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Young Voices at the O2 Arena, London

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following on from the success of Young Voices last academic year, we are very excited to announce that pupils from Green Ridge are invited to take part in the **Young Voices 2024** concert and this year we are heading to **The O2 Arena, London!** The concert will take place on **Wednesday, 17th January 2024**. Last year's Young Voices choir had an incredible day rehearsing and watching the acts and then performing with 5000 other primary aged pupils. The Young Voices experience is far more than a children's choir concert. It is the largest children's choir concert in the world! The children will perform alongside 5,000-8,000 other children as a single choir to a huge audience of parents and carers. Young Voices is oversubscribed every year, so we are very lucky to have been given a place!

The pupils taking part in Young Voices will have the opportunity to perform in an incredible venue, twice the size of last year, alongside special guest artists who will be confirmed throughout the run up to the concert. Taking part in this concert will boost their self-belief, self-motivation, and confidence.

Every year Young Voices selects a special charity to work alongside. For the 2024 series, Young Voices is proud to announce that Place2Be will be the primary charity for their main concert series. The selected charity mirrors the values and goals of Young Voices – that music enhances life. Children deserve the best, and teachers should be encouraged and supported so that they can develop an understanding of music in the children they inspire. To date, Young Voices have raised over 2.5 million pounds for charity.

We can take up to 50 pupils from across KS2, and participation will be on a 'first-come-first-served' basis, so please ensure your child is willing to take part and is available for the concert before registering your interest.

Once the choir has been formed, the children will attend a lunch time rehearsal every Monday and Wednesday for 20-30 minutes to learn the songs for the concert. Please ensure that you discuss this with your child, and they are happy to do this before signing them up. Pupils who choose not to attend rehearsals may be asked not to attend the concert. If your child attends Miss Chalmers' choir enrichment club on a Wednesday, they will also be learning the songs there too. Please note that it is not compulsory for them to attend the club to enable them to attend the Young Voices concert.

The event is open to the public and tickets will be available to purchase from The O2 website nearer the concert date. Details of this will be shared once ticket sales have opened. To avoid extra administrative workload, we have taken the decision not to manage ticket purchasing and

t-shirt purchasing on behalf of parents/carers this year. Should you wish to purchase tickets or a commemorative t-shirt for your child, this will need to be done yourself via the appropriate channels which will be shared once places have been confirmed. If you do not purchase a Young Voices t-shirt, you will need to provide a plain white t-shirt for your child to wear.

If your child would like to attend and you wish to put their name forward, please complete this [form](#) by 3.30pm on Friday, 29th September. The form will open at 6.00pm today. Please remember that there are only 50 spaces on offer and to have the conversation regarding rehearsal expectations etc. before completing the form.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email to admin@greenridgeacademy.co.uk for the attention of myself.

Yours faithfully,

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