

## Camden Cluster Festival w/c June 24th June 2024

The Cluster Festival is a more informal sharing performance between schools to sing together and share with each other.

We will be singing 4 pieces together as a mass choir and then each school has the opportunity to perform an individualised item of their own if they want to. You will be asked what you are performing after Easter.

The timetable is as follows: (host school in bold)

<u>Tues 25/6</u> <u>2-3pm</u>	<u>Wed 26/6</u> <u>10-11am</u>	<u>Wed 26/6</u> <u>2-3pm</u>	<u>Thurs 27/6</u> <u>2-3pm</u>
<b>St Mary and St Pancras CoE Primary School</b>	Richard Cobden	<b>Rhyl Community Primary School</b>	<b>Kentish Town</b>
Argyle	Brecknock Primary School	Fleet	Primrose Hill Primary
Holy Trinity & St Silas	Frank Barnes	West Hampstead Primary School	Christ Church NW1
St. Alban's CE Primary School	Kingsgate	Rosary	Eleanor Palmer (with ukes)
Holy Trinity School NW3	<b>Swiss Cottage</b>	Gospel Oak	Fitzjohns Primary
	King's Cross Academy	Netley Primary School	
		St Pauls NW3	

## The Pieces

Full disclaimer I had to record on my little 32 key MIDI and so apologies for the quality. Hopefully they'll work enough for you!

1. **Sing with Joy by Lin Marsh** - This is a SingUp number so you might find a better recording on there. All schools will learn all parts for this and then we can divide up on the day and sing a few times with different combinations. Just note that melody 2 needs practising with the ending e.g without "come on and hear me". Good opportunity to practise conducting skills within your choir!

2. **Jazz Pick ‘N’ Mix by David Machell** - Taken from the old Sing for Pleasure folders this is a fun one that never ends! As with Sing with Joy learn all of the parts and then we will play around with it on the day. My hope is to get some of the children conducting. On part 1 *ba - va da - va* feels more natural to sing **ba - ba - da - da** it doesn't matter too much but if we can aim for that instead please.
  
3. **Little Bird by LG** - This is a rearranged piece written by a Y8 student at the GOSH Hospital School. It has been written throughout the students ongoing time in hospital. When they began the piece they were totally paralysed and unable to speak and over time movement has started to come back and their voice is slowly returning. Through a series of creative ways this students' passion for music has been able to prevail. An encouragement to us all! It is based on the visuals from the David Attenborough episode on the rainforest and particularly the birds. The big thing to watch out for here is timing. If in doubt go by the recording and note the sheet music! There are recordings with and without the click to help. Ruth Montgomery at Frank Barnes has kindly offered to film a signed video which will mean that it can be fully inclusive. The video will be coming shortly.
  
4. **Cuckoo! By Benjamin Britten and Jane Taylor** - This is taken from Friday Afternoons and continues with our bird theme. We will nominate a choir (maybe via some sort of bird related way) to sing the “cuckoo” section and others will sing the main melody. There are some nice activities attached to do alongside this piece. Equally, just learning it is brilliant!

<u>Tues 25/6 Afternoon</u>	<u>Little Bird</u>
<b>St Mary and St Pancras CoE Primary School</b>	<b>Melody 1</b>
Argyle	Melody 1
King's Cross Academy	Melody 2
St. Alban's CE Primary School	Melody 3

<b><u>Wed 26/6</u></b> <b><u>10-11am</u></b>	<b><u>Little B</u></b>
<b>Richard Cobden</b>	Melody
Brecknock Primary School	Melody
Frank Barnes	Sign
Kingsgate	Melody
Swiss Cottage	Melody

<b><u>Wed 26/6</u></b> <b><u>2-3pm</u></b>	<b><u>Little Bird</u></b>
<b>Rhyl Community Primary School</b>	Melody 1
Fleet	Melody 1
West Hampstead Primary School	Melody 2
Rosary	Melody 2
Gospel Oak	Melody 3
Netly	Melody 3
St Paul's NW3	Melody 3

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If you have any questions please email me [h.tomaz@camden.gov.uk](mailto:h.tomaz@camden.gov.uk)

I will be doing a handover to the new incumbent who will be incharge of answering queries after Easter so please have a listen before the holidays if you possibly can so that I can easier answer your questions.

Thanks, 😊