

THE MUSIC POST

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Music Department

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Half Term Highlights: It's a Family Time of Year!

If we sum up this half term in numbers it starts to sound like a well known christmas song... 4 christmas shows, 3 school choirs, 2 carol concerts and a Live Lounge held at The Lammas School!

This time of year is always a busy one for our musicians, none more so than this year as we start to host more live events in school. Whilst we haven't been able to invite our families into schools just yet, we have ensured that our proudest of traditions are shared with you through our virtual concerts.

As usual, you can find QR codes throughout our newsletter that link to our performances. We hope you enjoy them and have a peaceful and healthy break.



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Lammas Live Lounge

Students at The Lammas School showed true bravery and determination as they performed in our first Lammas Live Lounge of the year.

These intimate performances provide our year 10 and 11 music students the opportunity to showcase their talents and gain invaluable experience in performing in front of a live audience, preparing them not only for their practical exams but also for their futures as young musicians.

If you were unable to join us, you can check out some of the performances that featured in this year's Winter Recital. Our next Live Lounge will take place on 11 March 2022.



Introducing...

Henry, Yr 4
WILLOW BROOK PRIMARY

What instrument do you play? I play the trumpet and we also learn the violin in year 4.

What have been your musical highlights? My musical highlights have been doing my grade 1 exam and playing in the East London Griffin Orchestra.

What are you listening to at the moment? My favourite music is Believer by Imagine Dragons and Pompeii by Bastille. I also have a playlist I listen to at bedtime which has Brahms violin sonata No.3 on it and lots of other pieces.

Who is your inspiration? My dad because he started a string quartet.

Tell us something funny
Knock knock (who's there?)
Amos (Amos who?)
Amosquito!

Knock knock (who's there?)
Anna (Anna who?)
Annathemosquito!

What's your ambition in music? To write a piece of trumpet music and then perform it in another country.

Anything else? I've really enjoyed playing more music since I moved to Willow Brook School.



Working Together: A Virtual Winter Recital

At the time of writing this year's Virtual Winter Recital has been watched over 900 times, almost double our last recital. It is heartening to know that our students' talents are reaching so many Griffin families.

Our spring and winter recitals first started in December 2016 with each school hosting their own. The aim was to provide our students with regular, high quality performance experiences. Five years later, the East London collegiate work together to produce one spectacular event.

As ever the recital features our instrumentalists, who learn in school either in class time or through our after-school provision. We are also proud to showcase our soloists who are working towards their ABRSM grades.



The Grinch Family and a Christmas Donkey

The last two weeks of this term has seen every child at Riverley Primary and Willow Brook Primary take part and perform in a Christmas Show. Key Stage 2 pupils performed the show 'How the Grinch Family Stole Christmas', a tale of learning that Christmas is about friends and family, not trees, gifts and decorations. EFYS and Key Stage 1 pupils performed 'Ruby the Christmas Donkey', a tale of friends, family and giving.

The music and lyrics for both shows were composed by the very talented Ms Beckett. We are very grateful for all her time and effort in helping us bring these shows to life.

A huge well done and thank you for all the hard work that our students put into making their costumes, learning, and remembering all the lyrics and actions. We hope to share these performances with you soon.



Dates for Your Diary

Lammas Live Lounge #2	11 March 2022
East London Spring Recital	23 March 2022
Music Medal Competition Launch	25 April 2022
Make Music Day!	21 June 2022
Griffin Arts Festival	27 June - 8 July 2022

The East London Griffin Orchestra

As a part of our continued dedication to providing an outstanding music provision, the East London Griffin Orchestra re-launched this half term with nearly 80 pupils taking part.

It has been wonderful having our musicians from across our schools playing together and we're starting to make a great sound. We look forward to sharing our progress with you along our journey.

