

# KART CORNER SPRING 2021

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## WELCOME TO KART CORNER



None of us could have imagined this time last year that we would only just be coming out of lockdown as we step into Spring 2021. The burden of the COVID pandemic on lives, businesses, churches, schools and families has been immense and yet there are still signs of hope and fruit.

As we gradually emerge from this situation from 'ZOOM to BLOOM' - we pray that as Gospel seed has been faithfully sown into the lives of children and young people, that we will begin to see a real harvest as we continue to adapt to changing opportunities.

This edition of KART Corner reflects on the past year and hopes for the future as restrictions ease as we make plans and provision for the coming year.

May God bless you. Thank you for your support and prayers.

Adam Broughton, KART Management Committee.

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## MARKING A YEAR OF LOCKDOWN

Various individuals tell KART Corner about their reflections marking a year of lockdown living, the best bits as well as the low points and hopes for the future.



Jim Reid - Kinghorn Parish Church & KART Chair of Trustees.

1. Best things about the last year: more time with my family (initially less evening meetings!). Personally, getting my hip operation, eventually, which has made a

big difference and I'll be pressing on to more hills and coastal walking! Church wise: the partnership locally: "BEK and call" has moved our work and mission together on in big steps in Burntisland and Kinghorn!

- 2. The lows of the last year: many sad funerals to conduct with few allowed there. weddings cancelled; folks in hospital and homes not able to be visited.
- 3. Lessons learned/hopes for the future: let's return forward (the risen Jesus told the disciples that he would meet them back in Galilee) we all long to go back to normal but with Jesus going back means a new lease on life to go forward in faith with Him!

#### Chris Beattie - KART KEY WORKER

- 1. Best things about the last year: It has been a very strange year but it is important to look at the positives and personally the best thing that has happened to me is Furlough. Being able to spend time with my young family has been incredible. Seeing my youngest girl (Ruth) learning to walk, run and play whilst teaching Anna to skip and ride her bike are memories that I will have forever.
- 2. The lows of the last year: Not being able to do the work that I love to do; working with people, being in schools, talking to young people, football coaching and presenting Walk through the Bible. My job is a privilege and I pray that I won't take it for granted in the future.
- 3. Lessons learned/hopes for the future: Over the last year the word 'Patience' has been key, waiting for the pandemic to run it's course, spending so much time with my girls and learning a different way of working online. God has definitely been teaching and equipping me in this area of my life. Hopefully as I am welcomed back into the schools my patience will continue, as we look to provide our ministry in the new post-COVID era. We can change the way we do work but God is the same:)



Alison Doyle -SCHOOL SUPPORT ASSISTANT-FairIsle Primary

#### 1. Best things about the last year:

One of the best things was to see how happy young primary school children were to come back to school after both lockdowns. It just showed how much they get out of being in school and how much they get from playing outside with their friends and classmates.

- 2. The lows of the last year: The lows were trying to engage online with pupils when face to face works best. Also not being able to see my family, who live in other regions of Scotland, except on Zoom calls.
- 3. Lessons learned/hopes for the future: I think that the biggest lesson has been that although this looks like chaos and out of control this past year is no surprise to God who is faithful and over all things. It also shows that we can only put our hope and trust in God as all other things provide little or no help or comfort in difficult times. My hopes for the future are that chaplains and Chris/other schools workers will be allowed full access in schools soon. That the Christian message they share in school will be valued and even more appreciated after the difficult times we have all been through.

LOCKDOWN LIFE FOR A TEENAGER!

3 responses from our young people.

#### 1. Best things about the last year:

Spending more time on my computer Lots of time with my family It brought people together like I've never seen.

Getting to see what my parents do at work as they are working from home Doing things outdoors with my family. Learning new things.

Not so much homework Having time just for me

#### 2. The lows of the last year:

Not getting to see people outside our bubble

The pandemic separated us from friends and family

Knowing that people were dying and still dying from this virus.

The virus was out there but couldn't be seen so it made me anxious

My family arguing a lot.

Not getting space to myself, someone always around to annoy me.

Missing school and my friends. Eating too much junk food.

3. Lessons learned/hopes for the future: Hope not to go into lock down again

The good stuff that's happening like kindness that it remains.

Some things in life are not important, so spend more time on the important things.

Appreciating my school life and my family more.

