



Monday 5th March 2018

Sir John Cass's Foundation
Primary School
Headteacher: Mr T Wilson

Dear cello Parents/ Carers,

We would like to invite the cellists in years 4,5 and 6 to come to share in an event at Latymer Upper School in Hammersmith from 4.30 – 6.00pm on Thursday 26th April. Staff from school would take them there. If they are participating, parents or appointed carers would be responsible for collecting them from there and bringing them home.

World renowned solo cellist Raphael Wallfisch will be giving a masterclass which is a series of open lessons to some of the Latymer cellists, and the event will be opened by a short performance by the Latymer Prep Cello Group joined by our cellists from Sir John Cass Primary. You can read more about him and his work on www.raphaelwallfisch.com.

Watching open lessons like this is a really valuable learning experience for young musicians, and observing events like this is how many students learn a lot about the working processes of learning to play an instrument. They can also be very inspired and motivated by hearing a world class teacher and performer in action, so we feel that this would be a valuable learning opportunity for them.

There is no charge for attendance at the masterclass event.

Once we know who is coming, we will decide on the pieces which they will perform. They would need to have these pieces well prepared and ready to play from memory with the group. We will work on them in their lessons over the coming weeks, and hope they will be practising them at home too.

If any parents would also like to attend, you are welcome, but we do need a list of full names well in advance of the day, so please give this information with your reply if you intend to come along.

Please can you let us know by Monday 11th March whether your child will be able to attend this event or not? Please do send us a reply either way so that we can complete an accurate list of attendees. Replies to office@sirjohncassprimary.org.

Another event which may be of interest to some of our cellists is the soon forthcoming Go Cello! Festival at Trinity College, Greenwich 14-15th April. Full details are available on www.londoncellos.org. This would be appropriate for some of our year 5 or 6 cellists. They need to be comfortable reliably reading and playing notes in first position at least across all four strings. There are bursary places available and I can give a letter of recommendation if any of our cellists are interested in attending and would like to apply for one of these if this is appropriate. Places must be booked by 15th March. Thomas Gregory, who wrote our Vamoosh books has written a new piece especially for this event, so it should be an exciting adventure for all attending! Please email me via the office or via Katherine if you would like me to write a letter for your child.

Your Sincerely,

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