

Newfield

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OLYMPIC ACTIVITIES

Hello and welcome...

... to our final termly e-newsletter! of this academic year!

We have had a busy Summer term, with children able to enjoy more of the usual activities - albeit in social distanced ways!

We have had warmer weather meaning we have been able to do lots of [outdoor learning](#). The school for Autism celebrated [World Earth Day](#), we all enjoyed [St. Georges' day](#) and took part in activities remembering [Captain Tom](#). We were able to have a [community](#)

OUTDOOR ART EXHIBITION

[potter](#) visit and help children to [throw pots](#), joined in [Ramadan](#) and [Eid](#) celebrations and have had many curriculum theme events, including [picnics](#), [olympics](#), [Rovers visitors](#), a [virtual voyage](#) and lots of time spent nurturing plants in the [sensory garden](#).

We held a lovely [Arts Exhibition](#), an olympic closing ceremony, a beach themed day - complete with donkeys - and also managed to set up an [Autism provision](#) within Shadsworth Infants - a busy term indeed!

Don't forget to visit our [website](#) or click any of the many links

NEWFIELD BEACH PARTY

which will take you directly to the blogs and photos on the website for each event and article.

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

We hope you all have a wonderful summer, enjoying time with family and friends.

See you in September for another exciting Newfield year!



Message from the Headteacher

As we approach the end of another disrupted and unusual school year, I am once again immensely proud and moved by the way that the Newfield Family has supported each other and has worked so hard to keep everyone safe whilst still maintaining the outstanding provision that everyone expects of us. I'm also eternally grateful to the understanding you have shown on the occasions when we have asked your children to self-isolate - these have been frustrating and difficult times for all of us.

Despite the disappointment of not being able to share our children's many achievements with families in person, the children and staff have continued to create amazing learning experiences together, many of which have been shared with you through our Evidence for Learning platform or on the school website's blog.

Our breath-taking new school curriculum is in full swing and bringing much enjoyment and development to our children. We have continued to move forward in other ways too, becoming an Autism Education Trust Training School Hub, regaining our Inclusion Quality Mark Flagship School status, achieving the MOVE practitioner Gold Quality Mark and opening a satellite centre at Shadsworth Infant School.

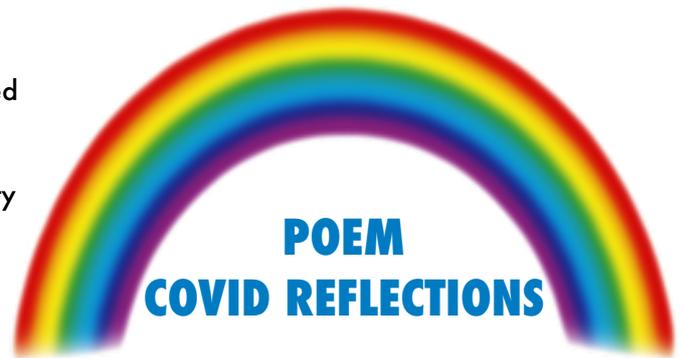
I very much hope that we will see a return to normal in September return and I can welcome you all back in to school to celebrate the achievements of our children.

Until then, I wish you all an enjoyable, sunny and safe summer and thank you all for your support.

Rik

GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK!

As always in the summer term we say [goodbye to our leavers](#) - the class of 2021. We still haven't been able to do our usual Prom and Celebration of Achievement activities - but they did receive trophies, hoodies and a yearbook and a small leavers assembly. This year we also have teacher Bex Simpson, EHCA Linda Duckworth and Assistant Head Laura Holmes who are leaving us - for, respectively, a new school, retirement and promotion - we wish all of the leavers good luck for the future and hope they keep in touch!



TG1 have written a [poem](#), reflecting on the pandemic and lockdown. They have written it, made a video about it and had some of it screened in Blackburn town centre and [painted on the side of our building](#) - We think it's brilliant!

I was shocked at the reports on the news
Locked in, face masks, all of Boris' views.
[I could not go outside and I felt sad](#)
[No trips to local food shops makes me sad.](#)
I'm sad at no more Sporting NRG
Just on my Ipad faces could I see.
[I want to be happy on my laptop](#)
[Because I could not go out to the shop.](#)
I am sad when I am not at my school
I don't see my friends and that's just not cool.
[Yet it could be time to get excited](#)
[Family time, barbeque ignited.](#)
And I'm excited it soon will be school
Time with friends and staff at the swimming pool.
[Back to school and the work is so boring!](#)
[All these class teachers, they got me snoring!](#)
I'm worried to see all class staff in masks
Every day I see them complete their tasks.
[But I'm happy playing games together](#)
[Sometimes outside in all kinds of weather.](#)
Happy eating school dinners in my class.
Instead of going in the hall 'en masse'.
[Excited to do Zumba in the hall](#)
[Push out elbow moves so much I could fall!](#)

