

MEADOWPARK – NEWSLETTER – WEEK 38 – 03.05.19

This week we were able to take delivery of a fantastic trike which was procured as a result of one of our teachers, Mr Morrison participating in the 13km Foxtrail race on 3rd November. Having previously taken ownership of an adapted trike that was kindly donated by one of our parents; we have witnessed how important it is that all pupils have the opportunity to practice their cycling skills. For some the 2 wheeled bike is just a bit tricky, and therefore an adult sized 3 wheeler is ideal. Pupils who might ordinarily be a bit shy about participating in strenuous activities have been quite vocal about wanting a turn.

After much fund –raising and saving we are on the verge of having a trampoline put into the playground. This trampoline is designed to be robust enough to withstand many years of bouncing and is fully surrounded by safety rubber. We are delighted that Roy Auld from Proludic <http://www.proludic.co.uk/products/play-areas/balancing-climbing-equipment/trampolines/> has maintained an excellent working relationship not only with ELC and Meadowpark and has had opportunities to meet pupils and staff in order to glean what would work for them.

We are gearing up for our Forth One Superheroes Day on 10th May and Ms Morton delivered an excellent assembly which has got everybody fired up and thinking about who the super heroes in our lives are and indeed within us and I think we will all be singing along to this tune as the week progresses <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ntuqTuc6HxM>.

We haven't a lot of time to raise funds but we are hoping that it will be the start of something bigger to achieve our goals. Young people this morning asked for the following: more bikes, resources for gardening, a holiday to a) France b) Cuba ☺

Venturing Out attended the ASN Leadership Team meeting yesterday and the feedback they have had from their family sessions at Musselburgh Lagoons has been outstanding. I first met Antony Stone when he kindly volunteered here at Meadowpark in order to assist with getting all our young people kayaking. Antony has always been passionate about outdoor learning and channels this energy into ensuring that all activities and pursuits are fully inclusive and equitable. If you haven't already checked it out I urge you to do so <https://www.venturingout.org.uk/>

A long weekend beckons and I am joining Knox Academy colleagues at Musselburgh Races this afternoon. I have never been to a race meet before and I am quite excited. Who knows... a wee flutter on the horses might provide us with the funds needed for that trip to Cuba!

Have a lovely peaceful weekend.

Ms C. Prime 03.05.19