



## NEW CHILDREN AND STAFF

### Hello and welcome

to the latest issue of our newsletter. It's been another really busy term with lots of new pupils and staff joining us.

There has been loads going on as always, the usual Harvest, Eid and Christmas celebrations, along with fund raising for Jeans for Genes, Children in Need, UNICEF and school fund. We've had an exciting Languages Day, a Takeover week where the pupils were in charge,

## EXCITING NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

visits to pantomimes and many visitors to welcome in school. We have started a satellite provision for Autism at Shadsworth Infants and most exciting of all is the new building which is now well and truly taking shape next door, ready for our pupils with Autism to move into hopefully around Easter time!

Everyone who has the privilege to come to Newfield, in whatever capacity, really sees the value of our school and the hard work that

## SAME GREAT NEWFIELD FAMILY!

goes into making this the best possible place for our very special, wonderful children and young people. We are very fortunate to enjoy what we have here - a big thank you to everyone who makes this such a happy, exciting, driven Newfield family!

We wish you all a very happy festive season and looking forward to seeing you in school in what promises to be a really exciting New Year.



We have had over 20 new children join us at the start of the Autumn term and they are settling in well, making new friends. We have also welcomed new staff during this Autumn term - so there are lots of new faces around - here are some of our new children.

WOW! LOOK AT  
ALL OUR NEW  
PUPILS

# Welcome!

also to new pupils  
Muhammed, Aiza, Reyhan, Kai



Millie



Jack



Izzat



Nafeesah



Claire



Lacey



Steven



Adam



Alicia



Muhammad



Lacey



Krishay



Christopher



Abdul Hakeem



Amira



Casey



Haarib



Hajra

This September we've had 4 new teachers join us - here is what they said when we interviewed them recently to find out more about them!

