



Newsletter May 2024

Congratulations to all for a fantastic performance at the Little Theatre on May 19th.



We had 29 performers showcasing their talents on the stage of the Little Theatre before an enthusiastic audience of a hundred people!

I was so proud to see the very high standard of performances.

For many this was their first occasion to play to such a large audience. Although many, naturally, were nervous before their performance everyone stepped up and did themselves proud. It was an entertaining hour of classical music, boogie, movie music, Disney and everything in between.

Congratulations!



Christmas concert at Loughshinny Nursing Home

I was delighted to bring a small number of students to entertain the residents of Loughshinny Nursing Home at Christmas time. Thank you to Maeve, Cara, Erin, Emma, Max, Noah, Eve, Holly, Isabelle, Louis and Sam.

Playing in the community

Congratulations to James for playing at Skerries Forget me Knot Café. James played carefully selected music for the audience including Danny Boy which went down a storm! We have an ongoing invitation to play at this lunchtime café so will bring more students next year.

Silent Piano Festival, Stella Rathmines

This was an exciting event where students accompanied scenes live from a silent movie – Buster Keaton – by playing music to illustrate the scenes on screen. All in the gorgeous surroundings of the Stella cinema.



Other opportunities

Encourage your child to ask can they perform for the school assembly or for the class.

In secondary school encourage them to let teachers know they play the piano. Oftentimes, unless a student is taking music as a subject in secondary school teachers, may be unaware of their musical talents so encourage them to speak up in order to be considered for musical events in the school.

Summer practice

While Summer is a time to relax, music is a hobby for life! Encourage your child to play piano on a regular basis. For younger kids here are a few tips:

Set a date for a performance – bribe/encourage with the notion of a party atmosphere with popcorn, drinks, sweets to celebrate their performance. Have them choose 2 or 3 pieces to play for you Ask them to play for visitors - let them know in advance so that they will be prepared.

Younger kids and teens: Have them play for their friends. All ages are usually intrigued and impressed to see their skills on the piano. Teens in particular can wow each other with their skills.

Towards the end of the summer (August) ask them to dust off their current pieces to be ready to play them for me in September.

Term Times & Enrolling

Classes will finish on 31 May and Term 1 of the 2024-25 year will begin in the last week of August.

I'll be in contact towards the end of July for re-enrolment. I have a long waiting list so in the interest of fairness I'll be requesting a deposit (refundable against Term 1 fees) at the end of July to secure your place.

Wishing you all a wonderful Summer!

Skerries Piano Studio facebook group



Don't forget to keep an eye on the piano group page [Skerries Piano Studio](#) to get a flavour for the various activities during lesson time. (This is a closed, private group that is not open to the public.)
