

# eastparkpatter

Your newsletter for East Park



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## Welcome to eastparkpatter

### Gerry Wells and Kieran Burke, East Park Board

At East Park, work on the new classrooms and residences is now well underway. Since the builders moved in earlier this year progress has been swift and the excitement of watching the buildings take shape is shared by everyone on campus.

Behind the scenes other changes are taking place too, they may not be so visible as the Building Project, but the creation of two sub-committees to the Board of Trustees is an equally vital part of East Park's mission for continuous improvement.

The formation of the Inclusion & Achievement and the Quality & Standards committees has been designed to make best use of the considerable professional skills and experience of Board members.

Gerry Wells, who Chairs Inclusion & Achievement, explained the distinct remit of the committees: "The Quality & Standards Committee is concerned with governance issues while the Committee which I chair deals with actual service provision."

It is a sensible split in an organisation whose young people have complex needs and which is governed by an ever-changing framework of legislation and regulation.

Fortunately the Board of East Park is made up of individuals with the right skills to provide the Senior Management Team with support and guidance in these areas. Gerry himself is a social worker with a long career spent working in social care organisations. Now semi-retired he joined the Board of East Park in November and he believes that the Inclusion & Achievement Committee will help East Park to continue providing excellence in care and education.

"As an organisation East Park never stands still and it treats all of its young people as individuals."

Kieran Burke is Chair of the Quality & Standards Committee. His day job is as a solicitor with the Scottish Legal Aid Board and before that he worked for a law centre, in

a department which specialised in providing legal support and advice to people with mental health issues.

The legislative framework that surrounds the care and education of young people with additional needs is knotty, complex and forever changing, so Kieran's experience of working in this area is highly appropriate to his role on the committee.

He joined the Board of East Park in 2012 and says: "I became involved because I thought with my background I could contribute something to the organisation but what I couldn't have foreseen was how much I would get out of it personally.

"You really are welcomed into the East Park community. You don't sit in isolation on the Board; instead you find yourself a part of the activities of the organisation.

"It is a very innovative organisation and hopefully the new committees will help it to continue strongly for a further 140 years."

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## A highly commended Autism Accreditation for East Park

East Park has again successfully participated in the National Autistic Society Autism Accreditation processes.

The review undertaken in April 2015 enabled the National Autistic Society team of reviewers to engage in a diverse range of practical, analytical and discussion based

activities involving pupils, parents/carers and staff across the organisation.

To gain an understanding of the quality of educational experience, from the pupils' viewpoint, the team both observed lessons in school and joined pupils in their outings and activities; and also spoke with parents/carers.

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procedures that underpin the provision of a good educational experience.

A house visit, examination of the personal organisers

for the young people and discussions with staff facilitated the team's review of the effectiveness of cross-organisation support for resident pupils.

The team reviewed, in great detail, both continued professional development provision and up-take to measure the appropriate level of skill and understanding in



relation to the specific needs of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

As part of National Autistic Society Accreditation's internal quality assurance processes every review report is presented to an Accreditation Award Panel. This panel both validated the review outcomes which were recorded in the report; and

in addition, awarded East Park a Commendation in respect of: "the quality of training; the mechanisms for reflection on practice; and the development of an appropriate 'curriculum for excellence'".

This success is reflective of the hard work by all involved. A huge thank you to all pupils, parents/carers, staff and members of the Board.

## CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

On Friday the 19th June 2015 East Park held its annual Celebration of Learning to conclude the academic year. This event afforded pupils, families, staff and others who support the work of East Park to come together to celebrate the achievements of both the school pupils and the young people who attend the Workmates service.

Achievements in personal endeavour, sporting and learning targets were recognised and celebrated for each pupil and young person.

Music, in a variety of guises, helped the event go with a swing. Guests were encouraged to join the pupils and young people in singing

along to songs prepared with the support of Bryan Tolland, our Music Specialist. Pupils of Notre Dame High School Orchestra played two moving pieces of classical music.

Our thanks go to all, too many to mention – but you know who you are, who contributed to another wonderful event.



## Congratulations to our colleagues



Robert, Josephine & Lisa celebrating their achievements

East Park recently held an awards ceremony to celebrate the achievements of a group of staff from across the organisation who had undertaken and

completed a qualification, certificate or training course in various subjects and levels. Continuous Professional Development is not only a regulatory requirement but is essential in maintaining and enhancing the level of skills and knowledge within our workforce, ultimately increasing the standard of the service we provide.