ART EXHIBITION 2021

At the end of June we held our annual [art exhibition](#) - children work all year round on a wide range of projects and we celebrate this at our exhibition. The children all also achieve the Arts Award at some points during their time at Newfield. This year - we took it outside! We made use of our grounds to hold an exciting open air event where we displayed submarines, buses, tanks, flowers, hot air balloons, hedgehogs and a garden full of gnomes and ladybirds - all sorts of lovely creative work! In the school for [autism exhibition](#) there was a brilliant bug hotel.

There is a [walk through video](#) that you can watch to enjoy the experience and also a video of our talented [staff being creative](#) at home - enjoy!



CURRICULUM THEME ACTIVITIES

[This term](#), there has been lots of [fun in the sun](#). In SEND we have enjoyed participating in learning through the themes of 'Sports' Day' and 'Travel and Transport'. Some classes have been able to access [local parks](#) and everyone has been trying really hard to [develop their skills](#). There have been a [few visits](#) and a party bus too!

In Autism, children have been learning through the themes of 'The World Around Us' and 'Olympics'. Children enjoyed [Teddy tennis](#), visits from [Rovers](#) and trying out different sports. Older pupils embraced the host nation Japan - [making sushi](#) - yum!



SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

 **autism**
education trust
training hub

My name is Katrina Heywood and I have been working as a teacher here at Newfield for 11 years, but this academic year I have been fortunate enough to have the extra responsibility for training and outreach in the school for Autism.

Newfield has become an [AET training hub](#) which means we can offer high quality nationally recognised training to staff across Blackburn with Darwen. We have a wide range of courses on offer and have received some fantastic feedback from our delegates.

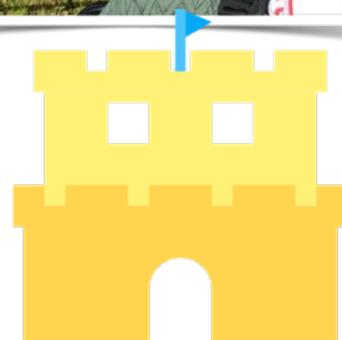
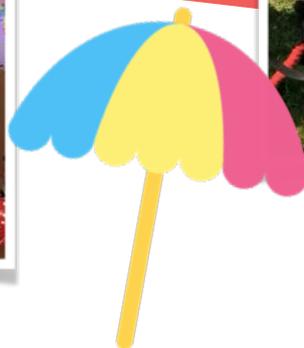
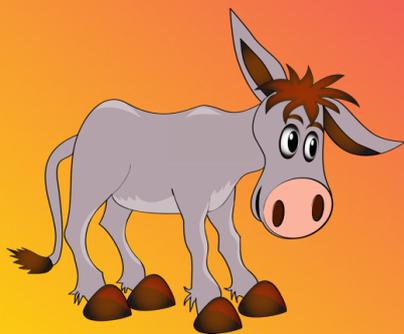
We have trained over 250 staff this year including many of our own staff, Appletrees and staff from mainstream schools. We have also offered the Cygnet Autism Parent support training to a small group as we start to be able to do some more face to face training.

We are currently developing lots of our own training and offering individual pupil support to staff in mainstream.

If you want to see the courses we have on offer they are on our [website](#) and you can follow the hub on Facebook [@NewfieldAET](#)

I hope to be able to see more parents next year if Covid will allow, so I look forward to meeting more of you soon.





NEWFIELD BEACH

At the end of term we had a special beach theme day - we cannot take children to the seaside, so in the school for SEND we made our own [Newfield Beach!](#)

We had ice creams from the ice cream van, special therapy donkeys that we could stroke and walk up and down, performances from the amazing Mr. Stix and a special fish and chip lunch outside.

NEWFIELD OLYMPICS

In the school for Autism at the end of the year, they held their own [Newfield Olympics!](#) As well as enjoying ice creams and donkeys, they had all sorts of physical challenges and all cheered each other on through each event.

They had a great time and enjoyed biscuit medals!



Summer Holiday

School closes to pupils:

Friday 16th July 2021

School closes to staff:

Monday 19th July 2021

School re-opens to staff:

Wednesday 1st September 2021

School re-opens to pupils:

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Autumn Half Term Holiday

School closes to pupils:

Thursday 21st October 2021

School closes to staff:

Friday 22nd October 2021

School re-opens:

Monday 1st November 2021

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