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# Newfield Express



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



Dear Pupils, Parents & Friends of Newfield School,

This term has been another busy term as always here at Newfield! We have had Super Learning Week during March. Primary held a Spring Fair and we watched a performance of Oliver Twist as well as enjoying lots of creative and performing arts. We have also been raising money and have enjoyed lots of special celebrations. The special interview this issue is with our Deputy Head, Mrs. Joan Halsall who is retiring on the 30th April 2008.

We will absolutely miss her very much. We have ended the term with an Easter Assembly and celebrations including a disco, an Easter bonnet parade and an Easter egg hunt.

Thank you all for your support. Have a very Happy Easter.

Best Wishes,  
Ismail Seedat, Editor.



Valentine's Party  
Easter Egg Hunt  
Backpack Appeal  
Super Learning Week  
Theatre Trip  
French day visit  
Community Faith Tree



Hasan Naser



Yaseem Rakha



Jessica Fern

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Welcome to our  
new pupils!

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## Special Feature

### Interview with Mrs. Joan Halsall, our retiring Deputy Headteacher

Q. How many years have you been working for?

A. Nearly 43 years.

Q. What year did you start working in schools?

A. 1965.

Q. Which school do you like the best, the old Newfield or the new Newfield?

A. I think I like how we are all together, and we are all one school. The old Newfield was joined together from old buildings and the old school and separate staff and separate pupils, but here we started all together and we are all together as one.

Q. How many schools have you worked in?

A. Four - Brockhall Hospital School, Gladstone Street School, Dame Evelyn Fox School, the old Newfield School and the new Newfield School. So it looks like five, but really it's only two, because Gladstone St., Dame Evelyn and Newfield were all one school really.

Q. Have you enjoyed your career?

A. Extremely, I've enjoyed every single minute of it. I would do it all over again.

Q. Have any funny things happened during your career?

A. Oh lots of funny things yes, and some funny things are too funny to mention.

Q. What are your favourite memories during your career?

A. I've got many happy memories of 100's of cherished children and have enjoyed seeing them all work hard and grow up into

responsible young people. I will miss them very much.

Q. What was your first job at this school?

A. My first job was the teacher of a Reception Class of 4 year olds. I didn't have a nursery nurse but they were all very good children.

Q. What are your plans for the future?

A. Putting my feet up like Jackie said, that's one thing, that's the very first thing. We've put our house up for sale and hopefully we're going to sell our house and buy a little bungalow so we are downsizing to a smaller place. I'm too old to clean up a really big house now and I want to rest, so we're going to get a little bungalow by the sea and enjoy walking on the sea front and have some healthy walks because of my heart condition. Also, I like painting and drawing and I'll enjoy just sitting painting and relaxing. We're also going to go on a cruise, not all the way round the world, but to lots of countries we've not been to. So I've got lots of plans for the future now haven't I? I'm going to miss Newfield terribly.

Ismail Seedat

## Community Faith Tree

In the atrium we have a new tree it is our community tree and it is very tall. on Valentines day we decorated the tree with love hearts and Ribbons and made it look very pretty. Everybody likes the tree it makes our school look different.



There have been big changes to our school atrium. Before it was just an empty space but now it has changed into a beautiful library and all our books are on display. we also have some nice tables and chairs round the pillars.

Talha Patel

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## Valentine's Party

All of Secondary department enjoyed a Valentines Disco before half term. We all enjoyed dancing with our friends and the staff. It was well fantastic. We had disco party food there and drinks there. S5 made heart shaped biscuits and I made some Doctor Who biscuits for the Valentines disco at the same time. We decorated the hall with pink love hearts and love pictures. 'I went to the disco. I had some food and a drink of milk. I danced to the music with Ahmad and had good time.' said Sufyaan Patel. Daniel Ross

Students in BU enjoying their romantic candlelit lunch for Valentine's Day.



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# Super Learning Week

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*In March we had a fantastic time doing absolutely loads of super different things. Here is a selection of photos of some of them.*

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## French Day Link

In February a group of pupils from KS4 went to St James primary school in Lower Darwen for a French day.

We dressed up, we went on the computers and we played 'boules'. We also did some funny dancing.

Some children played football outside at playtime while others played with their new friends. We ate French soup and French

bread and we all had a really good day and made lots of new friends.

Alan Fisher, Fatema Mota, Talha Patel.



## For Sale

Cards for every occasion and Sparkle handmade Jewellery - available on request from the Bridge Unit.

Healthy tuck shop - every day in the Atrium, from just 10p.

Bridge Unit organic fruit and vegetables - on sale in the Summer term.



## Theatre Visit

Our trip to the Lowry Theatre in Manchester to see Dick Whittington.

We went on our first day back in January, this was a nice start back to school.

King Rat was horrible! He did an Elvis song and wore black leather clothes. The boy was Dick Whittington. He had a cat called Tommy. Tommy killed all the Rats. Dick married Alice and they lived happily ever after. There were some young girls dancing.

We all had a great day and really enjoyed it.

Matthew Unsworth & Frazz Ahmed



## Charity News

Thank you for all the things that everyone sent in for the 'backpack project'. We received enough things to fill 20 bags and more items were left that will be sent on as extras. We have handed the backpacks over to the charity and they will soon be sending them off to Malawi in Africa to help all the children there to go to school. We are very lucky here and have enjoyed helping others.

[www.sircharity.org](http://www.sircharity.org)

Daniel Royle



## Important Dates:

**Easter Holiday**

School Closes:

Thursday 20th March 2008

School re-opens:

Monday 7th April 2008

**Half Term**

School Closes:

Friday 23rd May 2008

School re-opens:

Monday 2nd June 2008



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