Judy Cromarty, East Park's Executive Director, said 'The dedication and hard work shown by staff to achieve such commendable qualifications deserves a huge congratulations'.

# eastpark is expanding

Many of our supporters and neighbours in the local community will have seen the demolition of some of our buildings over the past few months. It was with mixed feelings to say farewell to Katrine House, but at the same time overwhelming excitement for the realisation of new classrooms, a residential home and respite centre to come!

Over the coming weeks, and in the lead up to Christmas you will be able to see some changes to the front of the Maryhill campus, with groundworks undertaken and foundations laid in preparation for the new residential accommodation.

The new development at East Park will give more children with the most complex additional support needs a chance to reach their potential, something we believe every child has the

right to achieve. Being surrounded by building works the pupils have taken the opportunity to learn more about building and construction, architecture and how East Park will be able to help more children.

**HELP US RAISE THE LAST £50,000 NEEDED!**

Pupil, Cameron, said: *"I am happy that the School is getting bigger."* And so are we Cameron! With the help of our supporters, we will be able to welcome the new children to East Park in August 2016.



Be part of building on the 140 years of East Park supporting children in our community by donating towards the new development.

**To make a donation online visit [www.eastpark.org.uk/donate](http://www.eastpark.org.uk/donate)**

If you would like to organise your own fundraising event to raise funds for the development then our Fundraising Team would love to hear from you on **0141 946 2050** or **[fundraising@eastpark.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@eastpark.org.uk)**



**Text BRICK to 70500 to give £5**



East Park (Registered Charity number SC012838) will receive 100% of your donation. You may be charged for one text message at your network's standard or charity rate. Always get the bill payers permission.



## Fundraising & Volunteers

# Threesixty Architecture Rainbow Week Challenge



A massive thank you to Threesixty Architecture and friends who raised an incredible £3,545 for East Park through their annual Rainbow Week Challenge 2015.

Colours are really important to the children and young people at East Park, whose regular use of colours can help them differentiate and recognise each day of the week. During Rainbow Week, Threesixty Architecture and fellow friends in the industry joined us in our weekly journey through colour by wearing (with some spectacular accessorising!) a specific colour for every day of the week to have fun and raise funds.

A special thank you to everyone who embraced the campaign, in particular, Gold Star Dance and Cheer, Gardiner & Theobald, PMP, Woolgar Hunter, TL Dallas, Atelier Ten, Morgan Sindall, ERZ, Calladus Design and BCF Technology.



## Helping Hands

Volunteers from Shell Business Operations, Vodafone and Zurich did a fantastic job in creating vegetable patches with the children and young people at our residential houses, giving the living areas a fresh coat of paint and maintaining a beautiful allotment for our Workmates service.



Zurich Glasgow employees at work on Workmates' allotment

## Not Just Coffee from Costa

Costa Coffee Buchanan Galleries, kindly donated 6 new pieces of beautiful artwork to one of our residential houses. The prints

of iconic buildings in Glasgow have really brightened up the living area and home for the children and young people.

## BAM Properties at the Races



An unprecedented £3,064 was raised for East Park at the annual BAM Properties event at the Ayr Races Gold Cup in September. East Park's Head of Education, Helen Dunlop, gave employees and friends of BAM Properties a heartfelt insight into the children and young people who are supported by East Park.

Mark Broderick of BAM Properties, said "We were

delighted to have Helen and Kenneth, East Park's Chairman, join us and our guests on the day and that we were able to help in a small way to support the work of the young people and staff of East Park. A great time was had by all as we enjoyed some welcomed autumn sunshine and great company, albeit we had mixed fortune on the horses."

## CHRISTMAS ALREADY?



Yet another year has almost flown by and we're gearing up for a white Christmas! Be prepared for the wintery forecast and get your 2015 East Park Christmas cards, designed by pupil Malcolm Holamby, to send to your friends and family.

Cards are on sale now for a suggested donation of £3 per pack of 6. Complete and return the order form enclosed with your donation or get in touch with the Fundraising Team on 0141 946 2050 or email fundraising@eastpark.org.uk

## Lewis leads the way

East Park supporter, Lewis Graham, walked a staggering 56 miles over two days and raised a fantastic £506 for East Park. Thank you to everyone who supported and sponsored Lewis on this great challenge.

