

4th October, 2021

Dear Parents/Carers of pupils in Years 5 and 6,

Re: Young Voices - O2 London - Thursday 20th January, 2022

This year, we are incredibly excited to be taking part in one of the largest school choir concerts in the world! Young Voices combines the power of singing together as one, with accompaniment from a wide range of musicians and artists, to create an amazing performance. Over the years the children in the choir have performed with artists such as Alexandra Burke, Joss Stone, and Gary Barlow as well as raising over 1 million pounds for Children's charities such as CLIC Sargent. With a full live band, backing singers and the internationally acclaimed conductor David Lawrence, it makes for one of the most exciting and memorable musical experiences you can imagine.

The concert will take place on **Thursday 20th January 2022** in London at the O2 Arena, a spectacular place for the pupils to perform. The visit will be lead by Mrs Welch supported by other members of academy staff. We will leave the academy late morning and aim to be back at the academy at 11:30pm. We will be travelling with Rambler Coaches and all the pupils will all have a seat belt. The academy has provided journey insurance. **These are currently provisional times; final details will be confirmed after Christmas.**

Initially, we need to confirm the names of all of our performers so that rehearsals can begin. This is a big commitment for the pupils; they will need to put in a lot of time at home as well in order to learn all the songs and dances. There are limited places available.

To register your child's interest, please email fsm@thebairdprimaryacademy.org.uk by Friday 8th October. Please have Young Voices as the subject header and include your child's name and class in the email. Places will be confirmed w/c 11th October.

A payment of **£25** per child is required this is towards the cost of the coach (£13) and their concert t-shirt (£12) - If you ordered a t-shirt for the cancelled Young Voices visit last year (this only applies to the anniversary addition) your child is more than welcome to wear this however if they need a new one, this will need to be purchased.

As this is not part of the curriculum and therefore is an optional visit, it will only be open to the pupils of parents who are able to make the required payment by Sunday 31st October. **Please note there will be no refunds for pupils absent on the day of the visit or those that choose to drop out before the event.**

Please visit <https://youngvoices.co.uk/for-parents> for more information about the event.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs C Welch
Principal