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GREEN PLANET

PROTECTING OUR WORLD



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24 JUNE - 5 JULY 2019

A CELEBRATION OF
THE ARTS AND CULTURE



GRIFFIN
SCHOOLS
TRUST

WELCOME

The Griffin Arts Festival was set up in 2014 by our co-Founders to promote and celebrate the importance of the arts and culture. Today that message remains and we stand firm in our commitment to bring great art and culture to the thousands of young people, staff and families we serve.

The Griffin Arts Festival comprises:

- A fortnight of arts activities, performances and creative workshops across every GST school
- 10 students from our primary schools, 7 students from our secondary schools will come together for a 3 day and night all immersive arts experience
- Support, training and direction for Griffin Schools Trust colleagues
- Opportunities for schools to work with local and high quality artists and arts partners, who act as inspiration and role models
- A legacy to help embed these skills and interests and an assurance they are free to all of our students

We are committed to:

- Provide all children with high quality arts experiences across a range of art forms to encourage high achievement
- Offer students the opportunity to stay in London and widen their horizons through experiencing some of the Capital's best arts and culture
- Embed a proud tradition of cultural entitlement for every student and ensure they have the right to a creative education
- Show pupils the pleasure of artistic expression and appreciation
- Show pupils that artistic expression can aid personal expression and increase empathy
- Challenge gender and social class preconceptions related to the arts
- Develop adults' confidence in supporting pupils to realise these aims

The Griffin Arts Festival

Welcome to our 6th annual Griffin Arts Festival.

The GST theme this year has been 'Green Planet' and our students have embraced it like never before. As we write, the UK government has proposed a plan to reduce carbon emissions to nearly zero by 2050. This move comes after a year that has seen young people around the globe, stand alongside 'green' activists of all types to bring this issue to the fore, leaving their homes and their classrooms, to protest again and again to secure a safer planet for all of us.

The power of art, all the arts, is that they can open our minds and hearts to important ideas like this and help us to work out what we think about them. We have seen the preparations in our schools and know that yet again, our staff and students have used the widest range of forms: drawing, dance, painting, sculpture, drama, and music of all types to explore and express their feelings and thoughts around this vital issue.

And yet again the quality has increased. We look forward to seeing the finished products and extend an invitation to you all to come and see the range and power of this year's activity.

Ange Tyler (Co-Founder GST)

Dear friends,

Just when we thought it couldn't get any better or more exciting, this year's Griffin Arts Festival promises to be our best. We have an ever-widening range of activities planned for our students, and we thank all the adults: staff, families and friends, who have worked so hard in the planning stage.

The theme this year has proved particularly popular with our school communities and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our open events.

We'd like to extend particular thanks to all of you who have made donations of time, materials or money for this year's GAF. All contributions are welcome in these difficult budget times. It's not too late to join in, see our donations page on our website at www.griffinartsfestival.com/donations.

We thank your teachers and everyone who has worked so hard and wish you a very happy GAF 2019. It's going to be amazing!

Anne Powell (CEO)
Amy Hoppett (GAF creative director)

Protecting our World

We are living in a world which is being mistreated. Many schools are situated on roads or in areas where the air quality is harmfully poor. Species are dying out. The sea is full of plastic waste and acidifying. We are living through crisis and to ignore that is tantamount to wilful negligence.

It takes great courage to act when that seems to demand more energy than we have, and yet all of us need to keep challenging the decision-makers.

We all want to know why we are failing to protect the world now. This year, children from across the world have demonstrated their concerns in a series of protests.

We must all voice our concerns, and ensure they are heard. We must all take every opportunity to reverse the mistakes of the past.

This year of focus on 'Green Planet: Protecting our World,' has seen much of our learning themed on how to heal our planet. But this is just a beginning; we must create a sustainable future for the generations to come.



Where to find the Griffin Arts Festival

We have thirteen schools across the Trust, divided into five hubs, who will be holding the events for this year's Festival. Individual school details below.

To find your local events, take a look across the following pages to see what's on in each hub.

