

## MEADOWPARK – NEWSLETTER – WEEK 9 – 13.10.17

I am so proud to announce that all of our pupils have now been on the water in a kayak or canoe. For some this has been hugely challenging and our young people have had to tap into pockets of resilience and determination in order to overcome some initial fears, but they have managed this and can legitimately celebrate their achievement.

All staff have worked extremely hard this term to foster inclusion, well-being, nurture, feeling safe and achieving for all pupils and the results are tangible: I have just visited the 3 classes, all doors are open, there are different activities in each class and pupils from Class 2 are interacting with Class 3 Team playing board games, Class 2 pupils are joining in with Class 1 Team for a Karaoke session, Class 2 have set up a short film club while Class 3 pupils are moving comfortably and easily through the school.

Next term we will be further developing our collaboration with Loose Parts Play and Morrison Construction with the goal of enhancing our playground spaces. I am looking forward to seeing potential plans for a garden area and have asked Kelly Clarke to deliver some in-house training for staff. Perhaps we will open this up to parents too if there is interest?

An Appeal – if you know anyone who can assist with form-filling etc. for fund raising please get in touch. I am sad to have missed out on the AVIVA funding opportunity but time was not on my side.

On a recent visit to Knox Academy library I saw this wonderful display of books from Lewis Baillie from Class 2 which further highlights some of the inventiveness and opportunities provided to express personal creativity.

We had a visit from Hal Myles who is hoping to be able to volunteer and offer drama to some of our young people. This will be an incredible opportunity for them.

Over the October holiday Class 3, the Food Court and Gym Hall will be having the soundproofing treatment installed that is already in place across the school. The impact of the Echophon panels is extraordinary and with pupil numbers projected to increase this will help to eliminate the 'ringing in the ears' sensation that comes from high ceiling echoes.



Thank you all for your support this term, and I look forward to sharing our School Improvement Plan after the break.

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