Schoolchildren’s art decorates construction site of new hospital

The colourful artwork of schoolchildren from Castlepark Primary in Irvine is helping to brighten up the site hoarding around the construction site of the new £46 million health facility on the Ayrshire Central Hospital site. Woodland View is the new adult acute mental health and community hospital currently being built by Balfour Beatty.

As part of the project’s commitment to work with and involve the local community, Balfour Beatty’s Community Benefit Manager, Nalia Akram, visited Castlepark Primary to speak to youngsters about the dangers of playing at construction sites.

Children from primaries 5, 6 and 7 were then tasked with creating artistic drawings which could be displayed around the site to help reinforce safety messages.

The talented winner Fearn Muir (P7) was chosen and presented with a bicycle her outstanding entry. Three runners-up, Aimee Coluin (P7/6), Aaron Jeffrey (P6/5) and Josh Arkison (P5/4) all won scooters for their colourful contributions. The youngsters and their families were invited to a special event on the site on Friday 5 June, where they got to see their artwork displayed full-size on the hoarding. The bicycle and scooters were donated by Irvine Cycles.

John Scott, Head of Capital Planning and Project Director, said: “We were delighted with the enthusiasm shown by all the children who took part in this competition. It was fun for the youngsters but also had an important element of reinforcing the safety messages of not playing at constructions sites.

“Well done to Fearn for her outstanding entry and, indeed, for all the children who took part. All the drawings will be displayed on the hoarding and will certainly help brighten up the site.”
Nalia Akram, Balfour Beatty Community Benefit Manager, said: “The artwork created by the children is a fantastic way of highlighting how important it is for these youngsters and their friends to stay safe when they are near construction sites.”

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Notes to editors
Woodland View will offer state-of-the-art facilities on the Ayrshire Central Hospital site. It will provide 206 en-suite bedrooms for people who need a level of care and rehabilitation that can only be provided by a stay in hospital.

The facility will include beds for:
- Adult acute mental health
- Mental health and addiction rehabilitation
- Elderly mental health
- Long-term care for older people
- Rehabilitation for older people
and rooms for additional outpatient clinics and treatments.

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Parents and youngsters are presented with their prizes at an unveiling of their artwork on the hoarding surrounding the Balfour Beatty construction site.

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