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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.

This term has been very busy with lots of new faces around school. We have all been working really hard on our Creative Curriculum and it has been lots of fun. We have had visits in school from two theatre companies. One did 'Babes in the Wood' and the other did 'A Christmas Carol'. Some of our older students even did their own performance which was brilliant!

The parents group organised for the cinema to come to school with 'High School Musical 3'.

Some younger pupils went on visits to the library in Blackburn to have 'multi sensory story time' which was really lovely.

This is just some of the stuff that we have done so as you can see we have all been really, really busy! I would like to wish all of our staff, pupils, parents and friends of Newfield School a very Merry Christmas and a fantastic New Year in 2009.

Thank you.

Daniel Royle



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Jeans for Genes day

On Friday October 3rd we joined the nation in celebrating Jeans for Genes day. We raised money for genetic illnesses by all paying £1 to wear our Jeans in school. We had a raffle with a lot of excellent prizes. Then we made some biscuits that looked like little men with jeans on and sold them. Altogether we raised £306.29. Thank you to everyone for bringing in money for Jeans for Genes day!



Mrs Beth Towers



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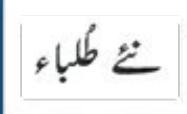
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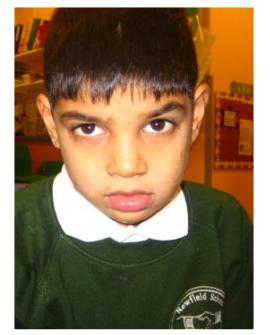
Mrs Helen Thomas

Welcome to our Newcomers

As usual in the Autumn term there have been lots of new faces around school to get to know. We would like everyone to give a warm welcome to our newest pupils.



Jessica Baldwin



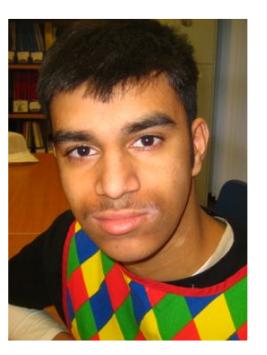
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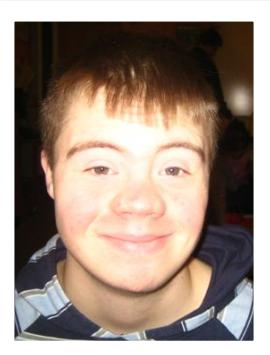
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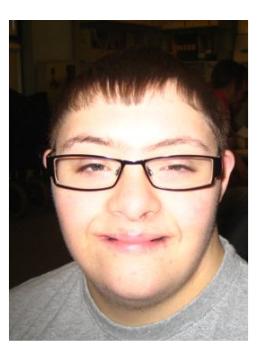
Tanya Wheatley



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Joshua Haworth



Kurt Parker



Aaron Booth



Jamie Stevenson



Rebecca Harrison

Goodbye to old friends...

This term we have said 'goodbye' to a few old staff. Jean Greenhalgh and Barbara Parkinson have both retired after working in our office for many years. Nursery nurses Felicity Read and Lisa McDermott and Marilyn Collinge from the kitchen, have also gone to do new things.

We wish them all the very best of luck for the future and hope that they will all come back and visit us sometimes!

Message from the Head teacher

Hi Everyone!

Such a busy term...and it has gone so quickly!

Thank you everyone who has supported us over the term. Your contributions are always valued and appreciated by both the staff and pupils. I was particularly pleased with how the new parent consultation arrangements went this term and we will continue to monitor these to see how they are going. The new after school clubs are also proving to be very popular and again we are hoping to extend them further in the New Year. Thank you to everyone involved in those.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year!

Harvest

At the end of September we held a Harvest Assembly. We had a visit from the Rev Jill Dyer who gave us a talk about being grateful for everything we have to eat and remembering to say 'Thank you'.

Donations were collected and these were sent to Derian house.



The choir sang a song called 'It's Harvest Time' at the beginning and another one at the end called 'This little light of mine'.

We had a performance about fruit and vegetables being good for our bodies. The audience were given clues about each fruit and vegetable and then had to guess what each one was.



There was also some great dancing for our harvest celebration.



