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BUSY BUILDERS

Hello and welcome

to the latest issue of our newsletter. This has been a short term - made even shorter by 2 snow days! As you will see we have still managed to fit lots into it. The children and staff have all been working hard and having lots of fun too with special events, visitors and some amazing performances. The builders have been really

working hard to get our new building ready, so it won't be long now until some of us can get in there - hopefully! There are lots of us in our building and lots of children needing to join us, so we really appreciate the new space and it looks fantastic so far.

New faces in January have settled in well, read on to find out what we've been doing - some exciting things as always as well as the usual annual events and discos.

MOANA

FAIRTRADE

Having worked hard on tropical Moana, we are looking forward to warmer days, being able to get over to the new building and have a look round and take advantage of the outdoor space available there. for the whole Newfield family.

We wish you a restful holiday and look forward to seeing you in school very soon.



THE SCHOOL FOR AUTISM @ NEWFIELD



23rd March 2017



5th May 2017



A YEAR IN PICTURES... ALMOST COMPLETE

We've been watching and waiting from our building as the Robertson Building team slowly but surely turn a muddy field into a building site... bringing cranes and diggers, putting up huge metal works, laying bricks and building roads. Some pupils have visited the site, some builders have been into school.

They have battled sunshine, snow, wind and rain and it is now almost ready for us.

We are very excited about getting in and being able to show you our fantastic facility.

2nd February 2018



1st December 2017



2nd June 2017



4th July 2017



6th October 2017



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MEALS DAY

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On 15th March we celebrated International school meals day – a day to be grateful for our lovely school dinners and think about children around the world who do not get a midday meal. The pupils were given a choice of a special lunch and they voted for chicken nuggets, chips and beans. They all really enjoyed it and there were lots of empty plates!



In the afternoon we had an assembly and we also had some special visitors from the charity Mary's Meals, who we chose to raise funds for through selling raffle tickets for foodie prizes and staff purchasing a cheese pie lunch. We raised lots of money to help feed children in poorer countries around the world. The charity aims to provide children in Africa with at least 1 good meal per day. It only costs £13.90 to feed a child for a whole year! The total we raised was over £100 and with this, the charity can feed more than 5 children for a year - fantastic!

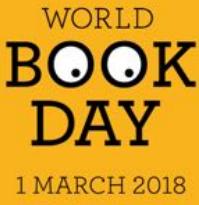
Thank you to everyone who joined in and to dinner ladies and kitchen staff everywhere!



THE RAILWAY CHILDREN



On the 2nd March, we enjoyed watching M&M's production of The Railway Children after a few snowfall days. It was wonderful to see a theatre production in our own school with lots of exciting scenes, colourful backdrops and lovely costumes. Everyone enjoyed the noise of the train and remembered the time when they went to a train station. The pupils laughed at silly incidents, like the time a man was waving his legs out of a box upside down and when the porter bumped into a box. They were also really intrigued by the squeaking sound of the teddy and other silly sounds. Pupils loved pointing and shouting in response to what the actors were asking the audience. After the production, TG3,4 & 5 stayed behind for the workshop where they learnt about behind the scenes action and how it all works. The changing clothes demonstration was amazing as the actress changed in 3 seconds. Thank you to M&M productions for the fabulous morning. and special thanks to the Happy Days Children's Charity for funding the special event.



We had a story of our own to tell this World Book Day, because school was closed because of icy temperatures and snow. We all had to stay at home and wait for it to go! Then, we planned to celebrate this special day a week later and had another snow day! Sadly, we had to cancel the special guest readers and studio sessions for classes to explore the wonderful and delicious world of Roald Dahl's 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. We do hope to celebrate books next term - so we can all keep our costumes and dress up later in the year!



School closed due to snow

There was lots going on during Fair-trade Fortnight - here you can see pictures of what we got up to and read more about it!

Catering manager Helen and the kitchen staff has sourced items to cook with. Then ran a daily cafe for pupils and staff to try some of the things they made using fair-trade products - tea in the tea loaf, bananas in the banana bread, juices, fruits and different types of sugar. Everyone really enjoyed the cakes!



Teacher Helen and pupils held a daily tuck shop - Tesco donated lots of bananas to it, but mostly people wanted to buy the fair-trade CHOCOLATE!



HLTA Sharon ran sessions in the atrium for pupils to learn about fair-trade - with presentations on the laptop, craft activities and lots of fun - there was even a fair-trade shopping hunt around school - finding items with the logo! Everyone got a sticker for having a go.

IT'S FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT COME ON IN

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2018
26 FEBRUARY – 11 MARCH



FAIRTRADE AT QUEENS LODGE

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A group of pupils visited our local residential home for older people - Queens Lodge - to share our knowledge about fair-trade. They took along a presentation telling the residents and staff all about what fair-trade means. Jordan, Adam, Matthew, Hajra, Heena, Aatika and Sully were really confident talking about fair-trade and why it was so important.

