

Board School Update



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We are well past half way of the build schedule for the refurbishment of the **Board School building**, our **'Project 20/20'** - **Chepstow Mencap's** Perfect Vision.



Des - Our favourite builder!

The building contractors have worked extremely hard to keep the build on schedule and have been liaising closely with the Management Team at Chepstow Mencap to get things right for the people who will use our services in our new Headquarters.

We are on track for the handover of the building, which means we will hopefully be looking to move premises around May time.

All the plastering has been done and the main painting has been completed which has enabled radiators to be fitted and the heating to be turned on.



The main room is now waiting for the flooring and lighting to be installed and the final bits of painting to be done.

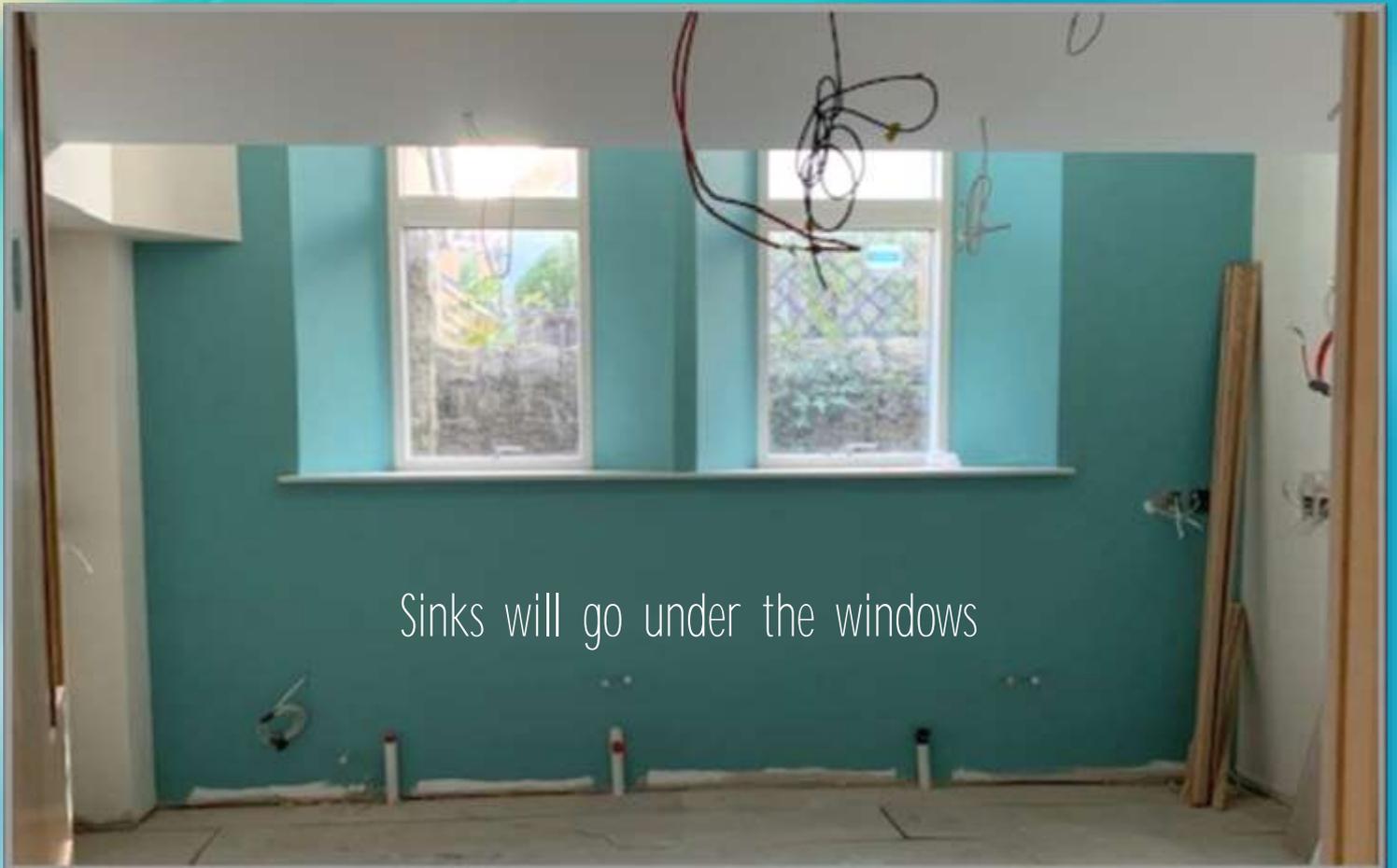


The boards have been taken down from the windows and the space is even more light and airy than before.

