

Hi all!

We hope you are all keeping well and safe.

We have decided to do a Virtual Choir recording of one of the pieces the school choir sang this year. The song is "For the Beauty of the Earth" and as well as some children already knowing it, it also has a beautiful message for these strange times we are in.

This is open to **any child** from 3rd - 6th class and is not just confined to members of the school choir. It would be wonderful to see as many of you as possible getting involved.

If you are a member of the school choir, please sing the line you have previously learned. Otherwise, for all other children, please pick the line that best suits your vocal range. You'll find recordings of both lines on the school website.

How to record:

1. Listen to and learn the line you are singing. Make sure you know it very well before you record. This includes getting familiar with the timing and when you need to sing.
2. To record you will need two devices - a phone (or some device that has a voice recorder) and an IPAD or laptop.
3. Plug earphones into the laptop so you can hear the track playing in your ears but the phone won't pick it up. It is best if you only put the earphone into one ear so you can hear yourself singing with the other ear! That way you will be able to hear yourself so you will know if you are singing in tune.
4. Press record on the recording device first and then press play on your laptop. In other words, start recording a second or two before you press play for the track.
5. Even if you are not singing a part of the song, you must let the track play fully through. Just listen to the music for the bits where you are not singing. Be sure to stay very quiet during these "silent" bits though as your recording device will pick up movement or noise which will interfere with the overall piece when it's put together.
6. When you are happy with your recording, save it and email it to either msparkinson@parteenschool.ie or msokeeffe@parteenschool.ie

Please include the following information in the title of your email and in the name of the recording:

Name, class and part you sang e.g.

Olivia Parkinson 6th class Soprano.

This will make it easier to sort through the sound files.

FYI: Soprano is the higher line that in the recording and Alto is the lower line.

The deadline for submitting recordings is Wednesday 27th May but please start sending them as soon as you have them done.

Words for Soprano:

For the beauty of the earth
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies, over and around us lies.

'Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r
Sun and Moon and stars of light.

'Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of love,
Brother, sister, parent, child.
Friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild.

'Lord of all, to Thee we raise
Our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of Thine
To our race so freely given.
Graces, human and divine

Ah-ah, ahhhhhhh

'Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

This our joyful hymn of praise.

This verse is only to be sung
by **6th class**. Everyone else
will join in on verse 2
starting at For the beauty
of each hour.

Words for Alto:

Not singing verse 1

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r
Sun and Moon and stars of light.

'Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of praise.

For the joy of love,
Brother, sister, parent, child.
Friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild.
For all gentle thoughts and mild.

'Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of Thine
To our race so freely given.
Graces, human and divine.
Flowers of earth and buds of heav'n
Flowers of earth and buds of heav'n

'Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.
Our hymn of praise.

Happy singing! We can't wait to hear your wonderful recordings.

Kind regards,
Olivia Parkinson and Leah O' Keeffe.