

MEADOWPARK MATTERS 28.06.19

Well we got here and what an incredible year of achievements it has been.

All of our young people have been kayaking, and participated in Masterclasses in German, Community Art and Outdoor Learning.

They have planned, shopped for and cooked delicious meals and produced home baking in the Food Court and Life Skills Flat.

More cakes and buns have been lovingly made for fund-raising activities: Autism Awareness, Cash for Kids and Meadowpark Funds.

We had our inaugural residential to Dounans in Aberfoyle and five weeks later I look at the young people who fully participated with increased respect and admiration for throwing themselves wholeheartedly into activities and entrusting that we would keep them safe and happy.

We have presented a number of young people for SQA Personal Achievement Awards, Bronze level and all have been successful.

More pupils from Meadowpark than ever are being supported to attend mainstream classes in Knox Academy for Maths, Computing Science, Physics and Food and Health.

Conversely we have seen the welcome addition of Knox pupils accessing our incredible facilities: soft play, sensory and Art Therapy.

We were successful in securing funding from Area Partnership for a year of Art Therapy for both Meadowpark and Knox Academy pupils and have 3 clinics running.

We are in the process of collaborating with CALA, LAS, ELSNPS and Haddington Peer Project to develop a sensory garden, raised beds and a safe seating area.

We heard this week that HadFab have generously given of their time and money to enable us to complete an incredible mosaic that will hang on the external wall on Victoria Rd.

David Wilson Homes assisted in the creation of several bird boxes which will be put up around the grounds of Meadowpark.

Alba Trees have donated some saplings for us to plant in the Autumn.

We continue to collaborate with Strive, Amisfield Garden, Aubigny Centre, Wee Red Upcycles, Loose Parts Play, Kinegar Waste, Outdoor Learning, Countryside Rangers, Edinburgh College and SDS to name but a few... I expect this list to continue as we learn, expand, develop and succeed #wecandoit #whatwecando.

Have a wonderful peaceful Summer.

Ms. C. Prime