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Your newsletter for East Park



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All changes at the board!

Kenneth Pinkerton Chariman of East Park



It seems hardly any time at all since I met with East Park's former Chief Executive Judy Cromarty in the Summer of 2012. I had previously worked with Judy on the merger of Age Concern and Help the Aged to form Age Scotland and so was aware that she knew that I specialised in charity law. I asked (politely), "Is that roundabout way of asking if I would be interested?" Judy looked at me and said, "You know, I hadn't even considered that. Would you be interested?" A time was arranged for me to visit East Park and, as they say, the rest is history.

I was officially appointed to the Board on 11th September 2012. The Board I joined was very different from the East Park Board of today. I joined a Board of 5 male charity trustees. I am delighted to say that on my

resignation I will leave a Board of 8 members with 3 male and 5 female charity trustees.

I was delighted and honoured to take on the role of Chair in April 2015. Since then it has been

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a busy time. I have overseen the implementation of a committee structure allowing trustees more time to consider the business of East Park and the challenges facing it and also, of course, the capital build which added additional residential space and classroom facilities.

I have also been witness to

changes in personnel. As well as new charity trustees, East Park has a new Executive Director and a new Head of Education. As for me, I have recently been appointed as a charity trustee of the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations, the national membership body for Scotland's charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises which I am very much looking forward to.

Serving as a charity trustee and Chair of East Park has been a humbling experience and one I will treasure. One thing has not changed since 2012 and that is the commitment and expertise of all those involved at East Park in meeting the needs of the children and our young people. I wish them, along with the children and young people of East Park every success in the future.

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BUILDING ON SUCCESS



Some kayaking in action!

A huge well done to all of our children and young people who achieved success in SQA qualifications and John Muir Awards. At the end of last term, we had a lovely afternoon outside – yes, outside in Scotland! – celebrating the wonderful achievements which were gained throughout the year. The achievements were all gained through hard work both in and out of the classroom. Some of the activities in which students and pupils

took part in were classes at the Children's Woods, swimming, gardening and even kayaking on the canal with Metro Outdoors!

Once again, congratulations to each and every young person. Here is a sneaky peak of just some of the activities planned for this term –trampolining, horse riding and yoga sessions as well as the

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continued work of our music specialist, Bryan and our art specialist, Raine!
#EastParkisReady



CONCERT MANIA!



In July, Little Mix were back to Scotland for another tour and this time played at the Falkirk Stadium. For those of you who have met John, you will know that he is a huge Little Mix fan and you can therefore imagine the excitement in his face when he learned that he was going to see his favourite band live! John arrived at the

stadium as the doors opened and enjoyed the build-up to the main event as well as watching the support acts.

When Little Mix performed their songs John performed along with them from his seat by singing and dancing the night away. It was two thumbs up from John from an all singing all dancing night!

Doon the Watter



Before our school pupils broke up for their summer holidays, once again they enjoyed a fun-filled trip to Troon with Glasgow Taxis. This annual event which began in 1945, when a group of taxi drivers very generously gave up their working day to take the children from East Park to the seaside. Every

year the event just keeps getting bigger and better with children across Glasgow now

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also enjoying the special day. Thank you so much to all of the taxis drivers who make such an incredible effort dressing their taxis up and not forgetting the people who work away in the background to help make such a memorable day!

GREEN FINGERS!

In June, several East Park pupils and staff members received their John Muir Explorer Award for all the Outdoor Learning they had been participating in during the summer term.

Activities which contributed to the Award included; seed bombing, making bird feeders, going on bird and mini beast hunts, planting bulbs and litter picking.

On return to school after the summer holidays each class has taken part in a class vote to name their class group after a Scottish Native tree. We are excited to reveal the chosen class

names as Hawthorne, Pine, Willow and Holly! This helps to develop class identity, support our work around outdoor learning and give our young people a chance to participate in a meaningful 'vote'.

We have also been busy in the Den harvesting the vegetables we planted in the summer term. Thank you to Workmates for tending to The Den over the summer holidays! We have lots of potatoes, broad beans, carrots and onions ready to use in the school kitchen. The pumpkins, beetroot and rhubarb are still growing.



Summer Fun for Alexander

One of our residents, Alexander enjoyed many fun-filled activities this summer!

One of the places Alexander visited was dynamic earth in Edinburgh where he enjoyed learning about the world through different sensory experiences such as music, movement and lights. Another place visited was

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Blair Drummond Safari Park in Stirling. Being a big animal lover, he thoroughly enjoyed this trip – especially watching the

cheeky monkeys playing together! Alexander coped extremely well in a busy environment and even got to experience hearing a lion ROAR!

