

I can hardly believe that in 3 weeks we will be breaking for the Christmas holidays. There is still much to be done in terms of the curriculum and planning, and we have a few birthdays to celebrate but next week we will set about decorating Meadowpark.

Our young people entered a Christmas card competition with Barratt/David Wilson Homes and the winner for the East region has come from Meadowpark. We are very excited by this and the team from Barratt/David Wilson Homes will be coming in to school on the 15th December to present prizes and show us the finished printed card that will be sent to current and prospective home owners. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the achievements of Meadowpark pupils and I will confirm the exact time of the presentation and invite parents, our Head Teacher and The Courier to attend.

Most Meadowpark pupils and staff went to see the pantomime Beauty and The Beast at The Brunton Theatre on Thursday 30th November. The idea had come about from a wistful thought from Mr. Morrison back in September. I am beginning to appreciate that Mr Morrison's wistful thoughts often involve a lot of planning and organisation!! However with Michelle Williams at the helm and the cooperation of parents and staff we pulled off a hugely enjoyable and successful trip. To hear Jonathan shouting 'Where are you?' whenever the Beast disappeared, Daniel laughing and shouting, Jack and Lewis joining in with the jokes and everyone belting out the chorus to 500 miles 'Na na na na...etc.' to outdo the other half of the auditorium generated a sense of success and relief that we had made the right decision. I am confident that this can become an annual event, and my aim is to have 100% attendance next year which is very much in keeping with our vision for Meadowpark:

We celebrate and value our unique skills and abilities...We achieve our full potential....We respect ourselves and others.

- Our shared vision is to engage our learners with a wide range of high quality learning experiences so they can achieve and attain their very best.
- We strive to maintain positive outcomes at each transition and embed skills for learning, life and work.
- We are committed to supporting the holistic development of the individual child through partnership working with families and our community.
- We have high ambitions for our young people to reach their full potential and be included and respected in school and society.

This week I observed pupils across the three classes interacting comfortably with each other – developing turn-taking skills, managing periods of stress through supported transition, supporting listening and talking and showing kindness, care and consideration. These are the moments when I believe that the ethos and commitment shown by everyone in Meadowpark is having a positive effect on our young people.

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