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Your newsletter for East Park



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East Park Board



My reason for becoming a Trustee at East Park is quite simple. After my retirement from a long teaching career, including 17 years as a Head Teacher, I maintained a continuing interest in education. I became involved in a number of projects relating to the development and wellbeing of young people and my own renewed opportunities for learning provided a focus which eventually brought me to East Park in 2016.

Since the outset, I have had a clear interest in the provision of education for all the children and young people in East Park. Coupled with my experience of managing a primary school and my knowledge of Curriculum for Excellence, I found myself in a strong position to support the school following an inspection by Education Scotland. I accepted the opportunity to be

part of a School Quality Action Group set up in January 2017 in order to monitor the progress and activities being undertaken with school staff on the way

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to achieving excellence. This group meets monthly and has amongst its functions, a requirement to review reports on progress, successes and

potential challenges faced on the route to delivering best quality education.

Much of the work to date has centred around staff development and creating a School Quality Improvement Action Plan. Together these two elements have allowed me to work closely with Helen Dunlop - Head of Education, Depute Head, Teachers and Learning Support Workers to examine best practices in learning and teaching and put them into every day classroom routines for the benefit of all young people in East Park. Our collective ambition is to embed a culture of high expectation in delivery of teaching and a sense of maximum achievement for all our learners. I am privileged to be part of the process.

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WILD CHALLENGE



Pupil, Aimee, learning outdoors!

During the summer term all classes participated in the Royal Society of Protection of Birds (RSPB) Wild Challenge. The children and young people completed activities such as creating bird feeders, litter picking, planting seeds,

and composting to earn certificates from the RSPB. RSPB Outreach Worker, Sandra, visited East Park and took the pupils mini beast hunting and made habitats for local wildlife, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

The Daily Mile Challenge

East Park joined schools from across the UK in The Daily Mile initiative to improve the physical, emotional and social health and wellbeing of our children and young people.

By walking in the garden or in the local community each day our pupils are keeping fit and healthy and enjoying spending time outdoors.

Workmates are Making Sounds!



Melissa from Workmates making sounds for Aya Iguchi-Sherry

Workmates took part in a project called Sounds of Maryhill, a collaboration between artist Aya Iguchi-Sherry and Maryhill Burgh Halls.

The project explores the relationship between people, sound, place and everyday life in Maryhill and aims to increase awareness of local heritage

and the environment.

Participants joined the sound art discovery walk using recorders to capture the sounds of Maryhill, relying on their senses to tell the story of Maryhill, which will be synchronised and displayed on an interactive map on Maryhill Burgh Halls' website. www.maryhillburghhalls.org.uk



Pupil Scott enjoying his walk

Trades House of Glasgow

We were delighted to welcome the Deacon Convener of the Trades of Glasgow, Keith Brown OBE and his wife Rita, to East Park. The Trades House of Glasgow has been a generous supporter of East Park for many years, contributing to funding the new residential houses and classrooms and many other projects that support the

children and young people. Keith Brown OBE said, "It was so useful for me to understand the valuable work that East Park does and how our support has been utilised." We look forward to sharing the achievements of the children and young people through the projects funded by The Trades House of Glasgow.



East Park's Executive Director, Judy Cromarty, with Keith Brown OBE, Deacon Convener of the Trades of Glasgow

Multi-Sensory Storytelling

As part of our World Book Day activities, we were visited by Bag Books for a day of multi-sensory storytelling. Each class participated in a storytelling session where they heard two different stories

and enjoyed taking turns and experiencing all the sensory elements created by each book. Bag Books very kindly donated 3 multi-sensory stories for the School to keep as a resource for further learning.



Pupil, Dylan, interacting with the multi-sensory story

Happy 18th Birthday Liam



Liam at his 18th birthday party

Residential pupil, Liam, recently celebrated his 18th birthday and invited fellow young people from the East Park residential houses for a celebration at Ledgowan Hall in Summerston.

