

MEADOWPARK MATTERS 28.02.2020

I would describe 2019 as the Year of Serendipity for Meadowpark: so many opportunities for collaboration, fund-raising, engagement with groups and organisations, planning, evaluating and achieving were made possible by a hard working staff team, supportive and enthusiastic parent body and of course our determined young people.

2020 looks to be more of the same which is excellent news.

This week saw the return of Masterclasses and I am delighted that it was the strength of pupil voice which helped to get this off the ground alongside the determination and talent among the support staff. The combination of activities with different staff and peers in each group has further illustrated just how inclusive and supportive the young people are. Whether it was photography, unicycling, outdoor social studies, Papier-mâché, gymnastics and dance the groups were mixed ability, practical and fully accessible. My photography group were so fantastic to work with that I wanted to see how the other groups had got on and the energy and enthusiasm that was emanating at the end of the day was palpable.

Today I met with Elaine Gayle who set up 'Our Community Kitchen' and I am confident that we will be able to collaborate towards inter-generational sustainable working over the next few months and years. We have been on the lookout for opportunities to collaborate since 2016 I am hopeful that a Community Garden might be a possibility.

This morning I supported a pupil who has applied to participate in Boom Bop Music Group which will take place in Prestonpans every Friday after the Easter Holidays. I was so impressed with how articulate and personable MP pupil was, because previously this might have been a very challenging situation: meeting someone new, answering questions, even having me to support and not someone from his class team. If this is the result of close communication between home and school and finding appropriate learner pathways then I am proud to say we are definitely getting it right.

Breakfast Club continues to be popular with more pupils coming in from Knox and we are holding a raffle on 6th March to fund raise for this. We have incredible prizes: A meal for 2 at The Green; an Art Print; Beauty Treatment; Bouquet of Flowers; Neal's Yard Lotions... tickets for sale on request.

Lil Things <https://www.dolilthings.org/> paid us a visit yesterday and it was great to hear how another local enterprise are keen to reach out and work with us. We will be collaborating to build bee hotels which will be on display for HaddStock Music Festival in May. Knowing how enterprising our staff pupils are I am sure that a bee hotel or two will find their way to Meadowpark grounds. However if this rain doesn't stop who knows what will become of the bee population.

Have a peaceful weekend.

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