

MSC meeting
Thursday 14th June
NORTH ESSEX MEETING MINUTES
10am - 11:30am

In attendance

Market Field School
Doucecroft
St Andrews
Colne
The grow project x2
St Johns green
Holland park
Greenside
Two Village primary
Clacton costal academy
Active Essex
Project ability
Jajaja books
Essex Local Offer

Minutes

Market Field School was our base for the 3rd MSC NORTH meeting of the year and it was brilliant to welcome some new faces who can hopefully get involved even more so come September! Our meeting started like our MID Essex meeting the week before with the aim of re-developing and improving the Essex Local Offer who are working in collaboration with the multi-schools council. All ideas on what the children want to know more about, how they want this information displayed and how we are going to let people know about this information has been recorded by the Essex Local Offer team. It was then a chance for people to break and meet new people following on from our introductions at the start of the meeting.

BREAK

After our break we focused on school sports premium money. With schools getting more money we feel the children should be more involved in deciding how this money is spent and ideas included more athletics equipment and opportunities, protective equipment for different sports,

outdoor gym's, proper field markings for different sports and equipment such as trampolines, Frisbees and football goals. We hope that Active Essex and other partners can direct schools to these minutes.

After sport we focused on art and the children were asked to come up with ways to break perceptions through the power of art. Ideas included, having a charity exhibition of schools work, art using sign language, art pictures showing that we are all equal and art that breaks down gender stereotypes. These ideas will be worked on with the view of getting a local art gallery involved to support this project.

Our final topic and main focus for this MSC meeting was around supporting refugees in schools. The children came up with some powerful ideas;

- Schools to include 'comfort' rooms
- Schools to link to charities that help donate clothes and other items
- Having an 'open' and 'friendly' school with a calming environment
- Learn to speak different languages
- Include labels so that people can support young refugees and identify them

Ideas will be collected from the other meetings too and then a paper will be written advising schools with higher levels of refugees within their schools on what the children feel will make a difference.

Before we started our official book launch we had a chance to thank everyone for attending the meeting and give out our star of the meeting award. Star of this meeting was Finley Greenly from St John's green primary for some excellent, inclusive ideas at his first ever meeting.

Next meeting TBC

(Book launch then followed).