As we were lucky enough to have such good weather



Blair Drummond Safari Park

during the holidays, playing in the paddling pool and having group BBQ's with housemates was also one of his favourite things to do! Palace-Rigg Country Park was also very much enjoyed and was visited

on several occasions.

This summer, Alexander took part in a wide range of new activities, experienced many new surroundings and had a great time – well-done Alexander!

INCORPORATION OF WEAVERS

A massive thank you to the Incorporation of Weavers! In the month of May, East Park were delighted to be invited to the Incorporation of Weavers Box Opening in which our Head of Education and HR Manager were presented

with a cheque for £2,000. East Park has a long standing relationship with the Incorporation of Weavers and are very grateful for their continued support which has helped many of our children and young people. Thank you!





BLOOMING MARVELLOUS!



Thank You Zurich!

Over the summer, we have been lucky enough to have had amazing groups of volunteers come in to do some volunteering DIY and gardening work for us. The groups from Barclays, RBS, Thermo Fisher and Zurich were not afraid to get their hands dirty! They did an amazing job of painting, power washing, weeding and planting on

our main site and in the gardens of our houses. Thank you so much to each volunteer who took the time out to come and help us. If your corporate team would like to come in and volunteer for us, please get in touch with our fundraising team who would be delighted to welcome you to East Park.

Keeping Scotland Beautiful!

Every week our Workmates students litter pick in the local community. The young people really enjoy being able to do an activity with peers and being able to contribute to keeping our local community of Maryhill clean. On 24th May, pupils from East Park School and Workmates students volunteered to participate in 'Keep Scotland Beautiful' which is a campaign to keep your local area beautiful. Some pupils from each school class and Workmates students who usually litter pick on a Thursday joined in the community litter pick. The sun was shining, and everyone had great fun - some even trying



litter picking for the first time! The group chose to walk along the canal for the event, and were very successful in cleaning up the area, and achieved their goal of keeping their local community beautiful!



Happy for us to keep in touch?

East Park would love to continue to share the achievements and learnings of our children and young people by sending you our quarterly East Park Patter. However, if you would rather not receive this newsletter please complete this tear off slip and return to **Fundraising, East Park, 1092 Maryhill Road, Glasgow, G20 9TD.**

Can YOU help?



Do you read The Sun newspaper? If so, between 24th September and 24th November, could you help?

East Park are collecting 'The Big Cat' Reading Tokens. We are on a mission to collect 3,500 tokens so that our school will qualify for £550 worth of free

school resource books! Each day, between the above dates a token will be available in each newspaper for collection.

We would appreciate if you could collect these and help us reach are target. Please send tokens to Catriona Campbell, Head of Education. Let's get collecting!

SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER!

Why not spread the Christmas cheer further by not only sending a Christmas card this year, but by sending a Christmas card designed by an East Park pupil? This year's card was designed by pupil, Amanda Harte – well done Amanda! All proceedings will come straight back to East Park for our children and young people. To order, please fill out the

attached order form and return to the address at the bottom of the page or alternatively, you can pop in to see Kim in our fundraising department who will be happy to help.



THANK YOU!



JOYCE YOUNG BY STORM



RIVER ISLAND



Thank you so much to Boveda Hair and Beauty for organising an amazing Fashion Fundraiser in aid of East Park! Our thank you extends to Clyde I's Cassi for hosting, John Paul Academy for providing the venue and to the volunteers who modelled, to River Island for their amazing array of clothes, Joyce Young for those INCREDIBLE evening dresses and to Ryan at Source Signs for providing the tickets and posters. A further thanks to Asda Summerston, for goodies to help

fill the participants thank you bags (provided by Boveda), to everyone who donated raffle prizes, Zander Nation for playing great music and to Stephen Duigud and Bryan Tolland for awesome sets. A special thank you to everyone who attended on the night, which made this event possible.

Donna, owner of Boveda said "The biggest thanks has to go to the amazing staff at East Park who work every day with the children and young people who attend East Park, with patience, kindness and relentless enthusiasm. The children, young people and staff were the inspiration for this event and being able to offer help with the funds raised is fabulous! We hope everyone enjoyed the event as much as we did!". On behalf of everyone at East Park a massive thank you to Donna and her team at Boveda for their support – you are all amazing!

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