

MEADOWPARK NEWSLETTER – WEEK 10 – 27.10.17

Staff and pupils returned rested after the October half term and have re-energised for the term ahead. Am I allowed to say 'Only 8 weeks till Christmas'?

All three classes are planning for a Hallowe'en party on Tuesday 31st October when pupils will be able to participate in Disgusting Discoveries, Find the Witch and Pin the Tail on the Cat and of course Dooking for Apples.

Hallowe'en is a significant festival in Scotland and we believe in including all our young people in national and international events and activities to broaden their horizons and develop a sense of self in the wider world. We have been using Emotion Works to further explore emotional vocabulary – and this week Fear has been the main topic - and how to cope with challenging situations. Lisa McClure gave up some of her half-term in order to participate in training that will result in accreditation to be a trainer so that we can share good practice with Knox Academy and our cluster primaries.

The school was quiet pupils moving around and preparing for Kayaking, Music Therapy and Art Therapy this week and we look forward to having full timetable of events and therapies next week with kayaking top of the agenda on Monday. I hope to be able to join pupils on the water on Monday but will be sure to bring a change of clothes and a flask of hot soup!

A few parents have brought to my attention the article in The Courier 19.10.17 reporting on a possible merger of senior management at King's Meadow and Haddington Infants. The image used was in fact Meadowpark and not the new Haddington Infants so I can reassure you that we will not be moving out of our beautiful purpose built facility. As I write, the sun is beaming on my back and I can look out to the golden leaves gently falling to the ground. I do look forward to planning for garden space and playground equipment that all our young people can enjoy.

We are having a Parent Evening on Thursday 9th November and have booked to go to The Brunton Pantomime Beauty and The Beast on Thursday 30th November. Letters have been sent out with this information and as always if you wish to get involved or require more information please get in touch.

Class 3 have rounded off the week with an excellent presentation of the work they do at Amisfield Walled Garden every Wednesday afternoon. To see the joy on the faces of those who participate was wonderful and I hope we can find opportunities for more Meadowpark pupils to visit and benefit from this incredible facility.

Have a spooky weekend.

Charli Prime

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