East London

Lammas School and Sixth Form:
Seymour Road, Leyton, London, E10 7LX
Website: www.lammas.waltham.sch.uk

Riverley Primary School:
Park Road, Leyton, London, E10 7BZ
Website: www.riverley-gst.org

Willow Brook Primary School:
Church Road, Leyton, London, E10 7BH
Website: www.willowbrook-gst.org

Medway

Kingfisher Primary School:
Kingfisher Drive, Chatham, ME5 7NX
Website: www.kingfisher-gst.org

Lordswood School:
Lordswood Lane, Chatham, ME5 8NN
Website: www.lordswood-gst.org

Saxon Way Primary School:
Ingram Road, Gillingham, ME7 1SJ
Website: www.saxonway-gst.org

Milton Keynes

Stantonbury International:
Stantonbury, Milton Keynes, MK14 6BN
Website: www.stantonbury-gst.org

Stantonbury Theatre:
Stantonbury, Milton Keynes, MK14 6BN
Website: www.stantonburytheatre.co.uk

North Warwickshire

Nicholas Chamberlaine School:
Bulkington Road, Bedworth, CV12 9EA
Website:
www.nicholaschamberlaine-gst.org

Park Lane Primary School:
Park Lane, Nuneaton, CV10 8NL
Website: www.parklane-gst.org

Race Leys Primary School:
Barton Road, Bedworth, CV12 8HG
Website: www.raceleys-gst.org

Midlands

Bramford Primary School:
Chad Road, Bilston, WV14 9TU
Website: www.bramford-gst.org

Chivenor Primary School:
Farnborough Road, Birmingham, B35 7JA
Website: www.chivenor-gst.org

Perry Wood Primary School:
St Albans Close, Worcester, WR5 1PP
Website: www.perrywood-gst.org

How to use this guide

Booking Tickets

Please use the event icons key below to determine how to book or reserve a space at any event. The Majority of the events offered during The Griffin Arts Festival are free to attend, however reserved tickets can be limited.

Event Icons



Tickets are free to all



Open to all



Priced Tickets for members of the public (Free to all GST students)



Families of GST school pupils



Drop in



Please call to book



Invite only



Want to take part in 2020?

If you have been inspired and want to take part in next year's Griffin Arts Festival, whether that is by volunteering, offering a workshop or talk, please email details to team@griffinartsfestival.org.

You can also visit www.griffinartsfestival.org/partners where you will find information on our current arts partners.

EAST LONDON

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The Big Draw

A wide range of Art and Design workshops will be held in classrooms around the school.

Riverley Primary School
14:00 - 15:25



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Students from Riverley will be taking on the 'Opera in four acts' by composer Georges Bizet.

Riverley Primary School
15:45 - 16:30



02

Rumble in the Jungle Workshop

Come join us for a soundscaping workshop thinking about sounds of nature using instruments, body percussion and voice.

Willow Brook Primary School
15:30 - 16:30



02

The Flower Bee Talk

Using inspiration from the work of Graham Sutherland in the school gallery to recreate paintings of bees.

Willow Brook Primary School
15:40 - 16:40



03

Griffin Gallery

Riverley will be hosting a showcase of artistic works related to the Trust theme: Protecting Our World.

Riverley Primary School
15:30 - 17:00



03

Shaping the Tree

An exciting workshop to generate a poem around environmental issues. Please meet in the gallery at 15:30.

Willow Brook Primary School
15:40 - 16:40



03

We're going on a 'where' hunt!

Bring your mobile to a photography based orienteering challenge! You will need internet access on your phone.

Willow Brook Primary School
15:30 - 16:30



04

It's a Green Dream

Immerse yourself in a fun drama workshop where we will be responding to pictures and music through movement and dialogue.

Willow Brook Primary School, Victoria Assembly Hall
15:40 - 16:30



04

Artist Talk

Join us to hear from Antonietta Torsiello, Willow Brook's resident artist, as she explains more about her work and the creative process.

Willow Brook Primary School, The Gallery
17:00 - 18:00



05

Printollage

A family friendly printmaking and collage workshop where you can learn to use imagery to re-imagine a landscape or space with a more sustainable view.

Willow Brook Primary School, The Grand Marquee
15:30 - 16:30



06

Creative Family Workshop

A perfect family event to create your own pieces of artwork led by Willow Brook's resident artist, Antonietta Torsiello. All materials will be provided.

Willow Brook Primary School,
The Grand Marquee
13:00 - 15:00



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Lammas Art Exhibition

Talented GCSE students from Lammas will be hosting an Art exhibition in the school hall and foyer throughout the art festival!

Lammas School
9:00 - 15:00



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MEDWAY

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A Grand Presentation!

We are asking families to join the students of Saxon Way for a presentation on what they have learnt through artistic and creative workshops, trips and lessons during the day. The presentation will run at 2:30pm on the 24th, 25th and 26th June. Please phone the school office for more information.

Saxon Way Primary School
14:30



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Dance Centre

All students from Kingfisher will come together for an exciting whole-school performance to showcase the dance workshops they have worked on throughout the year. Please phone the school office for confirmed timings.

