



SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER

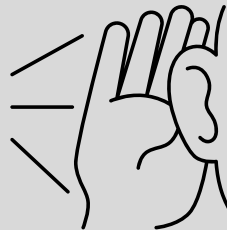
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Welcome to our school parent newsletter, in this issue we are very excited to share details of our upcoming events and information!

BERKSHIRE MAESTROS

We are a registered charity providing high quality music opportunities and education in schools and centres to all across Berkshire. We teach in schools and in our music centres which are located in Bracknell, Newbury, Reading, Windsor and Wokingham. We have great opportunities including individual and group lessons, activities and ensembles. If your child is interested in learning an instrument or singing then please feel free to get in touch with us for a free taster session admissions@berkshiremaestros.org.uk. If your child already learns an instrument then we have lots of ensembles they can join. Playing in a group ensemble develops skills such as communication, coordination, perseverance and teamwork, and is highly recommended by music teachers to enhance learning.

LISTEN UP WEEK



This week we are visiting lots of schools across Berkshire for our Listen Up Week! Our teachers will be taking part in performances across the schools to introduce music to the students. These will vary from Brass, Woodwind, Strings instruments and singing! We can't wait to meet everyone and we hope the students enjoy the performances! If we visited your school then please keep an eye out for an email from the schools for more details.

JUNIOR MUSIC FESTIVAL

Berkshire Maestros Junior Music Festival takes place three times every year which will bring hundreds of children together from local primary schools to celebrate the joy of singing! We have spoken word entwined into this year's 'The Show Must Go On!' Junior Music Festival, which has been inspired by the voices of pupils performing. We're looking forward to our upcoming rehearsals taking place in the coming weeks for our West Berkshire Festival coming up on the 21st and 22nd of March at The Anvil in Basingstoke.



THE RETURN OF OUR FREE HAVE A GO EVENINGS!

Our fantastic event for children and families to try as many different instruments as they'd like and to chat to our teachers at our music centres. There is no appointment necessary, just turn up! If you sign up within 24 hours of the event taking place you will get 10% off your first term of lessons. Feel free to share this with family and friends, we can't wait to see you there!

Upcoming Have a Go events:

Reading: Tuesday 28th March 5pm-7pm at our Reading Music Centre, Stoneham Court, 100 Cockney Hill, Tilehurst, Reading, RG30 4EZ

Bracknell: Thursday 30th March 4.30pm-6.30pm at our Bracknell Music Centre, Ranelagh School, Ranelagh Drive, Bracknell, RG12 9DA



THE MUSIC LOUNGE

We have a space adjacent to the Waterside Youth & Community Centre in Newbury called The Music Lounge at Waterside Centre, Waldegrave Place, Northbrook Street, Newbury RG14 1DS. The Music Lounge is a multi-purpose area that can be used for a variety of music making initiatives. We have installed contemporary musical instruments, and a music tech suite to support this and have sought views from young people on what kind of music activity they want in this space. Please keep an eye out on our social media and website for upcoming activities. We do also currently offer band rehearsal space which is available on Mondays and Tuesdays at The Music Lounge which is a safe, supervised space for young people to rehearse. The area is set with keyboard, drum kit, mic & amps for bands, groups and singers to collaborate. This is not a session that is taught or lead but there will be someone on hand to assist with tech. Any questions regarding The Music Lounge please email emilyfreeman@berkshiremaestros.org.uk.



MINI MAESTROS

You are never too young to develop a love of music, and singing with babies and young children! Our Mini Maestros sessions help nurture a love of music right from the start! They take place across Berkshire for ages 0 - 7 years old, why not come along for a FREE taster session so you can find out first-hand what our classes are all about! When you sign up you will receive 50% off your first term! We also have a SEND Family Beats session at our Reading Music Centre for ages 1 - 5 years with additional needs and when you sign up your first term is FREE! Please email admissions@berkshiremaestros.org.uk to find out more!

WEST BERKSHIRE GREENHAM TRUST BURSARY

The Greenham Trust Bursary itself contributes £70 per term towards the cost of music activities with Berkshire Maestros (lessons/ensembles). £60 of the bursary comes from the Greenham Trust and £10 is from Berkshire Maestros. This can also now be used in conjunction with our Music Lounge activities. But you must meet the criteria to be eligible. Please see more information [here](#) to find out more.

BERKSHIRE YOUNG MUSICIANS COUNCIL

The Berkshire Young Musicians Council is looking to appoint new Council members for 2023. The Berkshire Young Musicians Council (previously the Berkshire Maestros Youth Advisory Board) was launched in September 2020 as a new platform to enable young people to be involved in influencing strategic decisions and in driving change within their local music hub. To find out more and if you would like to express your interest to join please click [here](#) and fill out the form.

DONATE

Give the gift of music, if you would like to donate to Berkshire Maestros to help us to help others then please visit our website and click Support Us/Donate in top right corner to see the different options available. We have also set up a FUTURE40 fund! We're raising money to fund free places to help students start or continue their musical journey with us. Text 5FUTURE for £5 donation, 10FUTURE for £10 donation or 20FUTURE for £20 donation to 70450 Your support is much appreciated.

We hope you have found this newsletter useful and have enjoyed reading about our exciting opportunities we have. Feel free to get in touch contact@berksiremaestros.org.uk and follow us on social media: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).