



CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT

Hello and welcome...

... to another end of year issue of the newsletter. It's hard to believe we are at another summer - so much happens during a school year and as the saying goes, time flies when you're having fun... and we certainly do that!

This term has been super busy as always, with lots of learning, weddings, trips, visitors, the usual end of year celebrations and parties - and as you will know we've been doing it all

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without our head - however we can assure you, headless chickens is absolutely NOT what has been happening! Like any other family, we've all pulled together to make sure that it is business as usual and we are all very proud of ourselves and what has been achieved!

We were successfully reaccredited at flagship status for IQM, continue to act as UNICEF ambassadors and were delighted to have a governor awarded in the new years honours list! Oh, and have we

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mentioned that along with all this, we've built a little extension in the back garden...? A stunning provision for our children with autism which has been designed (mostly by Geoff) specifically as an environment to support their needs.... if you've not had chance yet, you must come and have a look round - be prepared to be impressed!

Anyway, thanks as always for all of your support and wishing you a happy summer... Read on!





Hi Everyone!

You will have been made aware by Stuart Davey, Chair of Governors that I have been away from school for most of this term recovering from surgery. However, like you I have kept up to date by visiting the website and reading the Blog to see what everyone has been getting up too. I have also managed a few visits to see everyone as well. I am delighted to see how much is going on and how much the children have achieved over the year, which of course we recognise at the annual Celebration of Achievement. This was also acknowledged in our successful Inclusion Quality Mark; Flagship Status report, earlier in the year!

Going to press we still don't have the new School for Autism @ Newfield handed over ready for our September intake. However, I am confident it will be very soon and, indeed, by the time you are reading this it may already have happened.

As always thank you for all your support and commitment to the school...and to all the staff.

Enjoy your Summer break and I look forward to being back and seeing you all in the Autumn!

Geoff Fitzpatrick



GOODBYE CLASS OF 2018

The Summer term is always touched by sadness as we say goodbye to some of our friends - this year we have 11 students leaving us for pastures new, and also several members of staff - we would like to thank them all for the hard work, support, kindness & love and wish them all the best of luck and happy times ahead! We hope you all stay in touch!



In May we were reassessed for the Inclusion Quality Mark and in June we were delighted to receive the full report awarding us Flagship status again for the seventh year running! We have held the IQM since 2006 - 12 years - during which time Assistant Head for 14-19, Julie Jones, who has also been our Inclusion lead, has been pivotal in developing our outstanding work in this area. Julie retires this summer, so we want to say special thanks to her, and to everyone in school and beyond for helping us to receive such a positive report. Happy Retirement Julie - we will keep up the good work!



NEWFIELD'S ROYAL WEDDING

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The day before the real thing, we all came to school in our finery to help to create a special atmosphere to celebrate Newfield's own very special version of the Royal Wedding of Harry and Meghan.



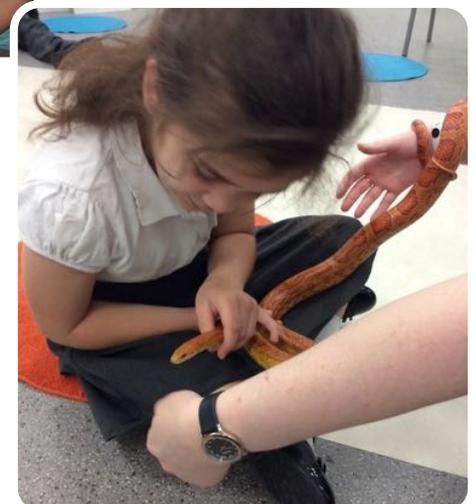
In the morning everyone took part in classroom activities, making flags, placemats and table decorations. We had decorated the hall with bunting and balloons, and the catering team created their usual magic in the kitchen for lunch with a fancy buffet including muffins with sugar paper topper of Harry and Meghan for every child. They had even made a big wedding cake which was shared amongst staff.



After lunch we all lined the front of school, on a beautiful sunny day, for our Royal Couple's drive by in the vintage car, thanks to our friendly bus driver Andy, who brought along his wedding car! Everyone loved cheering and waving - they did some brilliant royal waving too as the national anthem played loudly from the hall windows! This was then followed by photos in the small hall and dancing in the large hall - There was no disco for this event (as apparently the Queen doesn't like them!) We had a brilliant day - and were all ready for the real one the next day on the telly!



