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WORLD BOOK DAY

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 as busy and exciting as ever at Newfield. We have had a new interim [headteacher](#) join us to lead and manage the school.

We continue to develop and implement our [curriculum](#) and children [experience](#) a huge variety of exciting [learning opportunities](#). To enhance this we have been [developing our outdoor spaces](#) so that learning can take place there.

DEVELOPING OUR OUTDOOR SPACES

Children have been able to start [meeting with each other in school](#) as well as going on more trips and visits out of school and we have been able to begin to welcome [more visitors](#) back in - which is fantastic news!

Staff have taken part in lots of [training](#) and our Family Wellbeing Coordinators have also been organising some [parent workshops](#) which have been successful, it has been fabulous to be able to welcome visitors back.

During March we have been thinking about the situation in Ukraine and children in the [RRSA steering group](#) have been showing support.

INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM ADVENTURES

Following our Ofsted visit in the Autumn term we have lots of work to do, but continue to be so proud of our children, families and staff - everyone is pulling together to ensure that Newfield delivers the best care and education and we are all committed to getting back the recognition of our special school, by working together to be successful and strong.

Thanks as always for all of your help and support for school and for the whole Newfield family.

We wish you a happy Easter holiday and look forward to seeing more of you in school during the summer term.



Message from the Headteacher, Dave

Hi all

Just to say a huge thanks for everyone's support for the school since the new term started in January. Spring is always a very busy time and I am delighted to see all of our young people and staff back and enjoying the life of the school.

As always, the work of everyone is to focus on getting the best for our pupils and I have seen some amazing learning, activities and events over the last few weeks. World Book Day, Outdoor Activity, Charities - Newfield has engaged with and supported a huge range of curricular experiences.

A particular highlight has been the Enterprise Days, including the very busy

Valentine's one pictured here, where all our young people and staff created a memorable entrepreneurial experience which was a wonderful way to develop new skills. Please by return do keep us informed of all the fantastic things our pupils do out of school - they are a very talented and fantastic bunch!

I look forward to meeting more parents and carers as the weeks progress now that Covid restrictions are easing and on behalf of all staff and governors I thank you for the unstinting support you always show for our school.

Dave



SPECIAL EVENTS

This term we have taken part in number of cultural and charity events, raising awareness and money to help others. We have finally begun to be able to do things in larger groups, getting back to a more normal Newfield, doing charity activities and having as much fun as possible!

In January our Rights Respecting School steering group started the year with another event to raise money for our link school and orphanage in Kenya with a [Bag2School](#) clothes recycling event. We were able to present the charity's representative with a cheque from our [fund raising activities](#) to date.

At the start of February we celebrated the year of the tiger for [Lunar New Year](#) with lots of activities and food!

We joined in [Children's Mental Health](#) week with lots going on to support children and staff to focus on looking after their wellbeing. Staff enjoyed a [wellbeing breakfast](#) and a prize draw, and some children had a [special picnic](#). We ended the week by [dressing to impress](#).

Love was in the air just before half term with Valentine's events, [mini enterprise stalls](#) and even a (pretend) [wedding](#)!

Everyone had a flipping good time and practised lots of skills on [pancake day](#).

Some classes celebrated [St Patrick's day](#) and had a lot of fun with shenanigans!

In March we celebrated [Red Nose Day](#) with lots of fun activities going on and people wearing red and paying £1 to support the charity.

We were very happy to be able to hold events, invite guests into school and spend time with our families and friends. It's been a long time since we have been able to all come together, which made it even more special. In SEND, Secondary classes put on a [circus](#) for parents and Early Years children had a stay and play session - [teddy bears' picnic](#)!

Children made all sorts of things to celebrate [Mothers' Day](#) at the end of term.



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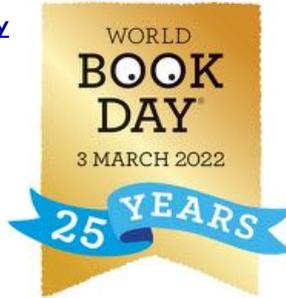
WORLD BOOK DAY



On the 3rd March we had a fantastic time celebrating the 25th Anniversary of [World Book Day](#). We had a [Scholastic Book Fair](#) in school for a week, where parents could come in to browse and choose books to buy with their children. Lots of parents came in and there was a good number of books sold - not quite enough for a donation to school this time, but hopefully next year we will sell more and get some free books for school!



On [World Book Day](#) itself everyone dressed up, we had sensory story sessions in our halls and sensory rooms all based around the story 'How to catch a star' with lots of silvery things in recognition of the 25 years.



We also held another RRSA fundraiser for Kenya, recycling books in a book tombola which was very popular and raised over £80!

At the end of term, children enjoyed a special visitor - [Princess Ariel](#) - who read stories to classes, following on from them learning about performance.



We continued to celebrate books and stories later in the month with a dance workshop - [Bringing Books to Life](#) - from The Westend in Schools company which was a great success.



OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACES

We are working hard on [developing out outside spaces](#) so that more [learning](#) can take place in the great outdoors! We've had a number of [donations of trees](#) and have been [planting](#) these along our boundaries and in the grounds thanks to the [River Ribble Trust](#).

We've also had some exciting outdoor fun [den building](#)! And we even got in the [Lancashire Telegraph](#)!

Children and staff have been doing all this work along with our group of volunteers, who come to weed, plant and [care for our gardens](#) - if you are interested in joining them, please contact school and let us know!



Easter Celebrations

At the end of term, children enjoyed Easter activities, including [sensory events](#), lots of baking of buns and chocolate nests, egg & spoon races and lots more.

Parents were invited to [special assemblies](#) and enjoyed spending time in school.

Staff enjoyed an [Easter wellbeing breakfast](#).

There were also some [Easter enterprise](#) activities where older children sold Easter items that they had prepared.



Easter Holiday

School closes:

Friday 1st April 2022

School re-opens:

Tuesday 19th April 2022

May Day closure:

Monday 2nd May 2022

Summer Half Term Holiday

School closes:

Friday 27th May 2022

School re-opens:

Monday 6th June 2022

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