Eid

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Eid
Assembly

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In October we had an Eid assembly. We enjoyed listening to Talha reading from the Qur'an. We had a visit from Anjum Anwar who talked to us and told us a story. Also we had a very special guest called Hilal who came round to see us all and delivered us some presents. At lunchtime we enjoyed some delicious food to celebrate Eid, samosas sandwiches and jelly. It was great.



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In the afternoon we had an Eid disco. Some students had Henna put onto their hands in lots of different beautiful patterns. We danced all afternoon and enjoyed eating the party food.

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European Day of Language

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On the 26th September we had an event celebrating the different languages spoken around the world . There were loads of different countries represented by stalls in the hall including our country which is England and also Kenya, Wales, Italy, China, France, Scotland, Africa, Australia and Ireland . Some of the staff dressed up in fancy clothes and Mrs Mohammed won 1st Prize . There were loads of interesting things to look at and to listen to but best of all there were loads of delicious foods to taste.



Children in Need

On Friday 14th November we celebrated 'Children in Need'. We all paid to come to school dressed in our pyjamas and the staff did as well. We also raised money by selling Pudsey Bear Biscuits. The staff bought a special lunch of 'Pudsey pie and peas', but don't worry - it was only Butter Pie. The Students in Group 5 helped to cook it and then they tried it as a treat. In the afternoon we all had a pyjama party with loads of fun and games, it was a good laugh. We even had hot chocolate. We also had a very special guest - Pudsey Bear himself came to school and went round to see everybody. Thanks to all the people who joined in, altogether we raised the massive amount of £335.73





Bridge Unit Performing Arts Group

We did a play in Performing Arts called Hotel Spooky. We have been rehearsing for almost 3 months and we made our own props and asked other people for props. We decided on our own costumes and we put our own ideas together for the script, choreography and creating our own dance steps for The monster mash. Also, we all took part in the performance. Gennel Orr was the technical support manager and Lee Spiers was the prop manager.

Michael Turner and Melissa Reddin were Count and Countess Spookula.

Rebecca Harrison was the maid and Zainab Patel was the counts daughter, Cruella.

Joey and Amnaa were Ian and Jane, Farhat and Daniel Yates were Bianca and Ricky.

Luciano and Lawrence were the two rats.

Hilmera was the grandmother.

We all enjoyed doing the performance.

Pupils in the Bridge Unit

performed for all their friends and families one evening in November and later that week did a daytime performance for all of the school.

They had a standing ovation and were very professional in their acting. Rebecca, who was one of the actors, wrote this piece for us all by herself!



Halloween



On the 24th October, the day that we broke up for half term, we had a Halloween Party. Students had a chance to dress up in Halloween costumes.

Witches, skeletons and lots of scary masks were at the party organised by group 5 in 14-19. Tanya, Shamma and Christian won prizes for the best fancy dress outfits. We enjoyed singing, dancing together and eating lots of tasty party food like cakes, jelly and spiced pumpkin.



Christmas Fair.



The Christmas Fair was as popular as ever with stalls selling gifts, cakes, cards, jewellery, plants and toys as well as a tombola, henna hand painting, teddy tombola and a raffle. The cafe was kept really busy but the biggest queue was for Father Christmas himself! Everyone worked really hard and we raised approximately £900 altogether.



2-13 Christmas Concert.

After being cancelled due to snow for the original date, pupils in 2-13 finally held their Christmas Concert on Tuesday 16th December. First there was lots of acting and dancing to well known Christmas songs, including 'Frosty the snowman' and 'Santa Claus is coming

to town'. Then the youngest children did a traditional nativity while everyone sang. At the end everyone joined in with an old Newfield favourite, the 'Calypso Carol'. They did really well and it was a good concert.



14-19 Christmas Concert.

On Wednesday 10th December we held our Christmas Concert called 'Magic from the Musicals'. We all took part singing, dancing and acting favourite bits from 'Wizard of Oz', 'Grease', 'Mamma Mia', 'Mary Poppins', 'Calamity

Jane' and 'High School Musical'. The choir sang songs from 'Oliver' and 'Joseph', as well as getting the parents and friends who came to join in singing and signing 'White Christmas'. We all worked really hard

on it and had a brilliant, exciting time doing it. Everyone thought that it was fantastic.



Important Dates:

Christmas Holiday

School Closes:
Friday 19th December 2008

School re-opens:
Tuesday 6th January 2009

Half Term

School Closes:
Friday 13th February 2009

School re-opens:
Monday 23rd February 2009



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