Before half term, back in May, we were very lucky to have Lydia from Zoo Lab in school to show us lots of different animals. We really enjoyed feeling different textures such as a slimy Giant African snail called Gary, a tickley giant millipede, a soft furry rat and a smooth corn snake. We also had the chance to look at and touch a bearded dragon which was prickly and bumpy. We all had lots of fun learning about the different animals, how to look after them and keep them clean and to use nice gentle hands when touching them. We also found out things like how long they live for, which country they originate from and what things they like to eat - The funniest thing was that the rats really love to eat popcorn and sweetcorn! A great day!



OUR WORK CONTINUES...



RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS AWARD



Throughout the year we have continued to fund raise - we've been visited by the bag2school van twice, turning our old clothes into cash for school funds. We have also been doing the Clarks 'School in a box' which involves us taking old shoes down to the Clarks shop and in turn they recycle them & make donations to UNICEF to fund everything needed to set up a classroom for children in a country hit by an emergency. Thanks for all your contributions, please carry on!



Our work as ambassadors has continued working with Queens Lodge in Blackburn, as well as schools Chestnut Lodge in Widnes and Seashell Trust in Cheshire who had contacted us wanting to learn more about UNICEF and RRSAs. In July a group of pupils and staff from Seashell Trust in Cheshire came to school to take part in activities that staff had planned together - it was a really good day. They came to visit us to take part in fun activities with members of Newfield's RRSAs steering group. The purpose

of the day was to encourage the students to demonstrate some of their rights. Our main focus was Article 31 - the right 'to relax and play' and Article 15 - the right 'to meet with friends and join clubs'.

We took part in art activities, made smoothies from fruit and took photos with frames we had made. After lunch together we enjoyed relaxing in the studio, before our new friends headed back home. Everyone enjoyed the day and hopefully we will continue the link in the new school year.

HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY NHS!

On 5th July our wonderful special school nursing team, including our own school nurses, held a special tea party to celebrate the 70th birthday of the NHS! We all got to join them for tea and cakes and thank the NHS for the wonderful work it does for everyone. We all need their help, support, care and love sometimes and our doctors, nurses, physios, OTs, speech and language therapists, dieticians, orthotists, dentists... etc, etc all work so hard to ensure we are healthy, safe and well! It was a wonderful occasion that some parents and friends also joined in with and the children and staff loved the cakes! A wonderful institution, the NHS - Happy Birthday and Thank You!



Newfield Gallery

4th Annual Art Exhibition



Pupils worked hard all year on a range of topics, techniques and artists' styles to create imaginative art and craft work for the exhibition which was viewed by many parents, pupils, staff and governors at the end of June. Much of the work goes towards the children each achieving the Arts Award.



At our 4th art exhibition the quality of work was outstanding, lots of parents bought their children's artwork and were very proud of their achievement.



In July we held the Arts Award celebration assembly for pupils in 2-13 department to receive their arts award certificates. We were delighted to be joined by Joan Bamber - one of our school governors - who gave out the certificates.

We also had special 'excellent art work' certificates to give to some pupils whose work was judged to be outstanding at the recent art exhibition.



Guy the pianist joined us again and added to the atmosphere with his music that everyone enjoyed - some even had a go on the piano!



We had a lovely afternoon and finished our assembly with the song 'celebrate good times' and a huge round of applause for all the pupils - and also the staff who deliver carefully planned activities to enable them to reach their full potential.





Pupils in primary had a fantastic time in Stanley Park Blackpool at the PMLD Olympics! Once they had finished and got their medals they had time to play on the swings and have an ice cream before they came home!



TG3 had a brilliant day at Helmsore Textile museum where they go at making their own felting square, to take home, with wool fibres and getting all covered in soap. They also got chance to walk through the 'Devil's Hole', named as such for the large cotton machines with millions of spikey combs to brush the cotton. The pupils also had chance to see and feel historical objects such as old fashioned irons, rug whackers and a mincer. The day was complete with a trip to McDonalds!



Pupils from the satellite provision had a day out in Blackpool where they went up the Tower and lay on the glass floor, they had McDonalds lunch and played on the beach - lots of fun!

TG5 had a super trip to Blackpool. First they watched the Hot Ice show. It was spectacular! Then had a fish and chip lunch at Lokis restaurant. A quick visit to the gift shop and then home. A great day for everyone!!