**Question: Where did you work before coming to Newfield School?**

**Answer:** Teaching year 3 and 5 at Intack Primary school in Blackburn

**Question: What is your favourite TV programme?**

**Answer:** Planet Earth - I don't like I'm a Celebrity... because of the bugs!

**Question: How old are you?**

**Answer:** I am 51 years old.

**Question: Do you live in Blackburn?**

**Answer:** I live in Wilpshire near Blackburn - its very small with just a Co-op

**Question: Do you like our school?**

**Answer:** Yes it's a very happy school

**Question: Where did do you last go on holiday?**

**Answer:** Spain - reading in the sunshine

**Question: Which famous person would you bring to school?**

**Answer:** Paul Hollywood - for his Apple pie

**Question: What do you like doing in your spare time?**

**Answer:** Walking, Bike riding, Yoga, time with family, visiting the Lakes

**Question: Tell us one thing about yourself that no one knows.**

**Answer:** I like Rock Music, but also secretly listen to Barry Manilow



**ALISON BURY**  
**CLASS 6**



## DAISY HARESNAPE R2



**Question: Where did you work before coming to Newfield School?**

**Answer:** In a school for children with Autism in Preston

**Question: What is your favourite TV programme?**

**Answer:** The British Bake Off

**Question: How old are you?**

**Answer:** I am 27 years old.

**Question: Do you live in Blackburn?**

**Answer:** No

**Question: Do you like our school?**

**Answer:** Yes, and I like my class R5

**Question: Where did do you last go on holiday?**

**Answer:** Vietnam

**Question: Which famous person would you bring to school?**

**Answer:** One of the judges off Strictly Come Dancing

**Question: What do you like doing in your spare time?**

**Answer:** Making things - Arts and Crafts

**Question: Tell us one thing about yourself that no one knows.**

**Answer:** I'm learning to play the guitar!



## JULIE ASPIN R3



**Question: Where did you work before coming to Newfield School?**

**Answer:** A residential school in Preston

**Question: What is your favourite TV programme?**

**Answer:** Emmerdale

**Question: How old are you?**

**Answer:** I am 47 years old.

**Question: Do you live in Blackburn?**

**Answer:** No, I live in Rishton

**Question: Do you like our school?**

**Answer:** Yes, I love all the classes

**Question: Where did do you last go on holiday?**

**Answer:** Cyprus

**Question: Which famous person would you bring to school?**

**Answer:** Sally Webster

**Question: What do you like doing in your spare time?**

**Answer:** Swimming, reading and shopping

**Question: Tell us one thing about yourself that no one knows.**

**Answer:** I used to have a dog called Bert!

**Question: Where did you work before coming to Newfield School?**

**Answer:** I was a Drama teacher in St Helens

**Question: What is your favourite TV programme?**

**Answer:** Stranger Things - because it's scary

**Question: How old are you?**

**Answer:** I am 30 years old.

**Question: Do you live in Blackburn?**

**Answer:** No, I live in Manchester

**Question: Do you like our school?**

**Answer:** Very much, I am happy and proud to work at Newfield

**Question: Where did do you last go on holiday?**

**Answer:** On a boat, which started in Spain

**Question: Which famous person would you bring to school?**

**Answer:** Jamie Oliver

**Question: What do you like doing in your spare time?**

**Answer:** Going out with friends, to the theatre, live music or the movies

**Question: Tell us one thing about yourself that no one knows.**

**Answer:** I like my own company



**LAURA DAVIES**  
**R6**

# HARVEST FESTIVAL



At the start of October we held our annual Harvest assembly. The school was regaled by the Primary and Secondary choirs and presentations were given by Fiona Conway from Christchurch and Barbara Foster from Blackburn food bank to whom we donated our harvest gifts of food. They later confirmed that we had donated enough food for 103 meals for local people in need - Many thanks to our guests and all who contributed and attended the assembly.

# REMEMBRANCE ASSEMBLY

On the 11th November we held a remembrance assembly. It gave us the opportunity to come together as a school and reflect on what the day represents. We had all done some poppy artwork and we talked about why we wear poppies, why we have a two minutes silence and who we are remembering and why. Both staff and students were involved with the day, some of our older students sold poppies to raise money for the Royal British Legion, there was an excellent performance from the choir and a reading from two of our newest students in school. We even heard the Last Post played by Anna, a teacher in school.



On Friday 17th November we joined the nation to fund raise for Children in Need, by paying to dress up in spotty clothes, having a special Pudsey pie lunch for pupils and staff and selling cakes! In the afternoon we had a noisy Pudsey disco, and the big yellow hero himself, Pudsey, joined us in school for all the fun going round classes and meeting everyone. There was even a colouring competition, won by Erin, Haarib and Leo. We had a fantastic day and raised £262.20p for the charity - thanks and well done to everyone!





On the 26th September we joined countries in Europe to celebrate languages around the world with our language fair market in the morning and WorldVision performance competition in the afternoon.

Classes were allocated a country and had been finding out about its language, culture, customs and food. The hall was transformed into a market place and together classes put on stalls for other classes, governors parents and visitors – to get a real flavour of a World Market. China, Mexico, Spain, India, Greece, Italy, Brazil, USA and France were all represented - the sights and sounds were amazing!

For WorldVision, classes had prepared a Greek dance performed by TG4/5, an American cheerleading performance by R5/6/7, a Chinese dragon dance by classes 1/2/3 and to finish it all off a Mexican maracas performance by classes 4/5!

We voted for our favourite but everyone did a fantastic job, had loads of fun and learnt some new things along the way!



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

### Hi Everyone!

I would just like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for all their hard work this term and for the continuing support of all our parents, carers and friends. We make a great family team!! For those who will be celebrating Christmas and New Year, I hope you have a great time...but manage to get some rest too! Next year is a very important year for Newfield as we see the new School for Autism @ Newfield open! I will be planning a series of briefings in the New Year for all those interested! In the meantime, read the website Blog!....it's full of great information and updates on everything we do in school!



Merry Christmas & Best Seasons Wishes!

*Geoff Fitzpatrick*

Early years parents recently got together, along with their children and hope to meet up again soon



Parents exploring all things sparkly at a sensory craft workshop



## PARENTS AS LEARNERS

We've had lots of parents join us in school this term for a range of sessions - meet the new teacher days, speakers from 'Contact a family' offering advice and support, workshops on communication, craft ideas and keeping your child fit. We love having parents in school, so if you have any suggestions, please give us a ring or pop in so we can hear your ideas and make more plans for next year!



