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Your newsletter for East Park



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£50,000

53%

Patsy Douglas, East Park Parent Representative

Building of the new classrooms and residential accommodation at East Park is now well under way. The £3 million development is going to support more children with the most complex additional support needs from across Scotland, providing a safe and nurturing environment for them to live, learn and thrive in our community.

The ceremonial laying of the first brick of the development took place on Wednesday 11th November. East Park pupil, Liam, was joined by Radio Clyde 1's Breakfast Show hosts George Bowie & Cassi along with Hamilton FC player Greg Docherty. Our pupils and students were thrilled to meet the celebrities and share this exciting milestone.

Liam said "It was the best surprise ever to be asked to lay the first brick of the building. It was amazing to meet George Bowie and tell him I am his biggest fan. I was really happy that Cassi remembered me from the Glasgow

Taxis to Troon Outing and gave me a big hug hello. Greg has invited me to attend the Accies home games which is very exciting!"

Our classes have enjoyed the opportunity to learn through the topic of 'building', with real life examples to experience right outside our windows! Activities have included: Building site artwork; Role play/drama with hard hats and high vis vests; Science, Maths and Technology activities with model diggers and building site vehicles; Sensory experiences with materials; and assemblies about our changing environment.

One of our classes even invited the workers from the site to afternoon tea in their classroom – a great opportunity to further develop social skills.

East Park Senior Teacher, Phoebe Green, said "The young people have exceeded all of our expectations in their acceptance of change to

their immediate environment, and it has been a great chance to broaden the experiences and outcomes we can offer to them."

There are still many more bricks to be laid and we need the community to help raise the last £50,000 to complete the development so we can welcome the new children in August 2016.

Text BRICK to 70500 to donate £5 or visit eastpark.org.uk/donate to donate online.

If you would like to help fundraise for the appeal the Fundraising Team would love to hear from you on 0141 946 2050 or email fundraising@eastpark.org.uk

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Festive Celebrations

On Monday 21st December 2015, East Park's young people and staff hosted an afternoon of festive celebrations. This year's event, a bit of a departure from the traditional Christmas Concert, was a relaxed afternoon where our community of friends, family and supporters came together to celebrate the festive season with East Park.

The young people, supported by their music instructor, Bryan Tolland, led the guests in communal carol singing and encouraged

everyone to pick up an instrument and join together in making music!

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celebrate in December. A special thanks must go to Notre Dame High School Orchestra for creating a fitting ambience with beautifully played festive pieces.

Through their Christmas Sale of items donated by local businesses, staff and



Notre Dame High School Orchestra in the festive spirit

supporters, Workmates raised an incredible £1,100 to support their service. They would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to

everyone who contributed, especially Tony's Snack Attack, Tullablush Bridal, Michelle's Hairdressers and Party Planet.

Matthew's debut performance



21 year old Matthew Linn attends Workmates, East Park's programme for young school leavers giving them the opportunity to take part in community activities, work experience, college and learn life skills.

Every Friday morning, Matthew and his Learning Support Worker, Michelle Devlin, attend a creative dance class run by Inspire. Inspire runs dance groups for adults with disabilities, giving opportunity to develop core skills and work creatively in a safe and friendly studio environment.

Matthew took part in the Winter Showcase at Clydebank Town Hall in December 2015 where an audience of over 200 people celebrated the talent and work of local dance and theatre groups.

Following his debut show, Matthew was chosen to join the Inspire Performance Group which develops its participants' performance skills and choreography to ultimately perform in the annual Go Dance show at Glasgow Theatre Royal in March. Go Dance showcases talent from dance schools, colleges, community groups and emerging artists, celebrating the best of community dance from across Scotland.

Michelle said "Matthew absolutely loves attending his dance classes and enjoys being on stage. The classes give him the opportunity to express himself, think creatively and just to have fun. Matthew was amazing in his performances and he can't wait for the next!"

Celtic Connections

On Wednesday 19th January a group of East Park pupils, Liam, Malcolm, Sammy and Amy visited the Royal Concert Hall to see a Celtic Connections performance especially for schools. The pupils are learning Scottish Studies so this was a good opportunity to include music in their learning activities.

The pupils set off for the Concert Hall early in the morning to arrive in plenty time so they didn't miss any of the show. They enjoyed meeting some friends from fellow primary and secondary schools in Glasgow. The performance started at 11am and they had fantastic seats right beside the stage where they could see all the musicians, hear the wonderful music, and there was even

space to dance and 'hooch and chooch' which they did with great enthusiasm!

