

MSC meeting
Thursday 08th November 2018
HERTFORDSHIRE MEETING MINUTES
10:30am - 12:00

In attendance

Greenside school

Lonsdale (Host)

Barnwell

The Leys

Other professionals from surrounding schools x2

Minutes

A PIECE OF HISTORY! The first ever MSC meeting outside of Essex was held at Lonsdale special school, with greenside acting as the hub school for this area of Hertfordshire. Alex from greenside gave an introduction into the MSC after his visits to Essex. The meeting started with a get to know each other session linked to the fact that we may all have our differences but that we can also share the same interests, no matter our abilities or backgrounds. The children presented these ideas through the use of paperclips.

After getting to know each other it was time for early break, the children were encouraged to meet with each other and were sitting amongst peers that did not attend their school. Alex reminded the children that clear message from today was the fact that we are trying to break down perceptions towards children with special educational needs and mental health difficulties.

After the break Alex gave some examples of projects that have worked across Essex over the past 5 years and spoke about how Hertfordshire wanted to get to the same point as Essex which has now had over 100 schools involved. Alex spoke about the book, sport and planned art projects in Essex. The children then came up with their own ideas of a project(s) they would like to work on this year and they included;

- Autism friendly discos
- A comic book on special educational needs
- Picnic (including a water fight!!)

- A musical/play
- A story that would be developed by each school and passed around
- A great school bake off
- A sports day
- Designing t-shirts
- A gaming event

In explaining their ideas further they felt any project had to include the theme of working together and could actually include some of the ideas into 1 event or day. The children then voted on the most popular idea and the top two were; a great bake off and a book that could visit each school to collect ideas on their school and then be published into a final book.

Alex explained that these ideas will now be taken forward and an action plan on their first project would be put together before their next meeting. Before the end of the meeting the children were asked to give their feedback on the meeting and they wrote on post-it notes and stuck them at the front of the hall.

Next meeting - TBC (Kierran and Alex to meet in December).