

Leith Cancer Research UK Shop has an 'Egg-cellent' birthday planned

✘ **CRACKING FIRST BIRTHDAY FOR CANCER RESEARCH UK SHOP**

Scotland's only children's store for Cancer Research UK is set to celebrate its first birthday with a fabulous Easter competition.

The emporium on Great Junction Street, near the Kirkgate Shopping Centre in Leith, which sells baby and children's clothes, toys, dvds and books has proved a huge success since first opening its doors last April. More than £50,000 has been raised so far to help fund life-saving research in to 200 different types of cancer. Now the dedicated team of 32 volunteers who run the shop are throwing an Easter Egg painting competition and every entry will be showcased in the shop window.

Shop manager, Marc van Cartier, 37, said: "We'd like to crack on with helping to beat childhood cancer.

"That's why to celebrate the first birthday of Cancer Research UK's Children's Emporium we are having an eggs-travagant egg painting competition as a thank you to all our customers. It is only the second shop of its kind in the UK so it is very special.

"Every child who returns a decorated egg will have it displayed in our window until the Easter bunny comes hopping along. We hope lots of kids over the Easter school break can come in and join the fun and learn more about Cancer Research's work."

Customers can pick up a free blank egg template from the shop

then take it home to decorate. And the owners of the best three decorated eggs will receive a prize including a delicious chocolate Easter egg. The competition will run until April 20.

Every hour around three people are diagnosed with cancer in Scotland but the good news is that, thanks to research, survival rates are improving all the time.

Cancer Research UK receives no government funding for its ground-breaking research but, with help from the people of Scotland, our scientists will work hard to bring forward the day when all cancers are cured.

Cancer Research UK children's emporium in Leith which is only the second of its kind in the UK is open Mondays to Saturday, from 9am to 5pm. The team are also looking for volunteers to help out in the shop.

To find out more about making a donation of good quality clothes, toys, DVDs, music or books, call the store on 0131 554 6292.

Please note, that for health and safety reasons the shop cannot accept electrical items, prams, buggies and car seats.