The performers really appreciated our pupils' participation and thanked them warmly for being a great audience. They included the junior section of the Royal Conservatoire who played harps, violins, flutes and accordions; The Paddy Callaghan Trio (Liam's favourite because they played really lively jigs) and a South American Celtic mix band, Nexus, made up of singers and musicians from Bolivia, Argentina, Spain, Wales and Scotland who sang in their native language.

Everyone had a fabulous time and the pupils were excellent representatives of our school.

WALK FOR SCOTLAND'S CHILDREN



The new series of Kiltwalk's begin in Glasgow on Sunday 24th April, followed by Aberdeen, Speyside and Edinburgh. There are various distances to choose from so everyone can take part and this year every penny you raise goes to the children's

charity of your choice.

We'd love for you to join those who are already walking for East Park. So find your nearest event, pick a distance, choose to raise funds for East Park and sign up at

www.thekiltwalk.co.uk

Life at Robertson House



Dylan horseriding

East Park's Robertson House is home to 5 young boys, some of whom attend School and Workmates at East Park while the others are

supported through another school and college. The House wanted to share how they have been getting on with our readers. Graham recently went

to Ikea to choose grown up, funky furniture for his bedroom. He chose a new sofa and lots of new accessories. He loves chilling in his newly decorated bedroom.

Some of the boys attended the "Comic Convention" at the SSE Hydro in Glasgow, dressing up as their favourite characters and collecting new Dr Who memorabilia. The sonic screwdrivers were a must have and they pretty much have the full set now!

Mikey has started attending Workmates within East Park and is loving it. He enjoys attending a creative dance class, Independence, and

being involved in 'keeping Glasgow tidy' by litter picking with the team from Workmates. As an 18th birthday treat, we took Mikey to see Jason Derulo

in concert at the SSE Hydro which was a highlight for him.

Dylan has started going to horse riding with his class mates. Dylan loves this activity, and is

proving to be very good at riding. A great achievement that we are celebrating with Dylan!

Peter has started going to college and is relishing the independence this brings. The course he is studying is Independent Living which will stand him in good stead for his adult life.

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Fundraising & Volunteers

A tribute to Tribe



Members of the motorcycle group, Tribe, raised a fantastic £310 for the children and young people at East Park! Mac MacDonald of Tribe, said "Growing up in Maryhill, East Park has always been a much loved local charity that

relies on the generosity of the community. I wanted to support the children and young people in any way I could and the rest of the members from Tribe were more than happy to donate and show their support too."

EastParkIs... Cheering



Liam & Marcus at Braehead CLAN Ice Hockey

In the past few months East Park has been lucky enough to have had the chance to cheer on various teams at local sporting events. The Braehead Clan Ice Hockey Team, Glasgow Rocks Basketball Team (sponsored by Shell) and

Hamilton Academical Football Club all very kindly donated tickets to home matches for our young people and their families to attend and cheer on the teams. Thank you so much to all who donated we had a ball – pardon the pun!

Get your colour on

We are delighted to announce that East Park will again be teaming up with Threesixty Architecture for their Rainbow Week Challenge 2016 and we'd love for you to join us. The challenge is to dress in the

colour of the day for each day of the week of the 16th May 2016. Get in touch with the Fundraising Team on 0141 946 2050 or fundraising@eastpark.org.uk to find out more and take part!



Threesixty Architecture

Staff choose East Park



A huge thank you to Wylie & Bissett staff for raising a wonderful £500 for East Park. Pupil Cameron with his Teacher, Amy, and Executive

Director, Judy Cromarty, gratefully received the cheque from Beverly and Martha on behalf of Wylie & Bissett.

THE BUILDERS WHO CAME TO TEA!

During the month of December one of our school classes hosted a tea party for the team of builders, led by Flemings Buildings, who are working on the development of new classrooms and residential accommodation at East Park. It was a fun-

filled afternoon and both the builders and young people shared their festive spirit and enjoyed each other's company. Thank you to all who attended and to Class 7 for their delicious home baking and excellent hosting services!

Santander brighten up our day



A massive thank you to the volunteers from Santander who decorated one of our residential houses. Supported by a grant from Santander Community Days, the

team from Santander Glasgow painted the children's playroom, living areas and bedrooms. The residents of the house are thrilled with their colourful play room!

Your vote counted

Thanks to your votes, East Park has received £900 from the Co-op Local Fund of over £750,000, collected from the 5p charge on carrier bags, distributed to local causes and community groups in Scotland. The funds will be

used to help fit out the new classrooms with furniture and equipment for the children and young people.