Kingfisher Primary School,
Grand Hall



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Medway Music Association Concert

Years 3, 4 and 5 of Kingfisher will be entertaining the community by performing in collaboration using the skills they have learnt as part of the Arts festival. There will be Choral singing and playing of instruments like the Ocarina and Djembe Drums.

Kingfisher Primary School,
Grand Hall
11:00 - 12:00



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Cinderella Rockafeller

Join us for a modern pantomime-style take on a classic tale by the year 6 students of Lordswood. There will only be two showings of this production so make sure you are there for one!

Lordswood School, Great Hall
25 June - 19:00
26 June - 13:45



03

Travelling Poetry Recital

The poetry wide horizons club at Kingfisher will be performing to all in July to celebrate the work they have created throughout the year. This is an open event for students families and other local GST schools. Please phone the school office for more information.

Kingfisher Primary School, Grand Hall
14:00



03

Earth's Greatest Show

Lordswood pupils in years 4 and 5 will be collaborating together throughout the day through interactive workshops in partnership with SPLATS before ending in a grand performance to parents of Lordswood. Invitations will be sent with confirmed arrangements of the event.

Lordswood School, Great Hall



05

Eco Picnic and Showcase

All students in school will be invited to a picnic on the field alongside their parents and/or carers. Children will be invited to bring their own picnic foods and to sit in their family or friendship groups. The picnic will involve a tour of the gazebo containing all of the visual arts and work completed by the children during GAF.

Lordswood School, School Field
12:30 - 15:00



MIDLANDS

24

Meet and Greet with Spoz

Spoz, the award winning performance poet, singer and song writer who will lead workshops during the day and there will be opportunity for Bramford families to meet him at the end of the day!

Bramford Primary School



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02

Chivenor Blue Planet

Friends and family of Chivenor pupils to join us in a collage and film making workshop! Please phone the school office for confirmed timings of the event. There are two available dates for this event!

Chivenor Primary School



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Art Share

Come to this family event during the day to collaborate with your children in making artwork together! Make sure to look out for your invitation.

Perry Wood Primary School



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Djembe Drumming

Drop in and make some noise with the pupils of Bramford in a Djembe drumming workshop this summer. Please see the school's website for more information.

Bramford Primary School
14:00 - 15:00



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Drama Workshop

Visit Bramford this summer and learn new drama skills with the pupils of Bramford in Green theme workshop. Please see the school's website for more information.

Bramford Primary School
14:00 - 15:00



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Afternoon Tea

Families of Bramford pupils have been invited to enter their very own pieces of artwork. Visitors will then vote and awards will be given to the winning entries! Please see the school's website for more information. There are two available dates for this event!

Bramford Primary School
14:30 - 16:00



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Photography Showcase

A grand display of the photography work produced by Perry Wood pupils will be part of an exhibition held at the school. Come and see how workshops have developed our keen photographers! Please phone the school office for more information.

Perry Wood Primary School
15:30 - 16:00



03

Creative Symposium!

Come and join us for a meeting of ideas, skills, reflections and celebrations in partnership with InfuseDANCE. GST schools have worked with arts partners throughout the year to develop artistic skills which they will showcase at the symposium.

Midlands Art Centre (MAC), Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham, B12 9QH
10:00 - 14:30



MIDLANDS

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CARMEN

Pupils of Chivenor will be showcasing an operatic performance of Carmen, a famously known Opera by French composer Georges Bizet.

Chivenor Primary School, Hall



04

summer Arts Picnic

You do not want to miss this summer arts concert and picnic where Bramford pupils will be given the opportunity to showcase their artistic talents to local community.

Bramford Primary School
15:15 - 17:00



04

Poetry Slam

Perry Wood will be hosting their very first Poetry Slam! Bring a picnic and enjoy some performance poetry from our pupils in a relaxed and informal setting.

Perry Wood Primary School,
School field
15:30 - 16:15



04

Youth Schools Concert

Key stage 1 pupils in Bramford will be collaborating with other choirs to explore ways in using the body as an instrument. A grand show will be on at the Birmingham Symphony Hall. Tickets are available on the website below.

Birmingham Symphony Hall
8:00 - 13:00
www.thsh.co.uk



04

Chivenor Showcase

Chivenor will be hosting a grand showcase evening full of art exhibitions and a live Celtic band performance! Please phone the school office for confirmed timings of the event.

Chivenor Primary School



05

Closing of GAF

Join the pupils of Chivenor for a closing ceremony of the Griffin Arts Festival. There will be a whole school parade and prize giving to students! Please phone the school office for confirmed timings of the event.

