

MSC meeting
Thursday 28th June
SOUTH ESSEX MEETING MINUTES

In attendance

Orminston Park
Endeavour
Active Essex
Essex Local Offer
SEND IASS

Apologies

Treetops
Wells Park

Minutes

Orminston park hosted our final multi-schools meeting of the year across our 3 sections in Essex. The South section was formally introduced this year and we hope the foundations created this year will encourage more schools to get involved from the beginning of the next academic year.

The first part of the meeting continued the Essex Local Offer theme where the children followed a series of questions and activities to help improve the Essex local offer for young people. The children discussed various ideas and even looked at re-naming the local offer so that it becomes more appealing to young people. Once we had discussed these points the children had a break and it was pleasure to see children from both schools interacting and talking about their interests, this is what we wish to see at every multi-schools meeting.

After biscuits and drinks the children moved onto to discussing our key points on the agenda. Firstly, with Active Essex in attendance it was great to hear the children's views on what they felt their school sport money should be spent on. Ideas included basketball hoops, chances to try sports such as kayaking and boxing, tennis courts and trampolines that could be used indoors or outdoors. A young lad from the Endeavour school went the full way and asked for a new building (ECC any chance?!). We hope Active Essex will help direct schools to these ideas if schools need support in spending their allocated sports budgets.

Secondly, we discussed the idea of creating art projects next year that help break down perceptions around children with special educational needs. The children had various ideas that included;

- Local exhibitions of work
- Day's between schools to produce work
- A focus on feelings of anxiety, drawings and paintings
- Collage
- Young people's quotes
- Sculptures that could be added to by each school

We will soon be getting in touch with local art companies and galleries to see if we can look at gaining support for this project through the next academic year.

Thirdly, we spoke about a key point for this term 'supporting refugees in schools'. The children discussed ways in which schools could help children who have had to leave their countries due to war or illness. Ideas such as schools having buddy systems, calming rooms, open evenings to meet the community, local trips and visits to help the children feel comfortable and culture lessons so that everyone feels included, were just the pick of the ideas. The ideas from this section and the other 2 sections will help produce an advisory document from the MSC.

The meeting ended with me reading our new book 'Sam and the spider' which can be purchased from Amazon. All the children seemed engaged and enjoyed the messages within the story. Star of this meeting was Nicole Smith from The Endeavour School for some excellent ideas on the art project and presenting her ideas so well!

Next meeting: Mental health training planned for September 2018