Troll!





# Celebration of Achievement

2017



At the end of term we joined together to celebrate the achievements of the last 12 months in a lovely assembly. We were joined by many parents and friends of Newfield, and the awards for courage, progress and outstanding achievements were presented by Tim Potter, the architect from Robertsons who are building our new school for Autism. The choirs sang beautifully and it was a really special, lively occasion that the whole Newfield family enjoyed.



## CONGRATULATIONS & HAPPY RETIREMENT LINDA!

Earlier this term we were absolutely delighted when Linda Cowie, who retires this summer after 38 years with us, won the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' at the Lancashire Evening Telegraph Education Awards - it is thoroughly deserved for her dedication to our very special children. Linda attended the award ceremony at Ewood Park and had a wonderful evening. We will all miss her greatly - well done Linda!





# BUILDING UPDATES

## SCHOOL FOR AUTISM @ NEWFIELD



This term pupils from the post 16 department have had the opportunity to get up close and personal with the new Autism building. They have been called the 'Robertson Reporters' whereby they have had opportunities to explore the protective clothing, safety procedures at the site, as well as interviewing key members of staff during visits to the building site. The pupils have sketched out drawings of the site and have also written short reports on what they have seen. Sully wrote, "at the building site I saw diggers, cranes and men", Aatika said, "I enjoyed getting to wear the yellow jacket" and Heena said "I think there will be classrooms, playgrounds and computers in the new school."

The most exciting moment of the Robertson's Reporter project so far is that the pupils had the opportunity to attend the Golden Bolt Ceremony. Here, Geoff and our very own reporter Darren had the chance to show off to the important guests the final gold bolt that would go into the frame of the building. Darren was very pleased and wasn't scared about going up on the cherry picker! Afterwards pupils enjoyed lunch with the guests. There is still lots of work to be done to the new building and the reporters will be there to report on its progress along the way.

### Summer Holiday

#### School closes:

Tuesday 18th July 2017

#### School re-opens to staff:

Friday 1st September 2017

#### School re-opens to pupils:

Tuesday 5th September 2017

### Autumn Half Term Holiday

#### School closes:

Friday 27th October 2017

#### School re-opens:

Monday 6th November 2017

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