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**Who are Friends of ERSM?** We are a Scottish registered charity (SC032346) dedicated to raising funds to support the work and aims of the Schools Instrumental Music Service across East Renfrewshire. The committee comprises of parent volunteers whose children currently attend the Music Schools. We have provided funding for new specialised instruments, additional sheet music and hardship assistance for residential courses. We are always delighted to welcome new committee members and listen to any new innovative ideas. Meet us on Saturday mornings at Williamwood High School.

As we approach the end of another fantastic school year, all the musicians and music teachers can be extremely proud of what they have achieved in a number of competitions and their first-class performances at a wide variety of concerts. They continue to amaze us all.

The Symphony Orchestra joined forces with the Eastwood Choral Society in March to give a wonderful performance, entitled “West End…and Beyond”, a compilation of music and songs from the shows. The concert helped us to celebrate the life of Ena Millar and her life-long commitment to music for young people across the authority. It was fitting that her grandson, Ewan, played a leading part in the show with his breath-taking solo performance.

We continue to be grateful for your generous donations again this year, which have enabled us to help to part-fund such events as well as making contributions to help finance residential courses for our young musicians.

Our final fund-raising event this year will take part at the Summer Open Day on Saturday the 22nd of June at Williamwood High School. We will be holding a Tombola event and are contacting local businesses again to ensure a wide selection of prizes. We would also be grateful to receive any suitable donations on Saturday mornings and will have a box at the desk starting this Saturday. We have always been overwhelmed by your generosity which has helped to ensure a successful event.