



THE MUSIC POST

Half termly newsletter of the Griffin East London
Music Department

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Half Term Highlights: We're Back!

What a half term it has been! With so many highlights, it is difficult to know where to start. From the launch of our brand-new singing curriculum at Lammas, through to our extra-curricular provision restarting in a way that hasn't been seen in the last 18 months. There is much to celebrate, so what better way than to do this by sharing it through our new East London music newsletter.

This half term has seen lots of new developments, not to mention the arrival of our two classroom music teachers, Ms Beckett, and Ms Leveridge. They have already contributed so much to the department and we're looking forward to sharing with you our students' successes over the coming months.



The Big Sing 2022!

Once again, we are looking forward to and busy preparing for the Big Sing 2022.

The Big Sing started off in 2017 at Riverley Primary School as a part of the Griffin Schools Trust's Founders Day Celebrations. Now, the Big Sing is a Trust wide Proud Tradition with nearly 8000 children taking part. Starting in September, pupils begin by learning a set of songs which culminates in a mass performance within our communities.

The Trust's theme this year is 'Change Makers' so we will be looking at songs that address this. However, to get us started this year, all pupils have been learning the song 'Best Day of My Life' by the band American Authors.

This song has been a focus for year 7 this term and was launched in their first assembly on their very first day at school. We're looking forward to sharing their progress with you in the very near future.

If you would like to have a go at learning the song, or indeed, would like to have a practise at home, simply scan the QR below and join in with the tutorial. We'll be sharing the next song for the Big Sing 2022 very shortly. Happy singing!

Scan the QR code to watch and take part in the Big Sing tutorial for 'Best Day of My Life'



Introducing...

**Mary, Yr 10
BTEC MUSIC STUDENT**

What instrument do you play?
I Sing and play piano.

What has been your musical highlight? Seeing one of my favourite artists - Joesef. And a personal highlight is singing a song for my grandmother's wedding.

What are you listening to at the moment? At the moment I am listening to David Bowie, Oasis, Adele, and Taylor Swift.

Who is your inspiration? My musical inspiration is my dad because he plays the guitar and sings very well. He has always encouraged me to explore music in a professional capacity.

Tell us something funny How do you make a bandstand? Take away their chairs.

What's your ambition in music? Create a band with my friends and have a chance to perform in front of people. I write my own music and would love to play my own songs to the world.

Anything else? I think music is a brilliant thing for everyone regardless of if you can sing or not. It's a good way to express yourself in a vulnerable way.



Working Together: Air | Earth | Water

Teamwork and community play an important role in music. Through our extra-curricular and Trust wide activities we can put this into practice, working together to help us grow as Griffin musicians and as a family of schools.

In July 2021, as a part of the Griffin Arts Festival, Students from our Griffin Schools in East London collaborated to create an art installation. The piece was made of 3 sections, each representing the 3 schools. The highlight of this installation was a musical soundscape that brought together the found sounds of our community along with quotes from pupils as they discussed what community meant to them. We were also extremely grateful for former Lammas pupil, Dashion, in returning to record his original rap which features in the soundtrack.

Scan the QR code opposite to watch the time-lapse of the installation being built on the Lammas Fields. A shining example of what can be achieved when we work together, all in the name of creativity and the arts.



Dates for Your Diary

Lammas Live Lounge #1	11 November 2021
East London Winter Recital	3 December 2021
KS2 Christmas Show	8 December 2021
Griffin Virtual Christmas Carols	10 December 2021
KS1 Christmas Show	14 December 2021
Evening Carols by Candlelight	15 December 2021

