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# Newfield Express



## Hello Everyone - Letter from the Newfield Express Editor.

My name is Daniel. I am the editor for the school's newsletter for this term.

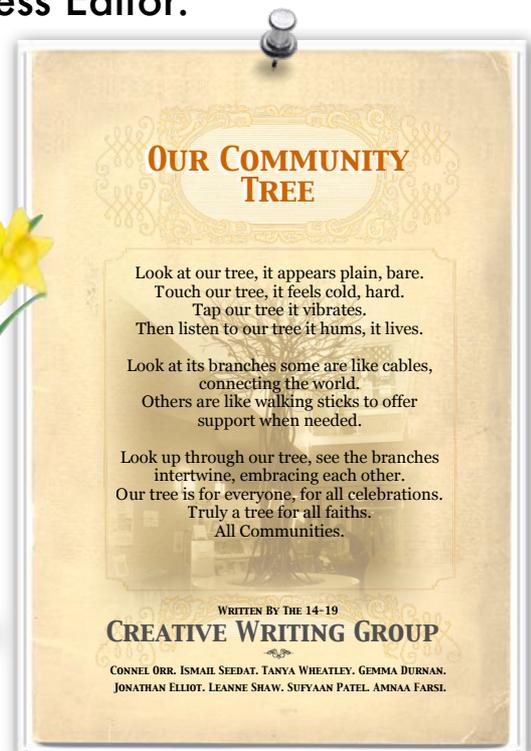
Well, we have had a busy term! We had a tree dedication assembly where lots of people came to help us to celebrate, including the Right Honorable Jack Straw, MP. We had lots of new staff start in the new year. We raised lots of money on Red Nose Day and Valentine's Day. We wore red on both days. Some students made gifts for Mother's Day. There was a performance of

Pinocchio that took place in school.

The Easter holidays have come fast and we all enjoyed the term. Have a very Happy Easter.

Daniel Royle

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# Welcome to our Newcomers

There have been some new faces around school to get to know during this term. We would like everyone to give a warm welcome to our newest pupils and staff.

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*Zara Patel*



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## Easter time

We had a special sing-a-long Easter concert and at the end of it we all got a chocolate egg - yum! We also had an egg decorating competition. Here are some of our favourites!



## Matthew's Sponsored Daffodil Doddle 2009

This is a two mile race held at Abbey Village School, 180 children entered the race. On a cold, wet and windy Sunday morning in March I was pushed around the course by Andy Parkinson, Mr Barker and his son Adam.

Half way round Andy hurt his knee and had to hobble home. My front wheels were too wobbly and near the end of the race, my chair crashed, with Adam flying over the top!

We finally finished in 21 minutes. Everyone had bacon butties and cups of tea at my house.

I was gutted because my sister came in two minutes ahead of me.

I Raised £200 for Abbey Village School and Newfield School toy library.

Thank you to everyone who sponsored me and to Mr. Barker and Andy Parkinson for giving up their Sunday afternoon and supporting me around the course!

Matthew Unsworth



## World Book Day - March 5th 2009

To celebrate 'World Book Day,' some pupils and students dressed up as characters from favourite stories. These included, Iggle Piggle, from 'In the Night Garden,' a pirate, a chef, Batman, Belle, Hermione, from 'Harry Potter' and other wonderful characters. It was very difficult for Alex Walker to choose some prize winners! Some money prizes were awarded to enable pupils to choose and buy a book from the 'Book Fair.'

Everyone else who took part also received a small reward. Later that week we had a book fair with books on sale in the Atrium. Lots of staff and children bought new books.



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On Friday 13th March, we celebrated Red Nose Day and raised money for Comic Relief. We sold lots of red noses and cakes. We sold raffle tickets and a lot of people won prizes which were all red. The staff had a special lunch which they bought to raise more money. In the afternoon we had a Talent Contest and students from both phases took part or watched it. All the staff and students paid 50p to dress in funny red clothes.

We had a really, really funny day and altogether we raised £560.61. Well done and Thank you!



# Pinocchio

## Drama production

In March M & M productions brought the magic of theatre to Newfield with the story of Pinocchio. All the pupils and staff watched it and had a wonderful time. Here, Rebecca tells us the story as she learnt it from watching the performance. Pinocchio was a wooden puppet who lived with his father who was named Geppetto. He was a very friendly little wooden puppet with a big personality. One day he was walking to school with his friend Jiminy Cricket but on the way went off with Honest John who told him a very convincing story about a puppet master named Stromboli who used puppets in his shows. The man locked Pinocchio in a cage and used him as a prop for his shows, a blue fairy came to ask Pinocchio questions about a number of different things but every time Pinocchio told the blue fairy lies his nose grew and grew.

