

Friends of Merton Young Musicians Update

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Welcome to our June 2017 FMYM news update and welcome to all the new parents and carers whose children have joined Merton Music Foundation (MMF) this term.

Who are Friends of Merton Young Musicians (FMYM)?

Any parent/carer who has a child involved in MMF is automatically a member of FMYM.

What do we do?

We are a voluntary group committed to fundraising for, and supporting the wonderful work of MMF. Our main fundraising opportunities are through serving refreshments at Music Centre as well as occasional larger scale concerts and social events. The money raised by FMYM helps provide invaluable funds to MMF for music, equipment, subsidies and special projects.

Music is for Life - May 2017

Many congratulations to all the children and young people who took part in the "Music is for Life" concert at the Royal Albert Hall. It was a spectacular evening. Thanks are also due to all the MMF staff who made the event possible - we are already looking forward to the Albert Hall in 2019!



FMYM Spring Term 2017 Fundraising

We have had another successful term of fundraising - thanks to the team of volunteers who have manned the "Pop Up Cafe" and the stalls at the RAH rehearsals and Spring Open Rehearsal before Easter.

The "Pop Up Cafe" averages about £100 of profit each week, and the Spring Open Rehearsal made £427. We were also fortunate enough to benefit from a contribution from Waitrose as part of their Community Matters Scheme. Thanks to everyone who shopped at Waitrose in Wimbledon and collected green tokens on behalf of MMF.

Our biggest fundraising activity this term has been the sale of hoodies for the Royal Albert Hall Concert. Thanks are due to Ian and Lucy Bond who masterminded this - the total raised will be nearly £1000. It is lovely to see so many children and young people wearing their hoodies each week.



The “Pop Up Cafe”

Our “Pop Up Cafe” has continued to go from strength to strength this term and is a hugely popular part of Saturday morning at the music centre. We are always looking for ways to improve it though, so do have a word with any of the volunteers if you have any suggestions!

We are very grateful that we have a number of wonderful parents/carers who help each Saturday on the refreshments stall, and at our concerts. We would love to hear from more people who are able to help out on a regular or occasional basis. You won't be asked to sign your life away, and it is a great way to get to know other parents as well as to help raise money to support the work of MMF.

We continue to be hugely grateful to Tariro Cafe in Morden for donating “Take-away” cups for us to use each week. Thank you Caroline!

Facebook!

Please like our “Friends of Merton’s Young Musicians” Facebook page to keep in touch with news, events, organising lifts/car shares!

Forthcoming dates.....

25 June - Merton Messengers at Clapham Bandstand 3:30pm
 1 July - MMF Summer Concerts 3pm and 6pm
 13 July - MYCB at Wimbledon Tennis
 14 July - MYJO at Wimbledon Tennis
 20-25 July - MMF Summer Tour

What are we doing with the money raised?

As many people are aware the long term goal of FMYM is to support the purchase of a grand piano for the music centre, however in the short term money raised recently has also gone towards:

- sheet music for MMF
- support for the Royal Albert Hall concert
- support for the commission of “The People’s Guide to the Orchestra”

What can you do to help FMYM?

- We would love to encourage parents/carers to check their work intranet sites for Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives relating to local charities, and let us know if they are aware of any potential sponsorship, matched funding or or fundraising opportunities. We have charitable status and would love to work with interested organisations to raise the profile of MMF locally.
- We are hoping to organise a fundraising evening for MMF during the next academic year, and would love to hear from parents who have access to local venues that we could hire for the evening or links to local caterers. If you can help in this way please email Hilary Nicholls (hilary@haha.me.uk).
- We would love help on an occasional or regular basis on the refreshment stall on a Saturday morning or at our concerts. Please email Hilary Nicholls, sign up on the refreshments stall or contact us via our Facebook page.
- We have regular cake sales on Saturdays and at the end of term concerts and would love to encourage those who enjoy baking to bake for us, and those who enjoy eating to come along and purchase some cakes!
- We also need raffle prizes for our summer raffle at the concerts at the end of term. Please bring donations of raffle prizes to MMF on a Saturday morning or in the week, and we will keep these until the July concerts.



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