This term we launched ParentMail - our new way of sending you info, letters, forms and messages, without the need for paper by text and email. If you haven't registered, please do and if you need a hand, just let us know - it's so convenient, we're sure you'll love it!

The Rights Respecting School Award steering group have been busy again this term. After being re-accredited with the level 2 award last summer, we've been asked to share our skills and knowledge as ambassadors for UNICEF, so have had visitors from Chestnut Lodge school in Widnes and Seashell Trust in Manchester come to spend time with us and learn about Children's Rights and how they can be part of it. We have also been busy, collecting old shoes, counting and weighing them, then getting them to Clarks shoe shop to raise money for UNICEF's 'School in a box' campaign, providing educational equipment anywhere it is needed. Finally, at the Christmas fair we held a tombola to raise money for the crisis in Syria - it's very important to us that children and people all over the world are supported in times of need. We raised over £70, to help UNICEF to protect children from the deadly cold this winter.

For more information or to donate please go to:

<https://www.unicef.org.uk/donate/syria/>


 FOR EVERY CHILD  
IN DANGER


We enjoyed another fantastic Takeover week in November, with pupils spending some time taking over the running of the school - in total **18** takeovers went on - Matthew and Terence did a great job chairing meetings in the headteacher role, working in the kitchen we had Kulsom, Haarib was on carpark duty, Yasin and Chris joined the site supervisors, brothers Mushy and Sully helped Lynx sort out our IT, several students were supporting younger children in class and in the hydro pool we had Hajra. Adam and Adnan took over in the office, Jordan supported a MOVE session - so they really did run the school that week! Well done to everyone involved - it was an enormous success once again and our star pupils showed what varied skills they have.

# 2-13 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION



## Santa's on Strike!



This year the 2-13 phase did our Christmas performance which was called 'Santa's on Strike'.

The story started with Santa being very upset and angry that the children around the world had forgot the real meaning of Christmas. He thought they all had bad manners, lies and cheek! So he declared himself 'ON STRIKE!'

Mrs Santa and the elves tried to convince him that not all children were bad, showing him different families at Christmas time. All of the classes each had their own song to perform. We saw children helping to clean and tidy, children playing games and singing 'Rockin around the Christmas tree', Christmas carol singers and a short traditional nativity scene.

The show finished with a fantastic performance of 'Blast off!' where

Santa and his reindeers flew into the sky to deliver presents to all the children on Christmas eve.

The children all worked really hard to learn their parts, make some fantastic costumes and props. We also had a beautiful rendition of Silent Night sung by Mackenzie - Class 7 and Twinkle Twinkle by Mohammed - Class 6.

It was wonderful to see so many parents and friends of school in the audience and everyone really enjoyed themselves. Well done to all involved for such a brilliant show!



# CHRISTMAS FAIR



On the 1st of December we held our annual Christmas Fair – and what a magical day! The turnout was amazing – so many parents, families, former pupils, former staff, governors, friends from local nurseries and schools, Shelagh and Peter from Dan's Trust, The Worshipful the Mayor of Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council and Lady Mayoress, our old friends from Corus Brass and last but not least, Father Christmas himself! School was already decorated with our big tree in the Atrium, so the atmosphere was really special, with games, stalls selling lovely items made by the children, lots of cakes, a busy cafe, a brilliant raffle... the list goes on. We even had the RRSA group running a tombola to raise awareness and funds in aid of the crisis in Syria, so we were pleased to raise over £73.50p for UNICEF to support the children there this winter. The band played, really spreading the cheer throughout school and we had a wonderful time, raising over £1200 for school fund! Thanks to everyone who contributed, it was a brilliant start to what we hope is the best Christmas ever!



## Christmas Holiday

School closes:

Thursday 21st December 2017

School re-opens:

Monday 8th January 2018

## Spring Half Term Holiday

School closes:

Friday 9th February 2018

School re-opens:

Monday 19th February 2018

## Easter Holiday:

School closes:

Friday 23rd March 2018

School re-opens:

Monday 9th April 2018

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