SUMMER



TG1 had a fantastic day at the Sea-life Centre Trafford where they saw beautiful creatures swimming under water and got to explore some of them - including star fish and giant sae snails! Lots of smiles there and on the way home.

TG4 enjoyed bowling at Middlebrook. We didn't realise that we had so many good players - it was very competitive and there were a lot of strikes!



R5 had great fun on their school trip. They visited McDonalds and then had lots of fun at Preston Space Centre exploring the exciting equipment in a beautiful, colourful and exciting environment while listening to their favourite music.

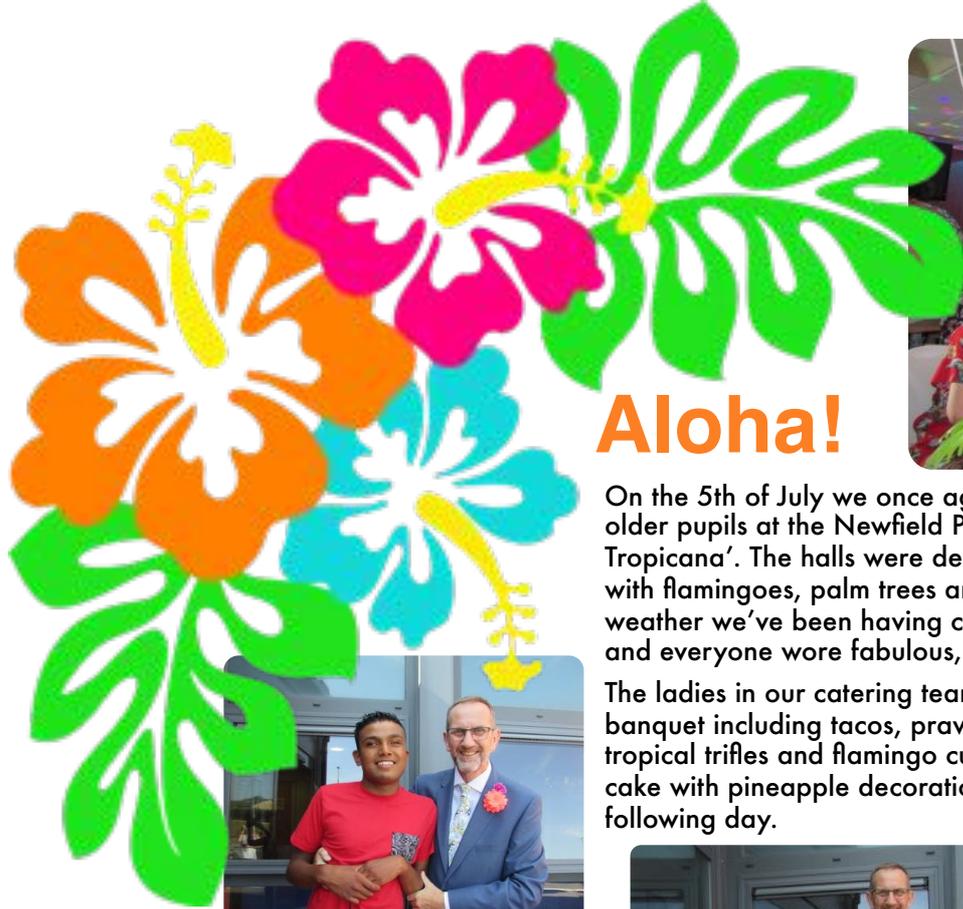


Class 3 have been on their class trip to the happy days play centre in Darwen and onto Bold Venture park. The children really enjoyed the day and had the perfect weather for a picnic.



TRIPS





Aloha!



On the 5th of July we once again celebrated a fantastic year with our older pupils at the Newfield Prom – the theme this year was ‘Club Tropicana’. The halls were decorated turning them into a tropical paradise with flamingoes, palm trees and a beautiful beach scene. The fabulous weather we’ve been having continued and was distinctly hot and tropical, and everyone wore fabulous, sparkly, glamorous holiday clothes!

The ladies in our catering team did another amazing job with a sumptuous banquet including tacos, prawns, canapés and fruity punch. There were tropical trifles and flamingo cup cakes, as well as a centre piece 3 tier cake with pineapple decorations – which all children shared at lunch the following day.



Arriving at the prom all dressed up, in style...



