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Ground is broken on site of new £12.4m school and early learning & childcare centre in Bishopbriggs



It was an exciting start to 2016 for the pupils of Woodhill and Auchinairn Primaries and children from Cleddens Learning & Childcare Centre as they helped cut the ground for their brand new £12.4m school and early learning & childcare centre.

The children were joined by Council Leader Rhondda Geekie to officially make the first cut to get the construction work underway.

The new two storey building will replace the existing Auchinairn Primary, Woodhill Primary schools and Cleddens Learning & Childcare Centre and will house around 560 pupils and 145 pre-school children when it opens in session 2016//17. It is being built on the site of the existing Woodhill Primary School on Kirriemuir Road.

Councillor Geekie said: "What a great way to kick 2016 off and signal our continued commitment to education in East Dunbartonshire! This is a very important development for the area and I am delighted that we are about to see the new building take shape.

"There has been a lot of consultation to get us to this point and we have listened to what parent, pupils, staff and local people have had to say about this new building. The finished building, playground areas and sports pitch will provide local children with a first rate educational experience."

The new school in Bishopbriggs will be the third to be built as part of the Council's Primary School Improvement Programme (PSIP). The schools are being delivered in partnership with hub West Scotland, the Council's development partner.

The first PSIP school, Lairdsland Primary in Kirkintilloch, officially opened in May 2015 and the second school, Lenzie Meadow, is set to open in August 2016.

Like Lenzie Meadow Primary, this new school will be based on the Lairdsland reference design and will feature flexible and open classrooms, outdoor learning areas, landscaped play areas and a full 3G synthetic pitch.

Adam Aslam, a P5 pupil at Auchinairn Primary said: "It was good to be part of the photocall to cut the ground where our new school will be built. I can't wait to see the work starting on the new building. It's very exciting."

Raya McGinlay is in P7 at Woodhill Primary. She added: "I am really looking forward to watching our new school being built and think it will be great."

Debbie McNamara, Chief Executive at hub West Scotland said: "This is the third of a number of schools hub West Scotland are delivering with our partners East Dunbartonshire Council. I am proud that the successful partnership is delivering high quality educational facilities for the communities of East Dunbartonshire."

For more details about the new school design, please click on the 'Schools and Learning' link on the homepage of the Council's website homepage and read more about the PSIP.

Headteachers from the two schools and the Head of Centre at Cleddens Learning & Childcare also attended the official sod-cutting together with local Councillors, representatives from the Council's development partner, hub West Scotland, contractors Morgan Sindall and architects Archial Norr.

Hub West Scotland is a partnership between the Scottish Futures Trust, West Territory Participants and The Wellspring Partnership.

The Wellspring Partnership is a joint venture between Morgan Sindall Investments Limited and Apollo Limited.