



## WM&AC SPRING NEWS 2015

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2015

### Spring Term 2015

**Feb 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>:** Half Term

**March 11<sup>th</sup>:** Wellingborough Rotary Music Festival – WM&AC Junior Wind, Wellingborough School, 5.30pm

**March 12<sup>th</sup>:** Wellingborough Rotary Music Festival – WM&AC Playstrings, Junior Strings, Senior Strings, Wrenn School, from 4.30pm (times to be confirmed)

**March 18<sup>th</sup>:** Rotary Music Festival Concert, The Castle. Selected Groups: Announced on Sat 14<sup>th</sup> March

**March 21<sup>st</sup>:** Bring A Friend Day/Open Morning & End of Term

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>:** 2015 Current Youth Concert Band Members, National Festival (MFY), Cripps Hall, Northampton School for Boys, 5.10pm

### Summer Term 2015

**April 18<sup>th</sup>:** Registration & Activities begin

**May 8<sup>th</sup>:** Waendal Walk, The Castle, TBC: 6-7pm (Jazz Groups)

**May 9<sup>th</sup>:** Waendal Walk, The Castle, TBC: Concert Band (afternoon) / Drama Celebration, 1.30-4.30pm, Northampton High School. (More Details to follow)

**May 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> :** Half Term

**June 6<sup>th</sup> :** Denton Church Fete – 2-4pm, Concert Band

**June 13<sup>th</sup>:** Welly X Factor & Drama Showcase (evening show @ Wrenn)

**June 20<sup>th</sup> :** Yardley Hastings School Fete – Afternoon, Concert Band

**June 27<sup>th</sup>:** Summer Samba (morning concert, younger groups)

**July 4<sup>th</sup>:** Summer Spectacular (evening concert at Wrenn, senior groups) and END OF YEAR!!

## **WELLINGBOROUGH ROTARY MUSIC FESTIVAL**

A number of our groups will be taking part in the Rotary Festival which runs from the 6<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> March at venues in and around Wellingborough. Look out for detailed programmes after half-term which will be available from the Main Desk. More detailed letters will soon be available from the staff and can also be found on our website: [welly.nmpat.co.uk](http://welly.nmpat.co.uk)

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at Wellingborough School

TBC 5.30pm Junior Instrumental Ensemble: WM&AC Junior Wind

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at Wrenn School, from 4.30pm (times to be confirmed)

Large Instrumental Groups: WM&AC Play Strings/Junior Strings/Senior Strings

## **OTHER NEWS:**

- It is with regret that I am announcing the departure of Jason Oliver – our fantastic Art Attack and Rock Academy teacher. Jason will be leaving us at Easter to embark on a travelling trip where he hopes to live and teach English in Holland. We will miss Jason terribly but from all of us at Welly Centre thank you for your 7 years of inspiration that you have given to WM&AC, and we all wish you the best of luck on your travels!!  
On this note: if any of you know of someone that might be interested in applying for the Art Attack/Rock Academy teaching post, please get in touch.
- **Drama Helper:** Is there anyone out there that has a passion for the dramatics and would like to volunteer their help on a Saturday morning? Age 16+, if interested please get in touch.
- **Adult Choir:** I know that there has been a lot of interest in getting an adult choir together so we thought we would trial it for the first two weeks after half-term (28<sup>th</sup> Feb/7<sup>th</sup> March, Room M1, Session 3 10.55-11.35am). Beth Hodgson, NMPAT's Head of Vocal department will be visiting WM&AC and has kindly offered to run 2 workshops. If you are interested please sign up at the visitor sign in station by the Main Hall from this Saturday!
- **Punctuality:** Please be considerate of our staff and other WM&AC members and try and arrive to classes on time. It can be very disruptive for everyone when students arrive part way through a lesson.
- **Litter:** Please put all litter in the bins provided. We have to leave the school as we found it at the end of the morning so please help to keep it tidy. No food/fizzy drinks should be taken out of the Main Hall area.  
**And Finally.....Essential Details Form:** Please ensure that you have completed a 2014-15 form. We need one per member (including adults). This form is "essential" to us in the event of an emergency, please make sure that we have 2 contact details on the form and that you include any medical information.
- **First Aid:** For your information we have 5 trained first aiders on site each Saturday: Joanne Green, Andy Johnson, Helen Taylor, Karen Bell and Dee Baird.
- **Gift Aid!** If you have not yet completed a Gift Aid form, please can I ask that you take the time to do this. For every child that returns a Gift Aid form, Northamptonshire Music & Performing Arts Trust can claim back £50, which can then help us to continue to operate as an organisation. Your help is much appreciated!
- Please make sure that all outstanding registration fees and individual lesson payments for the Spring Term are settled up asap to avoid the late payment fee of £10.
- Don't forget that we have a half-term break for the next two Saturdays. See you back on the 28<sup>th</sup> February!

**HAVE A GREAT HALF TERM!**

**Joanne Green (Centre Head) & The WM&AC Staff**