

Victoria Park School Autumn 2025 Newsletter



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A Note from the Head Teacher

This new term has been all about building partnerships in our school, our local community and beyond! We have reestablished partnerships and fostered new partnerships that I think will really help Victoria Park to be the best it can be!

Kirsty McKellar HT

Friends of Victoria Park AGM

We would like to thank all of the members of Friends of Victoria Park for all their hard work last session as well as all our parents who contributed to the life of our school. I would like to say a special thanks to our previous Chair Laura Brown and Secretary Victoria MacLeod for their dedication to FOVP over the years. At our Annual General Meeting for the Friends of Victoria Park the following positions were filled:

Chair: Amy Clark

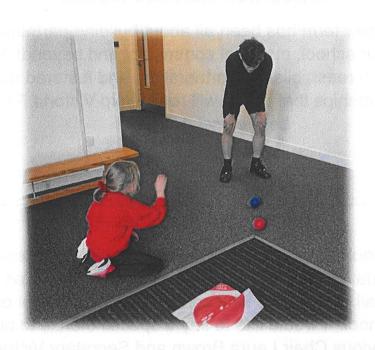
Secretary: Position Open

Treasurer: Jen Staples

We continue to look for new members to join Friends of Victoria Park so please don't be shy! All are welcome!

Sports Leaders

S6 pupils from Carluke High School who attended Boccia training from Disability Scotland have joined Room 8 pupils weekly this term to provide physical education activities. This forms part of the S6 Sports Leadership programme through Active Schools. Our Active Schools Coordinator Callum Taylor has also supported these sessions.





Learning About Harvest

We strive to build links with our local community and one way in which we have done this recently is through our learning about "Harvest". We have established links already with Brian and Jenny from "Make a Difference Scotland" which is a Christian Organisation that covers the larger South Lanarkshire area. We have also recently built links with Lesley Ewing who is the local Youth Worker from Kirkton Church. Lesley Ewing works very hard to get to know local families and children and was keen to work with our school. For our Harvest assembly we invited Brian, Jenny and Lesley to join our classes and take part in the learning alongside the children. They all spoke positively about the Harvest assembly and how engaged the children were.

Alison Hawthorn our Principal Teacher and Leeanne Inglis Depute Head Techer arranged for a collection of foodstuffs to be given into Clydesdale foodbank.

Thank you to everyone who was able to donate.







Important Dates

FOVP Meeting – Friday 24th October

Halloween Sensory Day – Friday 31st October

Practical Mindset Parent Workshop – Friday 7th November

November In-Service Day- Monday 10th November

FOVP Meeting – Friday 21st November

Brew & Blether Meeting – Friday 28th November

Gouldings Trips – 4th & 5th December

FOVP Meeting – Friday 12th December

Christmas Sensory Stay and Play – Monday 15th December

Santa Visit – Wednesday 17th December

Christmas Lunch – 9th December









Our Vision: In our safe, happy, fun school we all grow to be the best we can be.

Participatory Budget

Leeanne Inglis (DHT) has been seeking views around our Participatory Budget. Our budget this session is £3736.25 The Participatory Budget is a way for all stakeholders in the school to have a say in how part of our budget is spent. Here is a link to a quick 60 second guide about Participatory Budgets.

https://pbscotland.scot/what-is-pb

We sought views from children, staff and parents and the overall view is that the money should be spent on school trips.

Hear My Music

From our Pupil Equity Fund (PEF) we have purchased 30 sessions with "Hear My Music". We are joined again by Ruth our music therapist who was in school last year. Ruth will be working with all the classes over the course of the year.

We are also taking part in an inclusion project with High Mill Primary School through "Hear My Music". This project is going to involve children from Rooms 4, 5, 7 & 8 and pupils from High Mill jointly creating and performing a piece of music. The project will be led by music therapists Ruth, Cit and Rachael. We are really excited to see what we will create as a campus!



Meet the Team



We strongly believe in parental engagement and building relationships with all who support our children. We hope that the through the "Meet the Team" event we can establish relationships between families and those key members of staff who support your child. Thanks to all who attended and due to the continued positive feedback we will ensure that this forms part of our annual calendar of events.

Parents' Night

Thank you to all who attended our Parents' Night. We had great attendance which reflects how invested our parents are in their children. We hope you found the conversations with the class teacher useful and productive. We will be sending out a written interim report in December which will give you further information about your child's progress.

School Garden

We have arranged for Carluke High School pupils to work in partnership with the parent council and Carluke Men's Shed to maintain our school garden. The parent council has created a subcommittee for this and if you are able to help in any way please let the school office know.

Gala Day

We are proud to announce the following Gala Maid and Escorts that were drawn in front of the parent council. As with previous years we selected pupils from P6 and P7. This year we have put forward Escorts which was reinstated last year by the new Gala Committee.

Gala Maid – Aria Wood

Escort – Matthew McCormack

Escort – Oliver Baird

I would like to thank everyone for their suggestions for our Gala theme – these were so varied and all could be a suitable choice going forward. The parent council will reduce these to three choices that will then be voted on by children, parents and staff. We have set up a Gala Day committee and if you would like to be part of this please let the school office know.



Barn Buddies

George and Lizzie our miniature Shetland ponies from Barn Buddies visited Room 7 pupils weekly this term to enjoy a sensory story through equine facilitated learning. All of the children really enjoyed the sessions.



