

Spring 2014

Newfield Express



Letter from the Newfield Express Editor.

Hello! My name is Waseem. I am the editor for the school's newsletter this term. We have decided, that since our website - www.newfield.org.uk - has got so much information about what we do in school, we are going to save trees and reduce the size of our print newsletter. We hope that you enjoy reading about all of the stuff that we do and if you want to know more, please go and read the blog on the website or follow us on twitter! It has been another exciting term, with loads going on - fund

raising, special events, lots & lots of celebrations, fun and even more learning! We were especially pleased to get the 'established QiSS award' for all the extra things that we do; and we really loved it when a skunk and a giant rabbit came to visit us! So, have a good read & get on t'internet to find out more! Happy Easter everybody, don't eat too many chocolate eggs!



Sport Relief Communication
 Chinese New Year Valentines
 Work Experience Film Club
 Little pots of care
 Science World Autism Day
 Fair Trade Fortnight Sign2Sing
 Dance Fest 2014 Easter
 QiSS World Book Day
 M&M Productions - The Railway Children

Sport Relief سہورت ریلیف کے لیے پیسہ بنانا

In March we joined in activities for sport relief - All children were able to take part in various activities and games including a textured climbing wall, bubble wrap relay run, friendship rope relaxation yoga moves in the 4D studio and lots more! We all dressed in sports wear & paid a pound. We also enjoyed a disco dance-a-thon in the afternoon. We sold special wrist bands & staff held a sweepstake. We had a fab time & raised over £140 - well done everyone.



On 2nd April, Newfield 'Lit it up Blue' for the seventh annual World Autism Awareness Day! We asked all pupils, staff and visitors to wear blue for the day, with ARC classes even making bracelets and T-Shirts to sell to raise money. We had a coffee morning for visitors, & decorated the whole school with blue lanterns and hot air balloons which all of the classes had been busy making. There was a competition for the best lantern, judged by Governor Joan Bamber. All of the children took part in special events in the Studio and in the 4D pods. There was a crime scene to investigate & the police came with their car to light up blue with the flashing light and siren. We all had a great time learning, playing and raising awareness of Autism!



WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
6 MARCH 2014



We enjoyed another exciting World Book Day with magician, Andy Magee, telling stories, jokes & doing magic tricks. He made us all laugh with a disappearing mouse, plate spinning and a dance competition to Gangnam Style!

We also had a multi-sensory story in the 4D Studio and a Book Swap Stall. Some of the pupils and staff dressed as story book characters and we had a great day.

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Message from the Head...

Hi Everyone!

This term seems to have gone by so quickly with far too many highlights to mention here, but some are included in this newsletter & of course our excellent website (www.newfield.org.uk) has much more! I am very grateful to all the parents and carers who have taken part in many of our events and who have supported and helped us in our development work as we move from Statements of Need to the new Education Health Care Plans. There are many changes ahead but be assured all the team here, in partnership with you, are working tirelessly to ensure we continue to achieve the very best outcomes for all our children and young people.

I would also like to take the opportunity to once again thank the staff for all their hard work and commitment to our work and it only remains for me to wish you a very Happy Easter and holiday!

Geoff Fitzpatrick

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2014

24 FEBRUARY – 9 MARCH



We celebrated Fair Trade Fortnight at the beginning of this half term with the RRSA steering group helping to plan and coordinate events. The whole school got involved; becoming aware of what Fair Trade means to farmers and communities in other countries. We ran a Fair Trade Tuck shop each morning; selling Fair Trade food and drink; some of which were kindly donated by Sainsbury's in Darwen. We also organised a Treasure Hunt and a variety of Multi-Sensory activities that all the classes were invited to. Special assemblies were held; explaining what Fair Trade means; with bananas being the special emphasis this year. The kitchen staff very kindly made special desserts during the fortnight and baked the banana and chocolate muffins each class prepared. A big thank you to all parents, governors and staff who got involved in the activities; saving Fair Trade packaging, sending money for the Tuck Shop and becoming aware of the good work that is Fair Trade!



Celebration of Dance

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We did another fantastic job at King George's Hall, dancing with other BwD schools, in a mega mix from the 1920s to modern day! It was fab!



Work Experience

Our oldest students have been taking part in work experience activities. HLTA Debbie has worked hard to get businesses to take on our students, allowing them to have a go at jobs they are interested in - they all love it and we are so pleased with how well it is going and how impressed the work places are with our fantastic, hard working students. Thanks to McDonalds Darwen, Halfords, ASDA, TESCO, Pets at Home, Shadsworth Sports Centre and Longshaw Nursery for supporting us - if you can offer a placement please get in touch!



Coopers Critters' Visit

Yes, it's true, children and staff in the 2-11 phase were visited by a bunny - not the Easter bunny, but a HUGE giant rabbit called Junior. The lady also brought along a snake, giant millipede and snail, Humbug the skunk and a skink lizard. Each class was able to spend time with the animals, holding, stroking and enjoying being with them - it really was a great way to end the term where they had been learning about animals.



Our lovely new garden

This term, work has continued on our new sensory garden! It is starting to look really beautiful with the pod, bridge, pond and story teller corner. We can't wait to start planting around it now that it is finished.



Important Dates:

Easter Holiday
School Closes:
Friday 4th April 2014

School re-opens to staff:
Tuesday 22nd April 2014
School re-opens to pupils:
Wednesday 23rd April 2014

Mayday Bank Holiday:
Monday 5th May 2014

Spring Half Term Holiday
School Closes:
Friday 23rd May 2014

School re-opens:
Monday 2nd June 2014



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