

MEADOWPARK – NEWSLETTER – WEEK 16 – 30.11.18

To celebrate St. Andrew's Day today we all attended an assembly from Tyne class this morning who proudly talked us through their IDL project on Scotland and the Picts. Pupils have been fully immersed in this topic and have created a Pictish village; Pictish messages used Ogham script, and discovered where the army settlements could be located. All pupils were able to talk about their project and relate to the Knox Academy values of respect and community identifying that the Picts had a strong sense of community and showed respect to their environment and each other.

I discovered similar values when covering Esk class this week when we explored more about the lives of the Viking race, who contrary to popular myth did not wear horned helmets and wave axes around but were a peaceful, community focused people who loved exploring the ocean, working collaboratively together to develop tools for cooking, storing and preserving food and of course fishing.

We have set ourselves some ambitious goals this session and it is heartening to see some elements of this come to fruition.

Next week we will receive ten cameras from Canon which will go a long way to supporting our young people gather and record evidence for their SQA Personal Achievement Awards. We are so thankful to Max Sykes for working with us and I can't wait not only to see the look on the faces of Meadowpark pupils when these cameras are gifted to us, but to see life through the eyes of our pupils.

A small number of pupils will be going to visit the Wallyford primary school site with the support of Morrison Construction with whom we hope to collaborate on a legacy project for Meadowpark.

Councillor Brian Small paid us a visit this week having heard me speak at the Knox Academy Parent School Partnership in October. Brian was delighted to see that the old Haddington Infants aka Meadowpark has been so thoughtfully renovated to provide the necessary flexible space for our young people.

We are gearing up for a busy December with a site visit with Morrison Construction on 6th December, a trip to the Pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk on Thursday 13th December and Christmas Jumper Day to raise funds for Meadowpark on Friday 14th December. We will be decorating boxes with the theme of Christmas Films and filling them with non-perishable goods to give to local elderly residents and look forward to having these judged alongside peer registration groups in Knox Academy.

Have a peaceful weekend.

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