Chivenor Primary School



05

Visual Arts Exhibition

An exhibition featuring a range of visual art work produced by Perry Wood students during the two week art festival. The showcase will also feature a display of the London GAF experience and the staff photography competition pieces.

Perry Wood Primary School
13:30 - 16:00



05

Performance Showcase

The Perry Wood pupils have worked extremely hard to produce creative and inspiring pieces of performance art as part of the Arts Festival this year. We welcome you all to attend the performance event on the school field.

Perry Wood Primary School
9:30 - 10:30 EYFS/KS1
11:00 - 12:15 - KS2



NORTH WARWICK

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The wizard of oz!

Come and enjoy a family friendly re-creation of 'The Wizard of Oz', performed at Park Lane by the local Theatrical Group! Please phone the school office for confirmed ticket prices.

Park Lane Primary School, Hall
19:00 - 20:30



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Family Nature Trail

Calling family members of Race Leys! Join us in a nature trail together after hearing about what pupils have learnt and produced as part of the Arts festival!

Race Leys Primary School,
Hall
14:30 - 15:15



04

Protect Our Planet!

Inspired by the Trust theme this year, students of Race Leys will be performing a selection of drama and dance pieces in relation to the environmental issue facing us.

Race Leys Primary School, Hall
14:00 - 14:45



CIRSHIRE

04

carmen

Students of Park Lane will be showcasing an operatic performance of Carmen, a famously known Opera by French composer Georges Bizet.

Park Lane Primary School, Hall
18:30 - 20:00



05

Let's Make Some Noise

Just like the title suggests, Race Leys students will be performing musical pieces that they have composed over the Arts festival.



Movie Time

Screening of films created by Race Leys students, inspired by the Trust theme will be shown to families this year - come see our future film directors!

Race Leys Primary School, Hall
9:10 - 9:25



05

GAF Showcase!

Pupils of Park Lane will be performing or presenting a piece of art that they have produced during the festival fortnight. They will perform in the Gazebos on the school field, year group by year group to invited family and friends.

Park Lane Primary School, School Field
13:15 - 15:15



05

Chasing Deer - Live Performance

Chasing Deer are creating a real buzz with their catchy and energetic pop songs, through writing, performing and living as a full-time band in London. We are very lucky to have them perform for GST schools this summer!

Nicholas Chamberlaine School
9:10 - 10:45



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MILTON KEYNES



THERE'S A LEAK!

01

While out walking with her sarcastic cat, Igor, twelve-year old Elsa notices a tiny hole in the middle of the street that is sucking in air. Surely, she thinks, someone is going to fix the leak? But despite a cavalcade of interested passers-by including council employees, politicians, scientists and journalists, the leak just gets worse and worse...

From the legendary Stantonbury student theatre company comes this absurd piece of comedy that touches on important issues such as responsible citizenship and environmentalism.

19:00 - 20:30

Tickets £7.00, Concession £5, Free to GST students



02

Stantonbury's Got Talent

Come to Stantonbury Theatre this Summer for an exciting evening showcasing Stantonbury's finest, talented students. The evening performance will show various pieces which students have worked hard throughout the year to create and develop.

19:00

Tickets £5, Concession and Schools £5, Free to GST students



03

A Midsummer Nights Dream

Don't miss Oddsocks Productions as they celebrate their 30th anniversary year with a Stantonbury Theatre debut - a high-energy, feel-good, family theatre show performed outdoors. This summer the Company invite you to join them for a festival of music, magic and mayhem as they bring that Shakespearean favourite A Midsummer Night's Dream to life as you have never seen it before.

This production will be presented outside (weather permitting) so audiences are encouraged to bring chairs, rugs and a picnic to ensure the perfect al fresco midsummer evening's entertainment.

19:00

Tickets £16, Concession £14, Schools £10, Free to GST students



04

Basement Tapes

Following her grandmother's death, a girl faces the overwhelming task of clearing out the basement. She discovers a series of mysterious tape recordings made by her grandmother. As she hears these tapes for the first time, things start to unravel...

Twin Peaks meets Serial in this award-winning New Zealand mystery, which combines the immediacy of physical performance with the imaginative capabilities of audio recording. Squeezed close together among the detritus of a cluttered basement, audience and performer face the waves of secrets and memories that emerge.

19:30 - 21:00

Tickets £13, Concession £11, Free to GST students



A huge thank you to all the staff, friends and families of the GST family



If you would like to become an Arts partner or donate to GAF, please contact us on:

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