MSC meeting

Thursday 27th March 2019

HERTFORDSHIRE MEETING MINUTES

10:00am – 11:30

In attendance

Greenside school (Host)

Lonsdale

Barnwell

The Leys

Stevenage Education Support Centre

Minutes

Over 35 young people from Stevenage attended our second meeting for Hertfordshire. Alex from Greenside welcomed many familiar faces back to the council and some new people. He explained what the MSC was and that we had decided to work on two projects this year. The writing of a book and a big Bake Off event.

The meeting started with a get to know you activity – in the form of jigsaws for each table. Each table had to complete the jigsaw and answer the question printed on the design. During the short time, tables swapped jigsaws and shared thing about themselves with their new friends.

After this activity Alex shared that the book was to be written by the children! To begin we had to decide a main character, tables had time to formulate ideas for our lead. After some time to plan, each table had to select one idea to share:

1. Joe Leaves – a giraffe – 12 years old, has a pet dragon called Jeremy (15)
2. Gibson – a dog – goes to different schools hoovering up food. 5 years old (4)
3. Michael – Turns into superhero ‘kick quick’ who stops issues, fights, bullying – age 11 (3)
4. Alex – a cow (8)
5. Super Dog – Young, two best friends – a monkey and a hedgehog (8)
6. A Car – breaks down at different schools (7)

After these were shared, a vote was taken (number in brackets). Joe Leaves won!

We then had a break, where all the young people could talk and socialise while having a biscuit and a drink.

After this Alex shared that the settings for our book would be our 5 schools and that Joe would go around these schools as part of the story.

Then we had some time to plan the plot the Giraffe would complete as he went around the schools, meeting a range of different people. After a short time, a number of ideas were shared:

1. An Adventure – visiting animals of the world, meeting different animal friends (5)
2. A detective story – solving mysteries around the schools (8)
3. Joe finds a tub of radioactive waste and gets a superpowers to stop bullying (2)
4. Joe goes around schools and cleans them up, while going swimming
5. Joe is a dancing giraffe, who runs dance sessions at all the schools, but makes mess as he goes (13)
6. Joe tries a number of schools, taking part in different lessons (8)

It was voted that Joe would be dancing around the schools, making a mess as he goes. Alex shared that this loose plot would be refined further to have a focus for each school to work on.

It was then shared that now the story would be written in each school, as it goes it would build on its content – photos, pictures and text, which afterwards would worked through by our author to make a book. Through this process the author wishes to attend schools as they complete this process.

In the short time we had left, we spoke about our Bake Off event in the summer term. It was suggested that each school brings cakes made by their children to the event, as many schools as possible will come and taste the cakes and vote on which one is their favourite. Alex will be in contact with leads to how this will work. The children present agreed this.

Next meeting – Bake Off Event - TBC