

MEADOWPARK MATTERS NEWSLETTER 09.10.2020

For the past 20 minutes I've been aware of a gentle happy humming drifting through my open window on a warm October breeze. Intrigued as to the source of this musical melody I popped outside to see one of our pupils outside painting model witches he had created, totally engrossed in the activity but also content to welcome my small interruption. I reflected that in spite of lockdown and therefore an 'incomplete' transition here was a young person completely at ease in Meadowpark surroundings feeling safe, supported and creative. No anxiety no stress but an inner calm and contentment.

This week saw the arrival of 'Billy the Kid' who will form part of the Made in East Lothian Goat Trail <https://www.madeineastlothian.org/>

"GOAT TRAIL

No kidding! Do you remember Cow Parade or Oor Wullie's bucket trail? Well Haddington is stirring it up with its very own Goat Trail.

Made in East Lothian secured Area Partnership funding for this exciting project which had to be put on hold due to Covid 19. We're delighted to say we have just taken delivery of 12 gorgeous fibreglass goats, prepped and ready to be embellished with art work.

We're looking for proposals to decorate these goats from anyone that is interested whether you're an individual artist/maker, a family, a group or any other variation on that theme"



Mrs Davis designed 'Billy' to be covered in the Autism Awareness symbol – a multi coloured jigsaw and has a comprehensive plan to ensure all pupils have an opportunity to add their jigsaw piece which can be of any medium: paint, pen, collage etc. I admit I was a bit dubious at first but having seen Billy I am delighted that he will adorn Haddington's goat trail and raise

awareness of Autism



We are hugely indebted to Mr and Mrs Knight for their tenacity ensuing not only that we have proper soil but by providing trees, time and manpower to establish our sensory garden. I bought an apple 'Tree of Knowledge' which will form the centrepiece and I certainly plan to pop back next year for an apple!

Last Friday OCK and Knox Academy/Meadowpark were given the go-ahead to create a community kitchen garden on another playground area. Elaine Gale from OCK and I are delighted that this project will be going ahead, not least because I intend to volunteer with OCK during my transition into a courageous career change and support Meadowpark getting this established.

Once again – and I will not tire of repeating this – pupils continue to impress me with their adherence to guidelines: wearing masks, washing and sanitising hands and (mostly) keeping a safe distance.

I hope you all stay safe and have a peaceful weekend.

Ms C Prime 09.10.2020