Liam said he loved the large balloons with his name and age and he particularly enjoyed

the GBX music that the DJ played. Very grateful for the birthday cards and gifts, which

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included a one hour session with a DJ and a mobile phone, Liam said he had a great time! Liam joined East Park 9 years ago and the staff are incredibly proud of his achievements and wish him the very best.

WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS WEEK



Teacher, Amy, with pupil, Krishna, using Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS)

East Park celebrated World Autism Awareness Week by sharing pictures and videos on social media of the communication and learning tools we use to support our young people.

Some of these included Makaton, a language programme using signs and symbols; Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS), communicating using pictures of a desired item in exchange for that item; electronic communication devices such as switches, big macs and iPads; and visual timetables for the day ahead. The children and young

people finished the week off with a grand blue party.

Visit our social media pages to see the videos, pictures and more:
www.facebook.com/eastparkglasgow
[twitter @eastparkglasgow](https://twitter.com/eastparkglasgow)





Fundraising & Volunteers

BCO Awards



East Park was honoured to be one of the beneficiary charities at the British Council for Offices (BCO) Scottish Awards Lunch 2017. The awards showcase

excellence in design, development and occupation of offices in Scotland and the guests were incredibly generous raising £2,850 in the raffle for East Park.

Egg-stravaganza



Resident, Marcus, with two of the bikers of the British Bikers Legion all dressed up for the occasion

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, the children and young people enjoyed a bumper Easter egg hunt! Along with another visit from The British Bikers Legion dressed up as Easter bunnies and chicks, our children and

young people were thrilled with their chocolate treats. Special thanks must also go to Arnold Clark Bearsden Renault/Dacia, Sainsbury's Bearsden, Morrisons Partick and members of the community for their gifts.

CHOSEN BY YOU

A big thank you to First Employees for nominating East Park to receive a donation of £1,000 from their charity committee.

We were also delighted to receive £200 from ASDA Maryhill Superstore from their 'Chosen by you, Given by us' Green Token Initiative Scheme.

Community Collections



Chris from Chris' Ices, Jim from Anderson's Ices and Jamie from Jamie's Ices

Over the past couple of years, a group of ice-cream and snack van owners have raised £956.67 in a competitive, but friendly, collection can challenge. Currently leading with the highest raised is Caddy's Ices!

Jamie of Jamie's Ices said: "It is a pleasure to be able to help support such a wonderful and

worthwhile cause. The customers love getting right into the spirit by continually trying to beat the last collection boxes record"

Hardware store, A Winston & Son, have supported East Park for many years and have raised £883.59 through a collection can in their store and customers of local jeweller, Martins of Glasgow, have donated £157.33.

We are very grateful to the businesses that display an East Park collection can on their shop counter and encourage their customers to donate to our cause. If you can display a collection can in your place of work then please get in touch with the Fundraising Team on 0141 946 2050 or email fundraising@eastpark.org.uk

Partick Thistle Training



Thistle's Community Coach, David Galt, and players, Adam Barton & Niall Keown, with the young people from the School and Workmates

Players from Partick Thistle visited East Park to teach our young people football skills to promote physical activity and community spirit.

Football aces Adam Barton and Niall Keown visited the school along with Thistle's community coach, David Galt, to teach the young people in the school and workmates, football basics including kicking and shooting skills.

David Galt said: "We were thrilled to be invited along to visit the young people at East Park. It's really important to us at Thistle to be part of the community and help out where and when we can, so we jumped at the opportunity to head along and spend the afternoon there.

"We've worked with East Park previously on a number of occasions and the children have always been really excited to get a visit from the players – this time was no exception. Adam and Niall

showed the young people how to kick a ball, shoot at goal and other basic football skills which they seemed to really love. It's a great chance for us to not only interact with our local community but also show that anyone of any ability can take part in sports in one form or other.

"East Park does fantastic work with the young people in our area so we hope we can help again in the future as seeing the smiles on their faces when the players arrived was just priceless."

Christine Cranston, Deputy Head of Education at East Park, added:

"We are grateful for the continued support from the team at Partick Thistle. The children and young people love taking part in these activities and it encourages them to keep fit and healthy."

We hope to welcome the team from Partick Thistle back again sometime soon!