

Another brilliant year of music

After a fantastic academic year, we just want to say thank you. Your continued support, dedication and belief in the power of music have enabled In Harmony to thrive once again. Because of you, hundreds of children across West Newcastle have experienced high-quality, life-changing music education.

Whether it's the first notes of a violin, a standout concert performance or an inspiring workshop with musicians from Royal Northern Sinfonia, none of this would be possible without you.

Here's a look at some of this year's highlights, as well as a few numbers that help show what your support makes possible.

Hawthorn Primary Symphony Orchestra visit Greggs HQ

When Christmas approaches, it's time for our annual trip to Greggs HQ. And this year, even a rainy Tuesday couldn't dampen the festive spirit. The Hawthorn Symphony Orchestra turned up ready to spread some seasonal cheer, performing a set of Christmas carols that had Greggs staff singing along and tapping their toes.

The visit celebrated our valued relationship with Greggs and Hawthorn Primary, especially the Greggs Breakfast Club, which helps every pupil start their day with a good breakfast.

After the concert, the young musicians tucked into a well-earned Greggs lunch, decorated biscuits (with some very sticky fingers) and even stepped inside a snow globe. They returned to school feeling proud, appreciated and full of festive spirit.

Celebration Day at The Glasshouse



On Wednesday 9 April, over 360 children from Hawthorn and Bridgewater Schools took to the stage in Sage One at The Glasshouse for an In Harmony Celebration Day that lifted the roof.

Families, friends and teachers gathered to cheer on our Key Stage 2 pupils as they showed just how far they've come. Performing in such an iconic space gave the children a real boost in confidence and a stronger connection to music in the city.

It's moments like these that show why performing matters – for confidence, pride and a sense of belonging.

"It makes me feel calm and happy when we're doing music. I'm grateful to be a part of In Harmony." Jannat, Age 10

"It makes me feel excited and energetic as the pieces are like wonders of art and like you're in a magical world." Saad, Age 10

Your support helps make the magic of In Harmony happen. If you'd like to make a further donation, please contact Natalie Heath, Development Manager on **0191 443 5038** or by email to natalie.heath@theglasshouseicm.org

Side-by-Side with the orchestra



On 17 June, we welcomed 23 musicians from Royal Northern Sinfonia to Hawthorn Primary School for a side-by-side rehearsal and sharing session with the school orchestra.

Playing alongside professional musicians is a rare and powerful experience and the children embraced it with real enthusiasm. These moments develop their musical skills and build confidence that lasts well beyond the rehearsal room.

We're hugely grateful to Royal Northern Sinfonia for their generosity and ongoing partnership. The support they bring to our young musicians is invaluable.



New Growth in West Newcastle Symphony Orchestra

Since January, eight young musicians from Bridgewater School have joined the West Newcastle Symphony Orchestra - our growing secondary school ensemble.

Every week, we've seen their confidence and skills grow. The orchestra sounded better than ever at their St. Matthew's Church concert in June. We hope it made your night if you came along.



In Harmony – A year in numbers

Here's what we've achieved together this year:

- Over 655 young people took part in high-quality music-making
- More than 2,016 hours of music delivered across the school year
- 12 creative collaborations with Royal Northern Sinfonia – from workshops and side-by-sides to concerts

Whether you joined us at a concert, introduced us to someone new or helped secure vital funding, thank you. Your support is changing lives through music.

Here's to even more music-making next year.

The In Harmony Team



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