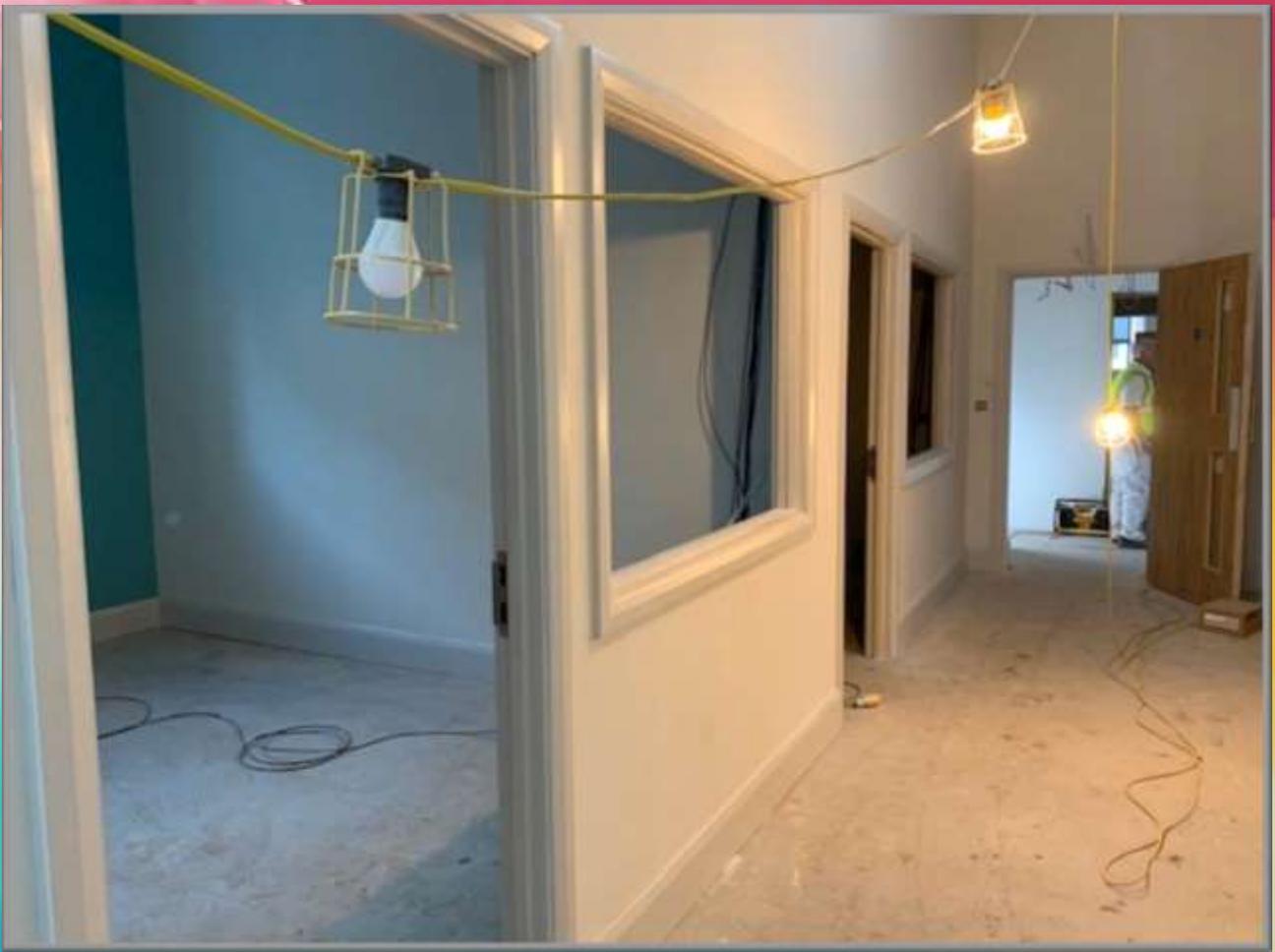
All the electrical cables are in — even for an AV system which will be able to be installed when funding can be found. We would also like to have a portable staging system in the future to be able to hold events in this beautiful space. We still have a wish list, so we are still busy fundraising for all the extras which are going to make it such a wonderful space.



Everything is ready to go and the kitchen installation should be complete by the middle of February.



Sinks will go under the windows



As you pass the kitchen and enter the space in to the activity room at the back of the building, a meeting room and a quiet room have been created.

We are so pleased that the old door has been salvaged and will be an entrance into **Michele and Bev's** office.





The activity room is really light and airy with all the high windows and the new patio doors which open out to the garden area.

The garden will need to be landscaped at a later stage when funds allow.





The beautiful stonework from the old external wall has been kept as a feature in the new reception area.

A contemporary glass panel will separate the reception area and the reception office.



Managers' Office.

The staff room also has patio doors with access to the garden.



The Changing Places will be having the flooring and wall coverings fitted next week, which will start the work on this important facility.

As you can see, the building is going to be such a warm and welcoming space, not only for the people we support but for the community to enjoy too.

Fundraising is still such a huge part of our day to day life. The 20p jars have been a great success and have raised £3,000 so far which is fantastic! This has enabled us to purchase the hoists, for the disabled toilets so now the focus is on the tracking for the hoists which is fitted to the ceiling. We are still waiting to hear from a few grants that have been applied for and are still receiving donations from kind people who have been raising money on our behalf. We still have a wish list, so if anybody would like to run a marathon, or abseil from a great height in order to help us, please get in touch as we can help with printing sponsor forms if required.

Huge thanks to everyone who has already donated in any shape or form. The support from the local community truly has been wonderful and really appreciated by everyone at Chepstow Mencap.

As we head towards the final few months, we will be purchasing all the fixtures and fittings, and are looking forward to seeing our vision come to life.

We look forward to welcoming you to Calon y Draig as soon as we can.

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