

6th October 2023

Dear Parent/Carers

Matilda Jnr The Musical - Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th October 2023 - 6pm

Our school show, *Matilda Jnr* is fast approaching, with three performances available for parents to see on Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th October 2023 at 6pm. All students and parents are welcome to purchase tickets, to support students involved in the show. We are so proud of how much effort has been put into each rehearsal so far.

Rehearsals

All cast and vocalists should attend rehearsals with Mrs Haines on Tuesdays 3-5pm, and lead vocalists attending on Fridays 3-4pm. All students should continue to attend Matilda rehearsals 3-5pm on Wednesdays, and Thursdays, with the exception of Wednesday 4th October 2023, due to teacher training afterschool.

Rehearsal Tuesday 17th October 2023 – 3-5pm in the Hall

- **Dancers** will need to attend with a black t-shirt and black leggings, hair tied back and all jewellery off. They will need to bring trainers with them (preferably black) or black jazz shoes.
- Actors attend in school uniform. They must ensure they have learned their lines as we will be running the full show.
- Musicians/Band/Singers need to bring their sheet music, own amplifiers, instruments and any leads
 they need to rehearsals. This equipment can then be stored at school until show week has finished.
 Attend in school uniform.

Rehearsal 18th and Thursday 19th October 2023 – 3-5pm in the Hall

- **Dancers** will need to attend with a black t-shirt and black leggings, hair tied back and all jewellery off. They will need to bring trainers with them (preferably black) or black jazz shoes.
- Actors must bring their costume and ensure they have learned their lines as we will be running the full show.
- Musicians/Band/Singer need to bring their sheet music, own amplifiers, instruments and any leads they
 need to rehearsals. This equipment can then be stored at school until show week has finished. Band
 members should wear black t-shirt and black trousers, with black school shoes or trainers. Singers should
 wear school uniform, minus blazer for after school rehearsals and the shows.

Friday 20th October 2023- Possible rehearsal depending on feedback, we will let students know on Thursday 19th October 2023.



Costumes/Show attire:

Actors: Please see Mr Charles for individual cast costumes. Black Trainers or school shoes. Access to a script if needed. Makeup is optional and should be appropriate. Anything worn under the costumes should be a neutral colour or black to keep costumes looking neat and tidy.

Singers and Musicians: need to bring their sheet music, own amplifiers, instruments and any leads they need to rehearsals. This equipment can then be stored at school until show week has finished. Band members should wear black t-shirt and black trousers, with black school shoes or trainers. Singers should wear school uniform, minus blazer for after school rehearsals and the shows.

Dancers: Black T shirt and black Leggings. Black trainers or black jazz shoes. Makeup is optional and should be appropriate for the dance piece. Bronzer and foundation could be used to help highlight students under our lighting. Anything worn under the costumes should be a neutral colour or black to keep costumes looking neat and tidy.

The Show:

Matinee shows

Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th October 2023

All students involved in the show will be off timetable for the first few lessons of each day. We will have a primary school matinee on both these days. We would like students to arrive at 8am ready for a cast warm up each day. Students will need to bring costumes with them, equipment and plenty of food and drink with them.

Evening shows

Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th October- 6pm

Students will need to be back at school for 5pm, to warm up and prepare for the show. Please note we will not open doors for the show until 5:45pm. Running time for the show will be confirmed at a later date.

Please note there will be refreshments available to purchase during the interval via cash and card to support Friends of Ridgewood along with a raffle.

Disabled access is via the back of the school kitchens.

Tickets:

Ticket sales will be divided into presale and general sale.

Presale:

These tickets are for parents of children who are performing in the show. Presale tickets will be **available to purchase on ParentPay from Monday 9th October 2023** Tickets are priced at £6.00 each, no concessions, and are non-refundable. Children under three are not required to pay for a ticket. Tickets will be limited to 4 per student. Tickets cannot be reserved and will not be available to purchase on the door. **The presale will close on Monday 16th October 2023.**

General Sale:

Once the presale tickets have been allocated, we will open up a general sale for any tickets that are remaining. These tickets are for the wider school community and will be **available to purchase on ParentPay from Tuesday 17th October.** Tickets are priced at £6.00 each, no concessions, and are non-refundable. Children under three are not required to pay for a ticket. Those who purchased tickets on presale, will be able to purchase more



tickets on the general sale release. Tickets cannot be reserved and will not be available to purchase on the door. The general sale will close on Monday 23rd October 2023.

Please note, there will be no copies of tickets, once you have purchased a ticket, your name will be on a list at the front entrance.

ParentPay and Consent

You have previously received your ParentPay login details but if you have forgotten or mislaid these, you will need to go the ParentPay website (www.parentpay.com) and click "forgotten password". You will then be emailed a link to reset your account. Unfortunately, we are unable to do this in school. The following ParentPay link will answer any questions you may have with regard to your online account and making a payment.

Link: https://www.parentpay.com/parent-account-faqs/

Filming

The event will be filmed by staff and may be shared via our social media pages and website. It is prohibited that audience members film any of the performances during the show. If you are happy for your child to participate in the event, please give consent to this on parent pay.

We are sure it will be a fantastic experience for our students and the Ridgewood community.

Yours faithfully,

J. Truslove

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