



## NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2011

Welcome back to all our students and parents and a special welcome to our new students. Its great to have all our teachers return again this year.

Terms for the year are as follows;

**Term 1;** 29<sup>th</sup> August to 19<sup>th</sup> November with mid term the week starting the 31<sup>st</sup> of October.

**Term 2;** 21<sup>st</sup> November to 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Off for 3 weeks 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. to 9<sup>th</sup> Jan.

**Term 3;** 5<sup>th</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> June. with mid term the week starting 13<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Fees have remained the same as last year.

€185 30 minute individual

€140 20 minute individual

€10 SEI per family per year.

€50 Orchestra per family per year.

### **PARIS TRIP**

We have been invited to perform at two concerts in Paris with a group from Italy and a group from Paris. The concerts will be held in the Italian Embassy and a castle outside Paris. The dates are between Sat. April 21<sup>st</sup> and Tue. April 24<sup>th</sup> 2012. The organisers will get back to us with the actual concert dates soon. The costs involved will be flights, accommodation and food. The accommodation suggested is a hostel in central Paris, which has a variety of rooms from twins right up to 6 bed ranging in price from 40 Euro for a twin room down to 27 Euro for a 5/6 bedroom including breakfast.

We really need numbers in order to book anything. Those people who want to come on the trip please phone the office 0909675629 with all their details, name, address, phone number and top piece before Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of October. If there is nobody at the end of the phone please leave a message and we will get back to you.

All national school children must be accompanied by an adult. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students and we look forward to hearing from you.

### **ORCHESTRA**

Orchestra is up and running again with Maire and Úna. Your teacher will tell you which orchestra to attend when you start reading music.

Úna has decided to do a Trad Orchestra this year that should be a lot of fun. She plans to travel with it later in the school year.

Once you have committed to Orchestra please attend all rehearsals which take place on Mondays at 7.30 in New Inn VEC.

We now have a **FACEBOOK** page so keep in touch.

## **Thank you**

A big thank you to the national schools and their principles who welcome us into their premises to teach. Without their support our job would be much harder, Woodlawn, Bullaun, Mountbellew and our new premises this year Scoil Ui Cheithearnaigh, Ballinasloe. We really appreciate it.

## **Theory**

It has come to our attention this year that colleges now require a grade 5 standard theory. This is for any student intending to do music as a module or subject in an arts degree. Leaving cert. music does not count. Eg. Mary Immaculate College Limerick or UCL. We are providing theory Classes free of charge to Music Matters Students.

Beginner Theory Monday 7 pm with Darren  
Intermediate Theory Monday 7 pm with Máire  
Grade 4/5 Theory Tuesday 7 pm with Sinead

## **Frequently asked questions**

Q: When are fees Due?

A: Fees must be paid prior to or the week starting of term

Term 1 Week Starting 29<sup>th</sup> August

Term 2 Week Starting 21<sup>st</sup> November

Term 3 Week Starting 5<sup>th</sup> March

Q: What happens if the student misses a class through their own fault?

A: Class is lost

Q: What happens if teacher misses a class?

A: Teacher has to make up class at a time agreed mutually within reason

Q: What happens if I want to stop after Junior Cert practical?

A: Full term must be paid as the teacher cannot replace the student at this time of year

Q: Can I pay my fees in instalments

A: Yes by Direct Debit/Standing Order Forms are available in the office

Q: What is the procedure if I want to change teacher

A: First discuss with present teacher as problems may be ironed out. Only then should you approach the office or the new teacher for a change.

## **Rules and Regulations**

Students are only insured during lessons and must be accompanied by an adult to and from classes. Parents of all Suzuki students must attend lessons until at least 1<sup>st</sup> year in secondary school and of course should attend after that.

Please do not let children use any of the teaching premises as a play area as we are not insured.

Many of our classes are in classrooms belonging to other teachers, please do not touch anything in these class room.