

Your Geordie Symphony School

In Harmony Newcastle Gateshead



Dear Friends,

Last month we launched our 10th Birthday celebrations with an incredible performance at the Discovery Museum. Hawthorn Primary Symphony Orchestra (HPSO) were thrilled to play alongside our friends from Royal Northern Sinfonia (RNS) as well as our In Harmony Tutors and, for the very first time, Bridgewater Symphony Orchestra. Throughout the year, the children have been able to get to know RNS players, when they visited school to lead bespoke instrumental workshops. These visits really help the children to develop their skills; allowing them to sit beside professional musicians and perform with confidence.

In the run up to the 10th Birthday Festival celebration at Sage Gateshead later this month, all our ensemble groups are really excited to have the opportunity to perform in our local community and share the joy that music brings with friends and families. HPSO were so lucky to have the opportunity to play with members of The Cobweb Orchestra recently. We hope that they will be able to come along to some of the events on our 10th Anniversary tour and cheer us on!

On the 23rd of Thursday 23 June we will be spending the whole day, with our friends from Bridgewater, at Sage Gateshead for the 10th Birthday Festival. It is always such a privilege for the children to perform in Sage Hall One and I am sure our families will really enjoy this day. It is hard to express how everyone involved with Hawthorn Primary School feels about our 10th birthday with the In Harmony Programme. We will be holding our own 10th Birthday Festival day at school on Friday 24th June where all of our children can shine.

We would like to express our thanks to everyone who has supported In Harmony Newcastle Gateshead over the past 10 years. Without your support and encouragement, the programme would not have been as successful as it is – enriching the lives of so many children and their families.

I look forward to seeing you all at Sage Gateshead on Thursday 23rd or Saturday 25th June.

Jane Dube

Head Teacher – Hawthorn Primary School

Easter School

A record number of children from both Hawthorn and Bridgewater schools visited Sage Gateshead over the Easter holidays for a very special series of workshops. The children from Key Stage Two made new friends as they formed a new orchestra and worked on the ever-popular folk song 'Wellerman'.

The children from Key Stage One had an amazing time learning more about difficult rhythms and playing Easter themed music such as 'Hot Cross Buns' and 'Chocolate Treats'. Their day of course ended with a musical Easter egg hunt!



Thank you to the In Harmony tutors for making the day so fantastic and memorable for the children.

Royal Northern Sinfonia Visits

The final two workshops in our series of bespoke instrumental sessions where RNS players come and visit the children took place in April. The first being the Brass Day, where Marion Craig (trumpet) and Jonathan Quintrell-Evans (horn) visited both schools to discuss all things brass.

The players performed to the children, and then the children worked on a piece with the RNS players and their tutors, Abi Brierley and Chris Turnbull. They discussed about the importance of posture and breathing and how great it is being the loudest instruments of the orchestra.!



Jude Carlton, percussionist from RNS, visited Hawthorn for two sessions. The Year 3 and 4 players enjoyed learning 'Clapping Music' by Steve Reich and composing their own samba rhythms whilst the Year 5 and Year 6 percussionists played their ABRSM Grade 1 pieces which they've been learning with their tutor, Mark Edwards, to Jude, which he was particularly impressed with. Jude ended the session played the marimba to the children, using four4 sticks at once!

In Harmony Live!



Families at Hawthorn enjoyed a welcome return to taking part in a ceilidh earlier this term. The band, made up of brilliant In Harmony tutors carefully led some accessible and fun tunes that all the family could join in the dances with. We love to see parents getting involved and enjoying a variety of genres of music alongside their children.

At the ceilidh, our tutor Imogen Bose-Ward provided a welcome break in the dancing and sang ~~to the children~~ an old Scottish folk song. The children loved it so much, that Hannah Tattersfield and Imogen have arranged for the children in the Beethoven's ensemble to perform it at their concerts this term. It's so lovely to hear how the children can help shape the repertoire choices of their ensembles.

If you'd like to hear this, they're performing at The Lit & Phil Society, Westgate Road on Friday 10th June at 1.15pm.

QUOTE: In Harmony brings different communities & cultures together. It gives children an equal opportunity to learn and progress. – In Harmony Parent

MishMash Productions



Year 5 children from both Hawthorn and Bridgewater schools took part in an exciting project in collaboration with MishMash Productions to help create a new children's show alongside players from Royal Northern Sinfonia. The children were allowed a sneak preview of the show, called Chasing Dots, and were able to provide feedback to help shape the overall storyline and the music performed.

We're delighted that the final show, which showcased the instruments of a string quartet, came on tour to both Hawthorn and Bridgewater schools, so all children in Key Stage Two could enjoy it.

10th Birthday Festival Launch!

On Tuesday 17th May, we officially launched our 10th Birthday festival at the Discovery Museum with a fantastic concert by Hawthorn Primary Symphony Orchestra side by side with Royal Northern Sinfonia and our tutor team, as well as a debut performance by Bridgewater Symphony Orchestra at the Great Hall, Discovery Museum. This was the first time that Bridgewater Symphony Orchestra had ever performed together, and we are so proud of them! Each schools' orchestra played a piece by themselves, and then something side-by-side with Royal Northern Sinfonia. The performance concluded with everyone joining in an arrangement of folk songs 'I'm Gonna Sing/When the Saints go Marching In/She'll be Comin' Round the Mountain'. We were pleased to be joined by Helen Harrison, who conducted the performance, and we especially enjoyed her infectious energy and positivity.



