

# The Big Racket 2010!

## Guitar, Keyboard & Percussion Concert

7.00 pm

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July

The Tennis Arena

St Mary's College

Twickenham



### What will the children gain from taking part?

The Big Racket is the highlight of the Wider Opportunities Programme. It is an exciting and unique event bringing together your Wider Opportunities children and the best young musicians in the borough in a huge orchestra led by professional musicians. It is a truly inspirational experience for children beginning their musical journey - and one not to be missed!

### Which children will be involved?

All Wider Opportunities transition stage children and all children who have carried on learning after the transition stage. At the end of the spring we will confirm who these children are.

We would also like to include some initial stage whole classes. The schools involved would be:

Darell – guitar

Barnes – keyboard

Meadlands & Holy Trinity - percussion

Your children will be playing with borough groups including Richmond Youth Percussion Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble and Keyboard Ensemble

### When will the children learn the concert pieces?

These will be taught in their normal instrumental lessons.

### Will there be extra rehearsals during school time? And will we need to take the children anywhere?

On the concert day, there will be a **daytime rehearsal at St Mary's College** for all Wider Opportunities players. We will confirm whether this is in the morning or afternoon. This is the only time all the children are able to practise together before the concert so it is really important for them to be there.

**You will need to arrange to bring your children to this rehearsal.**

The rehearsal for the massed items takes place early in the evening and we will ask parents to bring their children to this.

### Will there be any cost to participating schools?

No, apart from any travel costs involved in taking the children to and from the rehearsal on the concert day. We would like as many teachers as possible to come along to the concert and tickets for teachers and teaching assistants are free. There will be a charge for audience tickets only.

To register your school for the Big Racket 2010,  
please complete and return the attached slip.

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### 15<sup>th</sup> July 2010 Registration

School: \_\_\_\_\_

We will need to liaise with one person in your school. Please give details below.

Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Role in school (head teacher/music coordinator/other):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to Sheila Johnson by **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

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