

Healthy breakfasts for Edinburgh school pupils thanks to OneCity Trust

OneCity Trust supports a healthy breakfast for Edinburgh's pupils

Donald Wilson, Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh, will today visit the Aegon Breakfast Club at Canal View Primary School to celebrate the latest donation from the OneCity Trust.

The Lord Provost is the President of the independent Trust, which aims to combat social exclusion in the city. A £2,500 donation from the OneCity Trust has enabled every breakfast club in the city's primary schools to replace their equipment which was simply worn out from providing 1000 breakfasts in the city on every school day.

The 35 breakfast clubs in primary and special schools around the city are funded by the City of Edinburgh Council's Children and Families department and NHS Lothian. Ten clubs are sponsored by businesses through a partnership with Aegon and the Big Hearts Community Trust. These local businesses are then able to develop a supportive relationship with their chosen school.

"Providing a way of linking businesses to the local community is exactly what the One City Trust is all about. We are delighted to support the city's breakfast clubs, and want to continue to harness the enthusiasm and resources of the business sector in the city to tackle social exclusion whilst providing benefits to businesses in return." said the Lord Provost.

Aegon have partnered with a number of local companies to fund

the individual breakfast clubs and construction firm Wates are sponsors of the club at Canal View Primary.

Alan Wardrop, Site Surveyor in the Edinburgh office, said: *“Wates are dedicated to making a difference in the communities in which we work not just by undertaking Housing Improvements on behalf of our client The City of Edinburgh Council but by giving back to the communities and future generations. The Aegon Breakfast Club is an excellent initiative and Wates remain proud to sponsor the breakfast club at Canal View Primary school.”*

Breakfast clubs are proven to deliver educational, health and social benefits to children, in terms of attendance at school, concentration during lessons and raising attainment. A teacher at one of the schools noted that the breakfast club had provided one boy not only with healthy nourishment, but with a routine in the mornings, so he started the day calmly and ready to learn.

Ann Moore, Head Teacher of Canal View Primary School said, *“This new equipment from the One City Trust together with the generosity of Wates Scotland funding our Breakfast Club shows the commitment and support for us providing a good, healthy breakfast to our pupils which helps them to engage in their learning and improves their general health. Coming to a breakfast club promotes the social aspects of eating and playing together by encouraging social skills, good manners and citizenship and I am very pleased that we are able to offer this at Canal View Primary”.*

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