

Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our customers a very happy and peaceful festive period. As usual the money we would have spent on Christmas Cards has been donated to Children 1st. We hope you will agree this is a worthy cause. Our offices will be closed from Friday 22nd December at lunchtime but we'll be back and raring to go on Wednesday 3rd January 2007.



New Play Area officially opened at Colzium

Never mind anyone else, the Jupiter team and families had a brilliant time at the opening of the new play area at Colzium & Lennox Estate in Kilsyth, North Lanarkshire in August. The

stunning estate now boasts a truly spectacular play area to cater for all ages and abilities, including many items from Proludic's dynamic range—which kept Paul and Kenny entertained for hours!



New site at Colzium & Lennox Estate, Kilsyth



Far Left: Jaimie has a ball on the Piccolo unit

Top: The official opening party; Below: Paul & Kenny try out their skills on the Altima

...and finally ...don't call Paul in December!

If you phone the office in December and the guy on the other end of the phone sounds really pre-occupied and on another planet (ho-ho) then you're probably speaking to Paul, and he was probably thinking, "I wonder if this is the call I've been waiting for, should I run to the car now"....no he's not thinking about a call up to his beloved Motherwell, but the impending arrival of mini-Pearson number 1 who is due to make an appearance on 29th December — on mummy's birthday — that's one she'll never forget!! We look forward to updating you in the next Newsletter with news of baby's arrival.

Jupiter Play & Leisure Ltd provides a range of outdoor play & sports equipment that is exciting & challenging to children whilst meeting all European safety standards. It is important to offer products that not only give maximum play value but which also offer excellent value for money. We hope that this is evident when looking at the diverse range of products available. We are also committed to providing a level of service which matches the high quality products our company promotes. Our aim is to make the process of purchasing your play, sports or skate equipment as simple as possible. That is why we offer the complete solution from play area design to expert installation.



Jupiter Play & Leisure

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Special points of interest:

- Proludic launch new range
- Play in Scotland Seminar Review
- The BIG Lottery Fund
- Ormlie Community Association Success Story

Jupiter Play has been successful in once again securing the outdoor play and multi-sports provision for East Ayrshire Council for a further 3 year term — taking their relationship with East Ayrshire Council to what will be 8 years of working to improve the facilities within the area.

John Roxburgh, Assistant Manager of Outdoor Amenities says that "central to Jupiter's success in retaining this contract has been their design input, a hugely varied

Jupiter wins further 3 year contract with East Ayrshire Council

product range and their eagerness to offer an improved after-sales service". With 32 play areas and 11 sites with multi-sports facilities already supplied and installed by Jupiter Play, there is plenty to keep our after-sales team

busy, however East Ayrshire Council have already identified 15 existing play parks which require upgrading in the council's High Priority Areas.



Exciting new range from Proludic

Proludic are set to launch a new range in 2007 to replace the hugely successful IXO range for older children which is now surprisingly seven years old!



The new range also marks a dramatic change in the brochure

presentation for the whole Proludic offering, moving from one play and one sports catalogue to a number of smaller catalogues for different purposes including a 'metal' catalogue, a 'Natural' catalogue and a 'Colors' catalogue. This reflects the richness and diversity in the Proludic products currently available.

Why not complete the enclosed pre-registration form to ensure you receive your copy?



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Ormlie Community Association—10 years on

In 1997 the residents of Ormlie reformed the Ormlie Community Association (OCA) as a registered charity to address the issues of speeding cars and the dangerous condition of the existing play areas within their housing estate. To mark the 10th

The Ormlie estate faced many social issues - very high levels of unemployment, a high percentage of single parents, a large number of families with young children but with a serious lack of facilities for children and young people and few families owning cars, Ormlie suffered many of the same problems that other run down housing estates face.

In 1997 a child was knocked down crossing the road to get

to one of the dilapidated play spaces. This prompted residents to undertake a door to door consultation to ascertain people's concerns and whilst there were many issues raised, the neglected and dangerous state of the existing play equipment was considered a priority. In 1999 they set up a community office, appointed a co-coordinator and administrator and fund-raising began in earnest for the new play area.



Central to the design and implementation of the play area was (and still is) the involvement of the children and young people in Ormlie. In May 2002 they finally secured funding for the project (the play area cost a total of £206,000).

Key to the success of the play area was the community participation with children and young people involved throughout the consultation and planning process.

Jupiter Play worked in conjunction with OCA, the young people in the community and Pentarq Architects to produce the final design. The proposed plans were exhibited in the community office and local shop for feedback. A competition was organised for children to design a logo for the park signs and the winning designs were utilised on the contemporary signage situated at the entrance to the park and on the lighting columns

installed for the multi-sports area. Work commenced on site in the autumn of 2002 and its official opening took place in December of that year.

Since the parks installation, OCA members have become ambassadors for community working at its best – speaking at Home Zone Conferences and Community Partner Programme Events throughout the country! The originality and success of the play area at Thor

House, and the associations' hard work in completely regenerating the whole area, has also been recognised by many organisations with an abundance of awards The OCA won the Nancy Ovens Trust

Award in 2005 for their Outstanding Contribution to Play and a group of children from Ormlie were asked to make a trip to Orkney to assess the quality of one of this years entries! In January 2006 they were chosen as runners-



up in the British Urban Regeneration Association (BURA) Awards in the British Community Development Section and were 'Commended' in the same category of the Dynamic Place Awards held in Edinburgh. In July, OCA won the Community Partners Programme category of the Wavemaker Awards which highlights and celebrates inspirational achievements and

"This is a tremendous day for the Ormlie Community who fought long and hard to provide quality play facilities for their children. ...we have shown that small communities can become active players in the decision-making process to the benefit of the whole area."

Lorna Simpson, OCA Manager

initiatives of children and young people who come from diverse and often difficult backgrounds, around the UK.

The complete text of the Ormlie success story can be downloaded from our website www.jupiterplay.co.uk



Play in Scotland Seminar hailed a huge success

The day included topical presentations from a variety of experts including Play Scotland, NPFA and RoSPA. The day ended with a very sunny visit to the new play area at Colzium and Lennox Estate in Kilsyth, North Lanarkshire.

Feedback from those who attended was extremely positive —"found the seminar very

interesting", "I myself learned quite a lot of info from the day" and our thanks go to the speakers and to our delegates for making the day such a success.

All the presentations can be downloaded from our website in the NEWS section in PDF format.

The BIG Lottery Fund

The BIG Lottery Fund in Scotland has £257 million to spend between 2006 and 2009 for Investing in Communities. Grants are available from £10,000 to £1 million for projects which 'support 21st century life' and promote 'dynamic inclusive communities'. To assist with ensuring your grant application and idea is feasible, there is also an 'Investing in Ideas' fund for up to £10,000 to allow groups to carry out feasibility studies, overcome land and maintenance issues and commission designs prior to applying for the main communities fund. This is a fast track fund and decisions will be made within a few weeks. The

BIG lottery administrators are keen that groups apply for this funding in the first instance to bolster their main application. There are now no streams or annual application deadlines. Each application will be judged on its own merits and it is hoped that applications will receive a full review and decision within four months of being submitted. For further information, get in touch with us, Play Scotland or visit www.biglotteryfund.org.uk. The 'Awards For All' fund is also still available and has been increased to £10,000 per project. The whole process is very simple and quick to complete.