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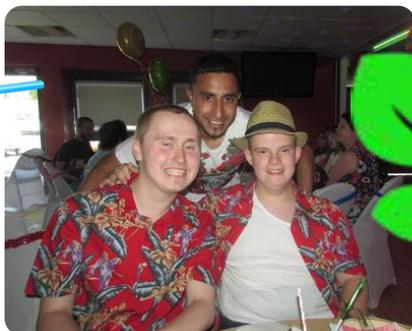


After the dinner, came the leavers video (complete with fantastic original song from teacher Lois) and speeches where they each received their class of 2018 hoody...and then came the dancing!

Live from Waikiki the Newfield hula hula ladies entertained and then got everyone up to join in the dancing!

We all had an absolutely fabulous time...

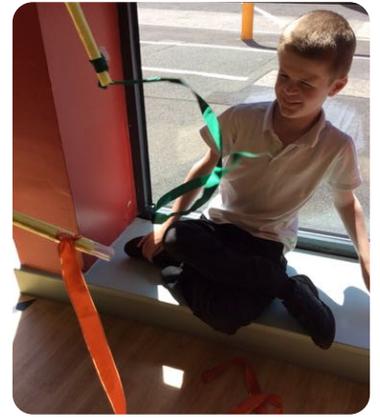
Thanks to all involved for a brilliant, memorable evening.



SPORTS WEEK



Everyone had great fun taking part in sports week. Through a wide variety of activities pupils took turns, used problem solving and developed movement and physical skills. Pupils took part in boccia, seated volleyball and kurling in the hall. They also had the opportunity to explore our new equipment in a gymnastics session. Pupils took part in a variety of orienteering activities both in and around school. Pupils were encouraged to move in different ways to find places around school. Using sensory shapes created by classes throughout school, more sensory learners were encouraged to move around the hall to locate different shapes. Finally the week was concluded with a 'just dance' disco and some refreshing ice creams (much needed after all the excitement and exercise) from the ice cream van visit... yum



WIGGLE-A-THON

At the end of May pupils and staff put on their dancing shoes to take part in a Wiggle-a-thon dance session to raise money for the 'Happy Days Children's Charity' which organises recreational activities throughout the UK for young people with additional needs. Happy Days are very generous to us in school, paying for our M&M Productions performances - so it was really nice to spend an afternoon dancing and use the sponsor money to give them something back! In total we raised £265!



happy days

25 Years of special days for brave children

Celebration of Achievement



At the end of term we joined together to celebrate the achievements of the last 12 months in a lovely assembly. We were joined by many parents and friends of Newfield, and the awards for courage, progress and outstanding achievements were presented by Dr Perera, consultant paediatrician and very good friend to Newfield and our families. The choirs sang beautifully and it was a really special, lively occasion that the whole Newfield family enjoyed.



MRS. JOAN BAMBER, MBE

Huge congratulations go to our governor, Joan Bamber, who was awarded an MBE for her services to Education. Joan has been a governor at Dame Evelyn Fox and then Newfield schools for many, many years. She first became a governor in 1989, after a long and successful career as a Special Needs teacher. In 2004, she was given a Governor Long-standing Award in recognition of her conscientious community work and service to education. Joan says "I worked as a governor as I feel it's important in helping give children in schools the best possible life chances." She attended a ceremony at Buckingham Palace in June, where she met the Queen! What a wonderful tribute for a wonderful lady!

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Well we have been waiting and watching as our new School for Autism @ Newfield takes shape. We are almost ready to move in there, just a few snags that are holding things up!

The building has been specially designed to have many features that support children and young people with Autism to be able to learn better - low distraction, natural lighting, open spaces, quiet rooms & lots of opportunities for sensory work.

We are looking forward to being able to offer some new and exciting features to the curriculum with trampolining and a new interactive sensory room being part of the new building. The classrooms will be organised in a way that is very familiar to the children but there are many more rooms available to do one to one work, sensory work or themed activities.

Once everything is signed, sealed and delivered we will be giving tours to parents and carers so if you are interested in seeing what it's all about look out for those coming up soon!

Summer Holiday

School closes:

Friday 20th July 2018

School re-opens to staff:

Monday 3rd September 2018

School re-opens to pupils:

Wednesday 5th September 2018

Autumn Half Term Holiday

School closes:

Friday 19th October 2018

School re-opens:

Monday 29th October 2018

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