By Rebecca Harrison.



## Newfield Buddies

Debbie Riley, Outreach HLTA, has organised a buddy system in school partnering students from 14-19 phase with pupils from 2-13 phase. Class teachers from both phases were asked to suggest pupils from their groups who they felt would benefit from and enjoy being either a supportive buddy to a younger child or a supported buddy by an older student. Debbie has then paired pupils together. They meet on Wednesday lunchtimes from 1 o'clock until 1.30pm. The first session involved visiting each others classrooms. In following sessions so far they have read stories, played games and made things together. The supportive buddies know they have to chat to their buddies whenever they see them to build a rapport and to develop recognition and interaction. You can see the buddies together in the photos to the left. Eventually, the pairs will be able to work together in class whenever time allows. So far this has been really good fun and there are lots of people who are now asking to join the buddy system. Thanks very much Debbie for organising this for us.



## Message from the Head teacher

Hi Everyone!

I don't know how this school manages to cram so much into the term!

Another very busy term for everyone which finished with the Tree dedication Celebrations. All the visitors were very impressed with the children's performances and The Right Honourable Jack Straw MP commented on the high standard in school. We were fortunate to have members of the Blackburn with Darwen Interfaith Forum join us and contribute. It was a very proud day for me as Head teacher. Well done everyone!!

We are planning further work and changes to take place over the Summer Term with another phase of development for the school with more building work to improve our facilities and provide greater learning opportunities for the children. This will include a new Communication and Interaction Studio for speech and language work, drama, music and sensory activities.

As well as improved 14 < 19 facilities and therapy provision. I will send more information next term when all the plans are finalised.

I hope you all have a good Easter break!

*Geoff Fitzpatrick*



## Community Tree Dedication Ceremony



On Friday 20th March 2009 all the school, parents, governors and dignitaries, including the Right Honorable MP Mr Jack Straw himself, along with representatives of different faiths took part in a ceremony to dedicate our Community Tree sculpture.

Groups of children from all across the school celebrated the different religions through readings, dancing and drama all focusing on telling stories of how trees are represented and important in each faith.

A member of the Blackburn with Darwen interfaith Forum spoke, as well as Mr. Straw. They were both very pleased and impressed with all of the hard work that everyone had put in to the celebration.

The highlight of the ceremony was when all of the dignitaries went into the Atrium and blessed the symbols of their faiths and placed them around the tree. We were all able to see them doing this, even though we were in the hall by watching on a webcam. It was like watching them on television and Geoff Fitzpatrick waved at the camera and made everyone in the hall laugh!

Ismail read a poem which was written by 14-19 poetry group students about our tree and this is now on display next to the tree in the Atrium. The choir sang a song called 'Sing a song of Freedom'.

The special guests were invited to stay to a special buffet lunch which Helen, the cook, had made. It was a truly lovely occasion and I think every one thoroughly enjoyed it.

You can see all of the wonderful photographs of the event on the opposite page.

By Ismail Seedat



Celebration of Cultural Diversity & Community Tree Dedication Ceremony



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# Valentine's Day

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On Thursday 12th February love was in the air at Newfield School. Our tree in the atrium was decorated with hearts and in the hall we enjoyed heart biscuits to eat and red juice to drink. We danced and smooched with our favourite

person to a variety of love songs. The day was a special day for us and for the British Heart Foundation. We paid 50p to wear red clothes and raised £113-45 for the British Heart Foundation.

Some Bridge Unit students enjoyed a special romantic meal - poached salmon with chive sauce, noisette potatoes, carrots and broccoli and for pudding they had chocolate brownies and cream! A great time was had by all of us!



# Chinese New Year

On Friday 30th January we celebrated Chinese New Year. The tree and hall were decorated with red chinese posters and lanterns. All the children took part in workshops throughout the day where the professional dragon dancers performed an enjoyable routine. Some students in the main hall learnt how to operate the dragons, play the drums and other instruments and move their bodies to the music. The show was bright and colourful. It was very lively but some children were a bit frightened by the chinese dragons.

At lunchtime the Chinese theme carried on and all students enjoyed a Chinese lunch. Every table had prawn crackers, chow mein and water. We all had a really good time and took home some special fortune cookies to bring us good luck.



# Important Dates:

Easter Holiday

School Closes:  
Thursday 2nd April 2009

School re-opens:  
Monday 20th April 2009

May day Bank Holiday  
Monday 4th May 2009

Half Term

School Closes:  
Thursday 21st May 2009

School re-opens:  
Monday 1st June 2009



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