

Head Teacher' Parent Council Report

28 October 2020

It has been a very promising start to the first term of school following our return from lockdown and the current pandemic. Our young people have been truly amazing at adapting to the 'new normal' and the health and safety protocols in place to support us all.

Staffing

We say a fond farewell to Charli Prime, DHT at Meadowpark as she leaves to a very early retirement on Friday 30 October. Charli has done a fantastic job in leading Meadowpark for over 5 years and taken it from strength to strength with various innovations that have added to improved outcomes for the young people there. We wish her all the very best in pastures new. In her place, we welcome Steven Johnson as the new DHT and he will start on Monday 2 November. Steven is currently the Head Teacher at Harbour Point School in Musselburgh and comes with a wealth of experience to ably take forward Meadowpark.

Active Schools Coordinator – Stephanie Inglis. A huge thank you to Thomas Salkeld who has done a sterling job in the acting position over the last year and a bit.

Joyce Allan - Senior Business Support Assistant

Karen Fraser - School Welfare Assistant

Review of activities at the school between August and October

UCAS Information Evening

Virtual Awards Ceremony 2020 (1000 views)

P7 Information Evening

Oxford University Partnership Experience (virtual) for 4 of our pupils (2 in S4 and 2 in S5)

Ambition letters home to BGE pupils excelling in subjects

Monitoring, tracking and reporting for all age groups

Assemblies on Health and Safety; School Vision and Values; Black Lives Matter (Pupil Leadership Team); Achievement Ties (Head Pupils)

General information: Attainment Meetings will take place post October break as the Scottish tool for attainment, 'Insight' has not been produced yet and this is what we use to drill down to look at our results in terms of performance against local and national benchmarks.

As the focus this term has been on nurture, reconnecting and preparing for blended learning (updating work on Google Classroom in case of a lockdown) our School Improvement Groups will not commence until November. This was a strategic decision to allow us to focus on Covid-19 recovery planning and invest all of our energies on learning and teaching and our young people/staff health and wellbeing and trying to get this right and not add undue pressure at present.

Information to come on prelims/SQA diet.

First virtual Parents' Evening for S3 to take place on 3 November – feedback following this

Chromebooks (Scottish Gvt funding for Digital Devices) issued to identified pupils based on Scottish Gvt criteria

Meadowpark

Playground improvements:

Fund-raising for Tyre Project, Sensory Garden, Trampoline.

Community Connections: Amisfield Walled Garden, Strive, OCK, Cala Homes to name but a few.

Ambition: pursuing best interests of young people particularly with access to Knox and ensuring that is reciprocal for pupils to come to Meadowpark.

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