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We will Stand Up and Be Heard - vow parent veterans of lock-in protest

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February 11th: Parents staged a lock-in parent at closure threatened Our Lady of the Assumption Primary School, Ruchill. This report is by the parents themselves.

“Hi there. I was reading your News for North-West Glasgow Issue 11 about the closures of the schools.

On the 11th February four parents of O.L.A Ruchill locked themselves in the school because they wanted to get their point across, that they will be listened to.

Our school is younger than the school they are trying to put our kids to and our building is in good condition. Inside of our school is clean and bright. Our kids grades are better.

So why move them for 18 months to one school then up to the new campus when it is built in 2010. If it gets built, there is no guarantee.

So stop the closure and leave the kids in their own schools in Ruchill until it has been built.

Let the kids have their say. They are happy where they are. The kids have friends and made bonds with there own teachers. Why disrupt them when they are settled in their own schools. Ruchill only has two schools in the area.

Why close them – you will rip the heart out of our community leave us

with nothing. It is not on. We will stand up and be heard.

SOS. Ruchill school and O.L.A

Yours faithfully,
Parents of both schools.

From: Kirsty McInnes
Date: 2009/2/12
Subject: Your Article

To the Burgh Angel,

I read your article this morning in issue 11 on the work of Sue Jackson. I have known of Sue around the area for a number of years now, and I applaud the Burgh Angel for being the first to actually stand up and recognise what that little woman has been trying to achieve. She has taken on everyone's fight against the housing mob, and has achieved many small victories for people who didn't know the rules or how best to fight for themselves, simply by having them sign the mandates. She has put personal money into phone calls and time with letters and sitting in on meetings for people with housing and social work and other people, and never looked to be rewarded for making this crappy community a better place to live in. A well written, although anonymous apparently, article on an unsung local hero. I'll look forward to reading more as this legal case progresses and congratulate the Burgh Angel for having the courage to report on it when no one else seems to be interested.

Kindest regards,

Kirsty McInnes

Jayne Taylor // blog comment

Whilst it is sad to see schools being closed, it was always insane having two primary schools right next to one another.

It would be great to have one

integrated culturally diverse and tolerant primary school in Wyndeford and make a genuine start at ending the bigotted divide that has marred this and other communities in Glasgow.

Religions should be taught in school yes, but religious segretation should come to an end for good!! This looks like the perfect opportunity to unite a community, in more ways than one.

Cheers,
Jayne

Chris Tait // Blog comment

I Used To Go To Ruchill Primary And I Loved The School And For The School To Be Shut Down It Would Be A Big Lost To Ruchill My Young Brother And Sister Go To The School Where They Have All There Friends And With The School Also Haveing The AU You Can't Move Them The School Has The Nicest Teachers And They All Ways Give The Kids Help

andrena fisher // blog comment

hi im a mother of 3 kids that go to wyndford primary , its shocking what they are trying to do to our local kids we will have to schools in our area at all if they do this ,my 3 have major problems in school through learning problems, im in such despair over this,

kate (angry parent) ruchill // blog comment

i picked up you paper at my parents house. i had never read it before ,or even heard of it. but really must thank you for great coverage on school closures. our school is in the firing line &we need all the help we can get so please keep supporting us in our FIGHT .we wont give up .again thankyou forsupport& good read...katexx