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## Karakum Special Needs Children's School – Handover Ceremony

Karakum Special Needs  
Childrens School



Due to TRNC Government Regulations a scaled down handover ceremony was held today at the Karakum Special Needs Children's School.

Joining association committee members at today's ceremony were our Honorary President Erbil Arkin, Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü, Building Contractor Resit Gokdeniz, Representatives of the Ministry of Education, School Staff, School Children and their Parents, Local Press, plus the associations major donors to the project: - Creditwest Bank, Joshua's Woodland Adventures, The Little Society of Kyrenia, and Someone Close to the Association.

As the photographs show, as soon as the ribbons were cut and the Activity Room handed over to the School, the children couldn't wait to use the play equipment – *something they haven't been able to do for a very long time!*

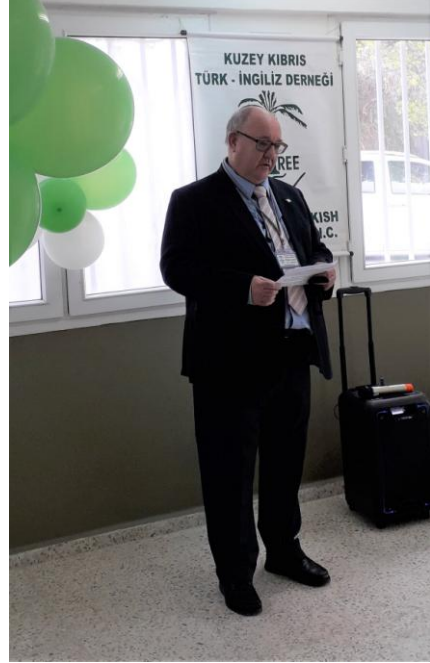
Whilst today marked the official end of the associations 2020 Major Charity Project, the association through association member Hatice Kerimgil's continuing involvement in assisting the school in the provision of much needed items to help make the children's education pleasurable, ensures that the school is always in the association's thoughts.





