We're delighted that the performance ~~made it on the~~ was featured on BBC local news, turning our performers into TV stars. We're incredibly proud of the children, and it was a wonderful way to start our ~~five-5-~~ week festival.

QUOTE: 'I enjoyed the firebird because it was really good. It gave me a feeling of calm in the beginning and then excited. It was spectacular. When we sang and hawthorn played was a legendary moment' – Year 5 Bridgewater

Cobweb Orchestra Visit

On Wednesday 25th May, we were joined by The Cobweb Orchestra, an open-access amateur orchestra who rehearse in the West End of Newcastle. They joined Hawthorn Primary Symphony Orchestra in a side-by-side teaching the children that you don't have to be a professional musician to enjoy a life-long love of music. As well as working on [Dvorak's Dvorák's](#)

Slavonic Dance No.8, the children were asked to find out some fun-facts about the adults they'd just met, and they learnt that Alan started playing the timpani when he was 75.👏 It's never too late to pick up a musical instrument!

Thank you to everyone at [The Cobweb Orchestra](#) for such a wonderful session and to Peter Richardson for leading the afternoon.



In Harmony 10th Birthday!

Our 10th Birthday Festival is running from [Tuesday 17th May](#) – [Saturday 25th June](#) and the children are excited to go out into the community as well as to Sage Gateshead to celebrate.

Throughout the festival, we will be working with Royal Northern Sinfonia, and one of Sage Gateshead's Artists in Residence, Beccy Owen, to create an In Harmony song and sharing our music with everyone in our community. Our 10th Birthday commemorative film, directed by the young people, will also be shown.

As many of our performances are at smaller community venues, we will be prioritising family attendance, these are not listed below. However, there is a concert almost every day after half term in June, so if you would like more information, please do get in touch and we will be pleased to speak to you.

Monday 13th June

Armstrong Brass and Debussy Wind Ensemble from Hawthorn Primary School will perform in Elswick Park showcasing their brilliant work over the past year. The performance will be at 1.30pm and last no more than 30 mins.

No ticket required – just turn up.👏

Thursday 16th June

Haydn String Ensemble from Hawthorn Primary School will perform in Cruddas Park Shopping Centre showcasing their brilliant work over the past year. The performance will be at 1.30pm and last no more than 30 mins.

No ticket required – just turn up.👏

Thursday 23rd June

Our FREE 10th Birthday [c](#)Concerts at Sage Gateshead will be on Thursday 23rd June, where almost every child involved in In Harmony will be performing. The concerts will feature our 10th Birthday film, co-directed by [six](#) young people and Second Draft film-makers and the brand new In Harmony song, created by Beccy Owen – who will also be our compere for the day.

The first concert at 10.30am will feature the very youngest children, performing at Sage Gateshead for the first time – book your ticket for that concert [here](#)

The **g**Grand finale will be at 1.30pm in Sage One, featuring all children from **k**Key **s**Stage **2**Two at Hawthorn and Bridgewater Schools – book your ticket for that concert [here](#)

Saturday 25~~th~~ June

The 10th Birthday Festival finale is on Saturday 25~~th~~ June when [Young Sinfonia](#) and [West Newcastle Symphony Orchestra](#) will play side-by-side on the **C**oncourse at Sage Gateshead at 1.30pm.

Join us for cake as we wish Happy Birthday to In Harmony [Newcastle Gateshead!](#)

No ticket required – just turn up![!]

About In Harmony Newcastle Gateshead

In Harmony is a national programme that aims to inspire and transform the lives of children in deprived communities in the UK, using the power and discipline of community music making. In our region, Sage Gateshead works in partnership with Hawthorn Primary and Bridgewater Schools to run In Harmony Newcastle Gateshead. Now in its tenth year, the programme continues to enhance the lives of children through community-based orchestral music-making.

“He loves his cello! It’s his favourite part of school.” - Year 1 Parent, Bridgewater School

From their very first day in Year 1, children at Hawthorn Primary School and Bridgewater School in Newcastle’s West End begin learning an instrument – and the benefits extend far beyond the classroom into the wider community.

“For those who are not confident during school lessons, they shine during music and it has helped them in group situations.” – Teacher, Hawthorn Primary School

The music-making skills, confidence, self-esteem, health, wellbeing and resilience of the children improve through the power and discipline of engaging in ensemble music-making and having music as part of daily their life. In Harmony helps to build a sense of community and supports parental engagement with the schools - some have been so motivated by their children’s development that they are now learning instruments alongside their children.

“In Harmony improves self-esteem, confidence, life chances and future health. I see the effect on children when I see them at my work – pride, confidence, self-worth and I see the effect on parents when I see them too” – Dr Guy Pilkington, Local GP

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Every year, we rely on essential support from generous donors to sustain this inspiring programme. Whether you choose to make a regular donation or a single gift to In Harmony, your support will make a real impact on the lives of young people today.

Ways to give:

- **Regular Direct Debit** – on a monthly or quarterly basis. These gifts are particularly helpful as they enable us to better plan for future needs.
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 - To set up a £5 monthly text donation, text IHMONTHLY to 70085
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