They told the residents about what we had been doing in school, the café and the tuck shop, and they had made a hamper to give them, which they were delighted with. It contained teas, coffees, cocoa, cotton wool, dried fruits, chocolate, sugars

Helen from the kitchen had also made a delicious banana cake with fair-trade ingredients. Our pupils gave it out to the residents and had a good old natter.

Our young people and the older residents really value being able to spend time together - Aatika says she would like to work there and we think that she would be brilliant!

Everyone had a lovely time and Barbara one of the senior care staff said that she had been reading about fair-trade because we were coming and as a result she had changed her tea bags! We look forward to our next visit.



IT'S TIME TO PUT FAIRTRADE IN YOUR BREAK



14-19 presents... Moana



The 14 - 19 department have been working very hard in the past few months to put on our own version of Moana. *An adventurous teenager sails out on a daring mission to save her people. During her journey, Moana (Zafirah) meets the once-mighty demigod Maui (Mushy), who guides her in her quest to become a master way-finder. Together they sail across the open ocean on an action-packed voyage, encountering enormous monsters and impossible odds. Along the way, Moana fulfils the ancient quest of her ancestors and discovers the one thing she always sought: her own identity.*





It was a very professional performance and from the beginning the department collaborated to create this

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wonderful show. We are very thankful to our teacher Georgie for writing the script and setting the whole production.

Our groups worked hard on music, acting, dancing, prop making, costume making and shadow puppetry and amazingly it all came together into a fantastic colourful performance.



We had some outstanding performances from individuals who worked so hard to learn their lines and words to the songs. Even the audience got into the spirit; everyone received lei as they entered the auditorium so everyone looked the part! Parents and guests had a wonderful time. It really, really was just absolutely brilliant. Well done to everyone involved!

**Be who you are
ON THE INSIDE**

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS AWARD - GOLD LEVEL

The RRSA steering group were pleased to hear back from UNICEF about our re-accreditation visit back in June to hear that we had been successful. A change this time, is that instead of being awarded level 2, UNICEF has re-labelled the highest level achievable, so we now have Gold level status! and a new logo to say so! We continue to be proactive, working to promote Children's Rights both in school and beyond...

School in a box

In partnership with Clarks shoe shop we have been collecting pairs of shoes to donate to transform into funds for UNICEF to provide 'schools in a box'. The 'School in a box' appeal will help children all over the world have a chance to go to school just like we do at Newfield – thanks to our old shoes. Darren, one of the people involved in the shoe collection, came into school to take away the first lot of shoes in January and we've already got another load at the end of term - so keep sending them in. We will still be collecting more shoes throughout the year.



Commonwealth Day 2018

We celebrated Commonwealth Day. Each class dressed in the national colours of one of the countries. Class 3 joined in with Haka dances from New Zealand and Class 5 tasted food from Pakistan. The whole school enjoyed a Jamaican lunch and the RRSA group designed their own Commonwealth flags.

Some students went to Blackburn Town Hall to meet the Mayor and participate in the special ceremony to commemorate this day and raise the Commonwealth Flag over Blackburn.



EASTER SENSORY DAY

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At the end of term we enjoyed an Easter sensory day filled with fun activities and things to explore. We enjoyed hot cross bun sensory dough , making chicks and lambs with different textures and materials and we also searched for hidden eggs. There were also 'new life' themed sensory studio sessions and classes did lots of lovely art work and activities.



MESSAGE FROM
THE HEAD

Geoff Fitzpatrick

Hi Everyone!

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Whilst this has been a very short half term, we have, as usual, filled the time with events and activities which will continue until the end of the term leading up to our Easter performance of Disney's 'Moana' and of course all the wonderful Easter activities.

The new School for Autism @ Newfield is now near completion and we hope to get the building handed over next half term...then busy adding the furniture and resources to open as soon as we can!....I am hoping to have some open days once we get our hands on it!

Thank you as always for all your support and commitment to the school...and to all the staff for their dedication and commitment

Have great Easter... see you in the summer!

Easter Holiday

School closes:
Friday 23rd March 2018
School re-opens:
Monday 9th April 2018

May Bank Holiday Weekend:

School closes:
Thursday 3rd May 2018
School re-opens:
Tuesday 8th May 2018

Spring Half Term Holiday

School closes:
Friday 25th May 2018
School re-opens:
Monday 4th June 2018

School Closed All Day

Friday 15th June 2018

EASTER ASSEMBLY

On 22nd March, the whole Newfield community came together to celebrate in our Easter assembly. Fiona Conway from Emmanuel church, to lead us in prayer and to explain the Easter message. The whole school sang and signed together with "There's a man riding in on a Donkey". After the assembly, all of the children received a Cadburys Crème Egg which were kindly donated once again by National Integrated Systems Ltd - a local company who supply and maintain high quality security systems.



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