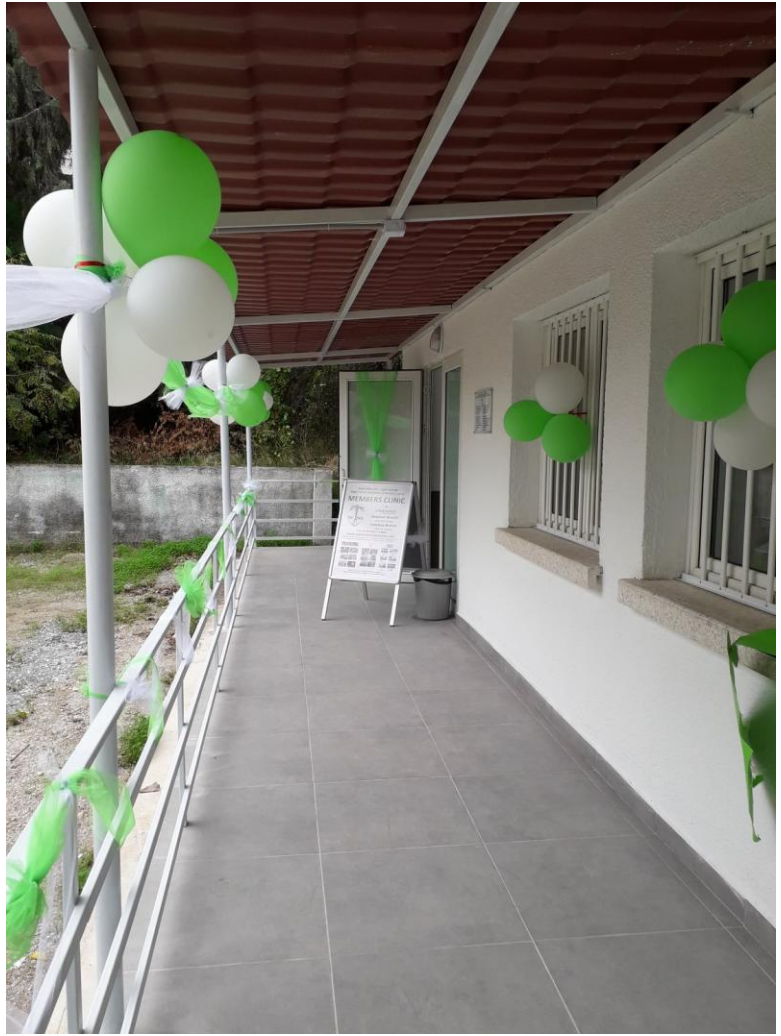














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# Special needs school unveils its new look

By VERENA NISAN  
Chief Reporter

A MAJOR 120,000TL refurbishment of the Green Special Needs Centre, formerly known as Karakum Special Needs Children's School, was unveiled on Thursday.

The centre's activity room, toilets and washroom were renovated following a fundraising campaign by the Anglo-Turkish Association (ATA) of Northern Cyprus.

Green Mayor Nisai Güngörel, Figen Kayaok of the Little Society of Kyrenia, Johanna's Woodland Adventures and Creditwest Bank were among those to attend an opening ceremony. The school cares for 33 special needs children aged between four and 17.

Previously, the classroom where the play equipment was housed was in poor condition.

Making a statement at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, ATA vice chairman Philip Lloyd said that they were "all here to mark the success of ATA in providing the special needs children's school with the facilities that the children desperately need".

He added: "Back at the start of the year when the association was asked if it could donate the activity room, I am sure no-one envisaged that what was then a simple request would turn out to be a major refurbishment project... a project that ended up looking well over 120,000TL."

Mr Lloyd said that the ATA "troubled like never before, which is why... I would like to express the association's gratitude to the four special donors who assisted... with their generosity".

He said the occasion was "about the



children who will use the refurbished facilities" because "as adults, if in today's world we cannot help our children when they are in need of help, then we all fail our responsibilities to our future generations".

Mr Lloyd continued: "Yes, when asked for help by the local community, the Anglo-Turkish Association of Northern Cyprus has stood up and again delivered... I say thank you to all... who contributed to today's success."

The refurbishment and handover ceremony, which had been due to take place on September 24, were delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

School headteacher Özlem Dağı Gökbulut said she was "overwhelmed" by the result.

"A sports room, which has not been used for many years, has been completely refurbished," she said.

"A disabled toilet and wash facilities



have been installed as well as a covered walkway used to access the room that will protect the children from the rain and sun.

"Having a fully equipped and refurbished sports room will promote more activity of the 33 children currently here along with future generations, and will also motivate the kids to 'build new skills and confidence, and to have fun'."

"We wish to thank the ATA, the National Education and Culture Ministry for their contribution in acquiring the equipment, and everyone who donated and helped our school."

Mr Güngörel, congratulating the ATA and others involved in the refurbishment, said: "Special needs children are an important fabric of our community and they cannot be forgotten."

"We place great importance in including people with any form of disability, be it in education or in their working life, as part of society."

"Today represents a success that has come about through the cooperation of many people who showed sensitivity to social responsibility, in bettering the quality of education of our children."

Selim Özmenek, deputy director of the government's Primary Education Department, thanked the ATA and everyone who supported the project.

Erbil Arkan, of the Arkin University of Creative Arts and Design, said he was "proud" to have been involved in the project, which he said "will improve the education setting for our children and enable them to gain confidence and skills through activities".



## 'Urgent' discussion on animal welfare

By GÜLDEREN ÖZTANU

A DRAFT Animal Welfare Bill that has been gathering dust will be discussed in Parliament "urgently" MP Serdar Denktaş told *Cyprus Today* on Thursday.

Mr Denktaş, the former leader of the Democratic Party, has been pushing for the draft proposals to become law.

