



**Birley Primary Academy**

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**WORLD MUSIC DAY**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

Also known as Fête de la Musique, World Music Day 2024 is an annual event celebrated on **June 21st** in over 120 countries around the world. The day aims to promote music and encourage people of all ages to participate in music-making.

Dear parents/carers,

Here at Birley, we know how important music can be in all of our lives and we want to spread the word. Music makes us feel good! Whether it is to cheer us up when we are feeling down, to help us to re-live happy memories or to have a good old knees up to, music can be a powerful tool to help us to get through our sometimes stressful lives. Not only this, but taking part in learning to play a musical instrument continuously from an early age improves coordination, teamwork and concentration. Recent research has even shown that frequent musical activity literally helps our brains to grow and become more effective.

To celebrate world music day next week, we would like to encourage everyone in the school community to get involved in any of the ways below:

1. Friday June 21<sup>st</sup> will be **Dress up day**. We would love pupils to come to school wearing any (age appropriate) musical themed costumes. Some suggestions would be: a musical instrument, a pop star, a famous composer. There will be prizes for the most imaginative or joyful costumes. If your child would like to take part, we would like to ask for a donation of £1 which should be given to your child's class teacher on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June. All funds raised will go directly towards helping us to enable more of our talented young people to access music lessons at school.
2. **Take to the stage:** Children are invited to bring in instrument that they are learning to play into school and perform to their class. If your child would like to do this, please let your teacher know before Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024 so that they can make appropriate arrangements. Please note that although we will do our best to ensure that the instrument is kept safely in school, accidents can happen and school cannot be held responsible for any damage.



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3. **Bring the Beats:** Your child could note down (and hand to their teacher no later than Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June), the name of a piece of music that they would like to share with their class on Friday (so that all children can enjoy the experience-clean versions only please). Their class teacher will do their best to find the piece, and on Friday, your child will be able to share their chosen piece and talk about why they have chosen it. Alternatively, they could perform a karaoke version or a dance to their chosen music.
  
4. **Calling all artists:** We would love pupils to take part in our design a poster competition. Over this weekend, they should design a colourful poster to advertise World Music Day at Birley or to celebrate the importance of music in general. Entries should have the pupil's name and class clearly written on the back of the poster. Entries cost 50p, which should be given to your child's teacher in an envelope labelled "Music Colouring competition," together with their poster before 3pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June. We will display as many completed posters as possible around school during the week and there will be prizes for our winners.
  
5. **Community music makers:**

While we appreciate that this is short notice, we would love any adults in our local community to come and share their musical skills and passions with our pupils. If you or a friend or family member play an instrument (expert level not required) and would like to demonstrate and talk about their instrument to small groups of interested children, we would love to offer this on the day. Please email us as soon as possible at the address below, if this sounds like something that you could help with.

[susanellis@birleyprimaryacademy.co.uk](mailto:susanellis@birleyprimaryacademy.co.uk)

Thank you for your continued support. We hope that, this will be an enjoyable and exciting day of musical activity for all of our pupils.

Kind regards,

Sue Ellis (Music coordinator)



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