

Friends of Merton Young Musicians Update

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Welcome to our September 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.

FMYM Annual General Meeting - 14 October 2017

FMYM will be holding its AGM at 10am on the 14th October 2017 at Harris Academy during normal Saturday music groups. We would love to invite as many parents/carers to attend so that you can find out how the money that you have helped to raise has been spent, and so that you are able to help shape the direction of FMYM in the future.

At the AGM we will be saying thank you to our outgoing Co-Chairs - Hilary Nicholls and Kate Hoole, who have done so much for FMYM over the past few years.

As a result we will have a number of vacancies on the committee:

- Chairperson/Co-Chairs
- Vice Treasurer and Vice Secretary
- General Committee Members

We would love to encourage new parents/carers to put themselves forward. Please do get in touch with Hilary Nicholls if you would like to find out more (hilary@haha.me.uk).

FMYM Summer Term 2017 Fundraising

We have had another successful term of fundraising - thanks to the volunteers who have manned the "Pop Up Cafe" and the stalls at the summer concerts which made £611.

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 summer term money raised has also gone towards the MMF summer tour.

The “Pop Up Cafe”

Our “Pop Up Cafe” has continued to go from strength to strength and is a hugely popular part of Saturday morning at the music centre. This term we are delighted that we now have a room for parents to wait in, and we will continue to serve drinks and refreshments each week.

We are also 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!

What can you do to help FMYM?

- We would love help on an occasional or regular basis at the “Pop Up Cafe” on a Saturday morning or at our concerts. Please email Sarah Hetherington (shetherington22@btinternet.com) or sign up on the refreshments stall.
- We will be having a fundraising cake sale alongside our AGM on 14th October. If you are a baker, please could you consider baking a cake for us? If you like eating cakes, please do come along and buy some!
- 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 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 spring term, 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 have a word with one of the committee. You can find someone each week on the refreshments trolley - normally wearing a spotty apron.

Forthcoming dates.....

14 October - FMYM AGM

23-29 October - Half Term

2 December - MMF Christmas Concerts - times to be confirmed.



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