

MEADOWPARK – NEWSLETTER – WEEK 26 – 09.02.18

The sun is shining as light floods into this Victorian building with its tall windows and south facing aspect and it is lovely to hear the shouts and squeals from children filing past Meadowpark on their way home from the Haddington Campus, safe in the knowledge that a week of lazy days and free choice will begin for half term.

Some pupils from Class 3 achieved their Level 1 Bikeability Award today and are justifiably proud of this success, which they showed us in assembly today. Close collaboration between Knox Academy and Meadowpark has enabled this to happen and the plan is to build on this so that pupils can achieve Level 2 and beyond.

We continue to develop our Class Charters for Rights Respecting Schools and have been proactively instilling in pupils the need to show respect to all members of our families and community all of the time.

We enjoyed a dress down day today and raised £17 which will be added to Knox Academy's fund raising with proceeds for today going to the East Lothian Foodbank.

Sandra Park and three pupils from Dunbar Grammar School came to visit with a weighted blanket which has been made by the Princes' Trust group in DGS. Within seconds one of our pupils was thoroughly enjoying the feeling of being held in a safe sensory place and barely moved for the few minutes he was under the blanket. I am aware that there is some controversy over the use of these blankets but we have sought approval from parents with the reassurance that pupils will not be left unattended at any time.

Finally I am delighted to report that we have a preferred candidate for the post of class teacher and I will confirm start date and introductions once we have all the paperwork in place.

Have a happy, fun and relaxed half term. I am heading south for a few days to see my daughters in London and I am so looking forward to leaving my Fitbit behind and sitting still on the train there and back, hopefully with a book or two.

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