

Bruntsfield Primary to have a new playground



Bruntsfield Primary School will have a brand new playground due to the initiative of some of the parents of current pupils. The design is drawn up but now it is time for talking hard finance.

Sports Scotland Active Places awarded the project £52,804 but now parents have to raise a further £27,000 to add to their £25,000 already raised. The group of parents behind the project say they are well on their way to achieving this. They are planning some fundraisers over the summer including a summer fete next Saturday. The money already gathered for this project was raised by regular fundraisers like quiz nights, family ceilidhs and their Christmas fair. They also raised money by having sponsored events like a run, a pyjama day and a special dress-up day at the school.

Jane Ewins one of the parents behind the scheme said:-“Current plans are to build between July and December 2014 with construction prioritised at times when the school grounds aren't being used, for example during school holidays. We're now in the middle of a very busy and intensive fund-raising campaign!”

Chris Rankin a landscape architect with [Rankin Fraser](#) and active play specialist [Michael Follett](#) of OPAL ltd collaborated on the plans for the exciting new play area.

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The designers want the project to demonstrate innovation in the redevelopment of urban school playgrounds in Edinburgh.

The new facilities will follow the “best practice” standards defined by [Play Scotland](#), be a resource for the rich diversity of community grounds in the local area, and use design to promote outdoor learning, physical activity and active play.

They plan for the small urban space to be used by the local community and after school sports clubs as well as enriching learning and play for the school pupils.

The new facilities will include:

- an open and flexible space with diverse opportunities for both active play and sports which will include lighting
- a small sports surface with line marking for football, basket ball and short tennis with a space suitable for other sports played by primary pupils including hockey, cycling, active games, climbing and free running
- covered space for instruction and coaching and including table tennis
- traverse wall and landforms to provide spaces for active play
- an area with ‘free running’ fixed equipment to encourage active play
- storage area for moveable football goals, sports equipment, play materials and includes space for community groups to store equipment