This paper reported last week how proposed amendments to strengthen the 2015 Animal Welfare Act have been in limbo because the lack of a government has meant that the parliamentary committee responsible for scrutinising the Bill has not convened.

"The Bill will be put on the Parliament's agenda within two weeks," Mr Denktaş said.

He stressed the importance of parliamentary committees for the "functioning of a country" which he has been "bringing attention to since the issue arose".

The committees "must continue to work without a government according to legal procedure" Mr Denktaş stressed.

The draft Bill calls for stiffer penalties for animal cruelty, more powers to be given to animal rights organisations, an increase in the number of animal shelters and greater regulation of them, and the establishment of a new hotline for reporting animal rights abuses.

The news that the Bill has moved a step closer to becoming law was welcomed by the Golden Paws Association this week, who said in a statement that it was "extremely overjoyed".

"We would like to thank (supporter) Fikri Karayol, who worked with us tirelessly, and Serdar Denktaş for taking the draft law we prepared from us and handing it over to Parliament and for his contribution to the acceleration of the (legislative) process."

Golden Paws Association vice chair Ulku Curcioğlu told *Cyprus Today* that she was following proceedings in Parliament closely to see what steps will be taken. "It is all in their hands now," she said.



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## ATA handover ceremony for Karakum Special Needs Children's School

BY KYRENIACATKIN ON NOVEMBER 27, 2020 • ( LEAVE A COMMENT )

By Margaret Sheard .... The Anglo Turkish Association (ATA) kindly invited me to attend the handover ceremony on Thursday 26th November in respect of the work carried out by the association to provide a new activity/play room for the children of Karakum Special Needs Children's School.

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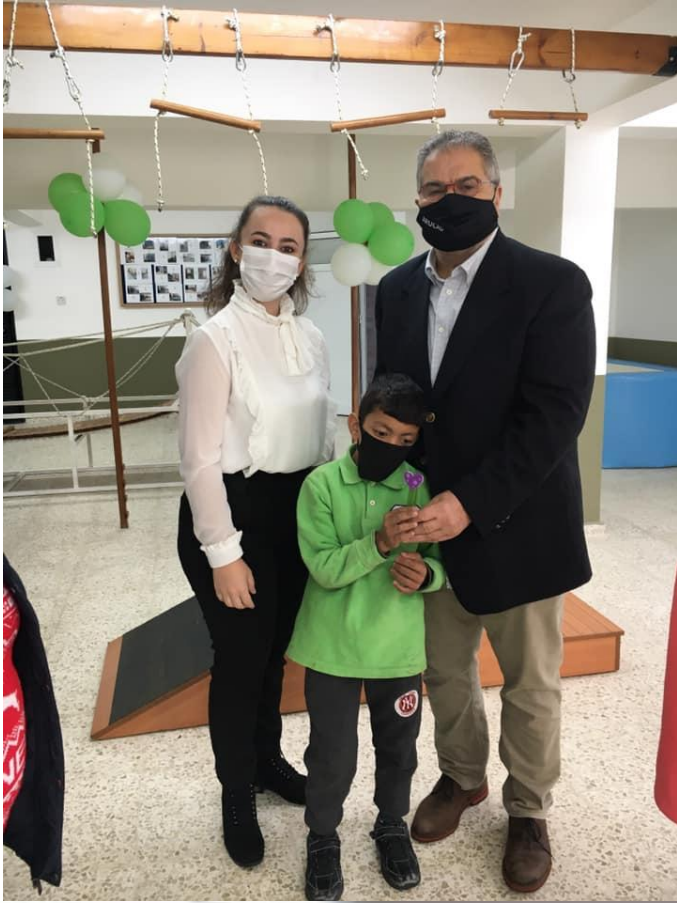


















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Refurbished Sports Hall & new toilet facilities provided by the Association and presented for the usage of the children.

With special thanks to:

- \* Members, family & friends of the Ass.
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