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Can you help us save music & art at Columbia Primary?

Since I last wrote to you about our funding crisis on 27th of June, I am delighted to report that we have raised over £5,000 to support music, art and speech & language therapy at Columbia. Thank you to everyone who has made or pledged a gift or made a purchase at the Summer Fair – your support has made a huge difference!

However, we still need to find at least £11,000 before September in order to safeguard the provision of music and art for all children next year. I know this may seem like a lot, but our generous community has accomplished so much – can we work together to give every child equal opportunities to express their creativity?

If you can pledge a monthly gift throughout 2023/2024, and help us reach our goal of £11,000, we can move forward without having to reduce our art & music programme, meaning that every child at Columbia will still have art lessons with professional artists and every year 3-6 child will still have access to free instrumental music lessons.

For example:

- £5 per month or £60 over the year will support individual music lessons for one child
- £20 per month or £240 over the year from 25 families will support the remaining annual music lesson costs for the entire school!
- £50 per month or £600 over the year from 16 families will pay the annual salary of the professional artists who help all our children unleash their creativity every week

Fairness and equality of opportunity sit at the heart of Columbia Primary; it is only by coming together as a community that we help every child reach their potential. If safeguarding art and music for everyone resonates with you, and if you are able to, please make a gift via our dedicated Just Giving page here:

<https://justgiving.com/campaign/savetheartsatcolumbia>

If you have any further ideas on how to help with our fundraising, or would like to join other parents who are working on this, please get in touch with me or the Friends of Columbia at friendsofcolumbiaprimary@gmail.com

In the meantime, thank you again for all your support – we're really proud of all our students at Columbia and determined to ensure that their joyous music-making and fantastic art projects continue to enrich all of our lives!

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Oliver Woodward". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Oliver Woodward
Headteacher