

MEADOWPARK – NEWSLETTER – WEEK 29 – 01.03.19

I was delighted to see the feedback from the SQA this week indicating that the verification of National 2 courses and Personal Achievement Awards undertaken by Esk class was approved. In some areas the evidence was cited as good practice and gives us credence that we are certainly on the right track to be providing a climate of learning that will see our pupils become successful learners and confident individuals.

We are still in the early stages of developing our senior phase and transition beyond school. That said I have had feedback that one former pupil has been attending college successfully and they hope to continue to enhance the qualifications attained here at Meadowpark.

Esk class teacher, Jenn Davis put in a heap of work to ensure that the standards for SQA and our pupils have been met. There were a few frantic days of collating and printing photos etc., but the fact that the evidence was there further indicates to me willingness and determination to ensure all our young people are encouraged to reach their potential and even increase expectation. Well done Esk team.

I would like to further thank Jenn Davis as the first other Meadowpark teacher to make a commitment to regularly engage with the website by posting short news items and photos. Once again we have to thank Colin Dempster Business Education teacher in Knox Academy for patiently assisting with this and giving Jenn the tools to be able to manage this.

We welcomed a new pupil on Friday who will be increasing time spent at Meadowpark for emotional regulation, building confidence and self-esteem. The young person will continue with subjects in Knox Academy and immerse themselves in activities that we are able to provide here. I gather that the first introduction to the cycle ride on Friday was successful and I trust we can continue to build on this.

Meadowpark continues to grow in numbers amid much debate nationally about what constitutes inclusive education. For me it is about 'botheredness' as Hywel Roberts would put it and having the right attitude to develop the right climate for learning. From what I have observed over the last few months we are being successful here at Meadowpark, by focusing on the needs of the young people before us, and I have confidence that this will continue as our role increases, young people move on and we welcome new cohorts.

Thank you for continued support from the wider community as well and a willingness from some areas to help Meadowpark to grow and achieve. I am looking forward to developing new links with Rotary and Shed.

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