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We Will “Baroque” You!

Children from Cardinal Newman Primary School, Hersham, were treated to an evening of Baroque themed entertainment and education this week by local community choir, Walton Voices.

As part of the choir’s community outreach programme Walton Voices hosted a special Baroque music workshop, led by the choir’s Musical Director, Jonathan Kilhams. Jonathan said “I am very passionate about music education and am delighted that Walton Voices has been able to provide this opportunity to enhance the curriculum for the pupils at Cardinal Newman School. It was very rewarding to see everyone getting involved, regardless of their previous musical knowledge and experience - even the adults went away learning something!”

Boys and girls from Year 5 worked together with members of the choir to learn about the Baroque era, the different styles of music and instruments from that time and even got to learn and perform some Baroque music ranging from popular “catches” or rounds that would have been sung in bars and gatherings at the time, through to the regal and famous “Zadok the Priest” composed by Handel for the coronation of King George II.

Chairman of Walton Voices, Caroline Powell said, “As a choir for the community it is our aim to ensure we work closely with and give something back to our local community. This workshop is an excellent example of how we can successfully achieve this, and we welcome approaches from other local schools and organisations who would be interested in working with us.”

To experience a taste of the baroque era yourself, Walton Voices are presenting an evening of English Baroque music on 25th April, 7.30pm at Walton Methodist Church. Further details and tickets are available at www.waltonvoices.co.uk.

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