

MSC meeting  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018  
MID ESSEX MEETING

In attendance

John Ray Junior  
John Bunyan  
Richard de Clare  
Notley Green

Apologies - Thriftwood + Merrylands

Minutes

Our MID Essex meeting took place at John Ray Junior school for the first time. The children were welcomed in and as with previous meetings it was great to see some familiar faces! After introductions the children spoke about their ideas on how to raise sponsorship money for our council so that it is sustainable. The children came up with ideas such as hosting an art competition, contacting local supermarkets in each section and using school newsletters to ask for parent sponsors.

We then moved on to discuss Charlie Latimer's autism awareness project that she is setting up from September 2018 and she will be looking to train young people up this area. Following this we moved on to speaking about our key topic for this term, Anti-bullying. The children were asked to think about anti-bullying workshops we could host at an all-day event and these ideas included;

- Real life experiences from the bullies and people who have been bullied
- A general awareness section
- A drama workshop
- An anti-bullying rap

These ideas will be taking forward along with the other ideas across the county and we hope to host an event in the 2018/2019 calendar.

Before our break the children were asked to design some anti-bullying posters that I could take to a local printing company and have them

professionally produced. The idea is then to take these into local schools. The posters will be judged by our Ambassadors and a winner announced in the summer term.

We then had a break with some wonderful biscuits and drinks!

After our break we spoke about our community fair which will be held on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> June behind Market Field School. We hope the event will include lots of stalls from a range of schools across the county and their ideas included cake sales, face painting, a gift stall with friendship bands, penalty shootout and a body building challenge to name a few.

I then told the group about the Local Offer's summer term project and that we still have some availability if schools get in quick. Final information about this project will be sent out before Easter. Another key agenda point was asking the schools how we can include more schools in our project and ideas included using newspapers, having t-shirts, visiting other schools, leaflets and telling friends. A change to our original agenda we then spoke about our anti-bullying contract that is currently touring the North of Essex. Once schools have signed we need a place to put the contract so that lots of children can see it. Ideas included;

- Town centres
- Buses
- Supermarkets
- Billboards

All ideas will be looked into so that we have a plan in place come 2019. Finally, I spoke to the children about our MSC book that is close to publication. I am meeting the lady writing the book (this afternoon actually!) to firm up a launch date which all schools will be invited to attend. We have then asked schools to make sure they purchase these so that the language of SEND can really be used in all our schools.

Our star of this meeting was Aimee Jones from John Bunyan primary school for some great input, especially around our community fair and the idea about friendship bands.

**Next meeting:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 10am Edith Borthwick school