Life has changed so much for everyone in the past year and yet we can take encouragement from the fact that we can embrace the future for 'The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged'. Deut. 31:8 NIV

## 2021 INFORMATION UPDATE



## JUNGLE ADVENTURE HOLIDAY CLUB

During the summer months we are aiming to work with a number of different local churches to provide a fun, interactive *outdoor* holiday club for local primary school children. Using memorable Bible stories and engaging different learning styles to create a week that children will not forget.

#### WATCH THIS SPACE!

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Currently we are planning to have our KART three day camp for Primary 5-7 pupils running in 7-10th July, 2021 at Lendrick Muir, however if restrictions are in place we will be focusing on organising day camps as an alternative.

Online ZOOM groups are being set-up for young people throughout Fife, Perth & Kinross. Encouraging fun, fellowship and Bible engagement.

Primary aged (Primary 5,6&7) Events 4th May and 8th June, 2021.

Secondary events (S1,S2,S3,S4) 6th May and 10th June, 2021.



- CONNECT Group As restrictions ease, the CONNECT team will be looking for opportunities to get the local churched young people to meet up face to face for some fun and fellowship.
- RETURN TO SCHOOLS Chris will be meeting with key school staff to see where he can help assist the schools as lockdown restrictions ease and we're hoping we can return to the schools soon.

## JOIN THE KART TEAM

## Where faith is seeded gardeners are needed!

The work of KART is growing, and we **need** to increase the size of our team bringing people with a wide age range and a broad range of skill sets and experiences to help meet and support the needs of our mission.

KART exists to provide support to schools and churches with the presentation of the Christian message among children & youth in the Kirkcaldy area. A staggering 95% of under 18-year-olds don't go to church but many of them are open to faith.

"How can they hear unless someone tells them" Rom: 10:14

Our projects rely on our amazing team of enthusiastic and wonderful volunteers from all walks of life. They are an integral part to what we do.

#### Will you consider joining us?

Do you have some time to spare? Are you a young person who would like some voluntary experience to improve your CV? Any time you give and whatever commitment you can give will help make a huge difference to our making a positive (and spiritual) impact in the lives of children and young people.

Here are a few ways you can get involved. But if you have other skills, do contact us as we often have new opportunities, and an extra pair of hands help make more things happen!

ADMINISTRATION - Currently we are looking for a secretary for the Management Committee. Find out more at www.kart.me.uk. Skills in finance, fund raising and publicity as well as social media and IT/Website maintenance.



Become your church contact for KART bringing news and up to date prayer needs and requests. Become part of the the regular Prayer Team.

TRAINING & SUPPORT - Consider training to become a Walk Through the Bible presenter in your local Primary School. Become part of the team supporting regular day and residential camps in an SU Scotland location. Be part of a team beloing churches with Helidays clubs in and are



of a team helping churches with Holidays clubs in and around Kirkcaldy.







For less than the cost of a cup of coffee a day you could invest in the work of KART!



We're looking to the future of KART and how we finance the charity so that more and more children in our schools can hear about the good news of Jesus.

We have been grateful for the grants given to us however, as this is becoming increasingly a challenge we would like to ask whether you or someone else could commit to regular giving.

Alongside the local churches we are looking for 70 more people to give so that we can fully support the on going work.







23rd-25th April, 2021 Take part in the Kilt Walk for us!

Chris Beattie and Maureen Latto are going to take part in the Kilt Walk this year on behalf of KART.

Please can you get in touch if you would like to also take part in this event for KART. (You have to register online and choose KART as your chosen charity).

If you are not taking part could you PLEASE consider sponsoring them generously to take part? This will provide much needed funds for the Trust to enable us to do so much more. The money raised is matched up to 50% by the Kilt walk.



## INVEST IN THE WORK OF KART

- Serve and support on the Management Committee.
   Members serve for 3 years.
- Help establish, support or lead an SU group in a school near you. We are always looking for volunteers to work with Chris.



 Join the Prayer Team each month or become a Prayer Champion for your church as we continue to pray that the LORD of the harvest will send out workers into His harvest field.

## PLEDGE TO GIVE

- Cash or cheque payable to 'Kirkcaldy Area Reachout Trust'
- Set up a Standing Order Royal Bank of Scotland Account number: 00217699 | Sort Code: 83-29-01
- By text at 'JustTextGiving' (text 70070 with the message KART07£X with the amount you would like to donate i.e. KART07£10)
- When you shop on-line consider using www.easyfundraising.org.uk where you will be able to give to the charity. (Kirkcaldy Area Reachout Trust)





