

Musical Connections

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Wishing you all a Merry and Musical Christmas!

With the arrival of the festive season, we have enjoyed a hectic schedule of concerts, workshops and events involving Musical Connections participants and people of all ages from the wider community. Members of our Community Choir and Honeysuckle Singers faced their biggest challenge yet, when they took part in a concert at York St John University alongside the fabulous Communitas choir and St Aelred's primary school choir. This was our choirs' biggest stage to date, and an experience they thoroughly enjoyed.



Honeysuckle Singers were out and about again when they performed alongside young musicians from York Music Centre at Hartrigg Oaks' Christmas party - a fantastic afternoon was had by all!



Another amazing Big Sing with Millthorpe School!!

Millthorpe School has been a wonderful friend to Musical Connections over the years, and has hosted our Christmas Big Sing many times now. As usual, the students and staff were incredibly welcoming and enthusiastic, not to mention hugely talented. A real highlight was 'White Christmas' sung as a duet by George Dodd, one of our most enthusiastic performers, and Father Christmas, aka Trevor Burton, executive head of both Millthorpe and York High. Their singing was fantastic! We also loved it when Ian from Derwent House took to the piano to accompany some communal carols!



Ralph Butterfield primary school is another longstanding supporter of our work, and, last week, Haxby Hall was treated to a class visit for a festive and fun-packed afternoon!



Christmas Fundraising! We are so grateful for the support of Rufforth primary school, who have helped us with fundraising on many occasions. Their latest contribution was at our recent city centre fundraiser, and we are now looking forward to spending a Christmassy afternoon at the school later this week in the company of both the children and the Co-op, who have also been raising money for us. Not to be outdone, our Choir have been singing their hearts out for us too!



Some Christmas photos to make you smile.....



Thank you also to Fulford School for fundraising for us at their Christmas concert. And to Vale of York Academy who will be joining Morrell House for a Christmas workshop this week - it is only because of such fantastic support from local schools that we are able to achieve such a great impact with our intergenerational work.



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