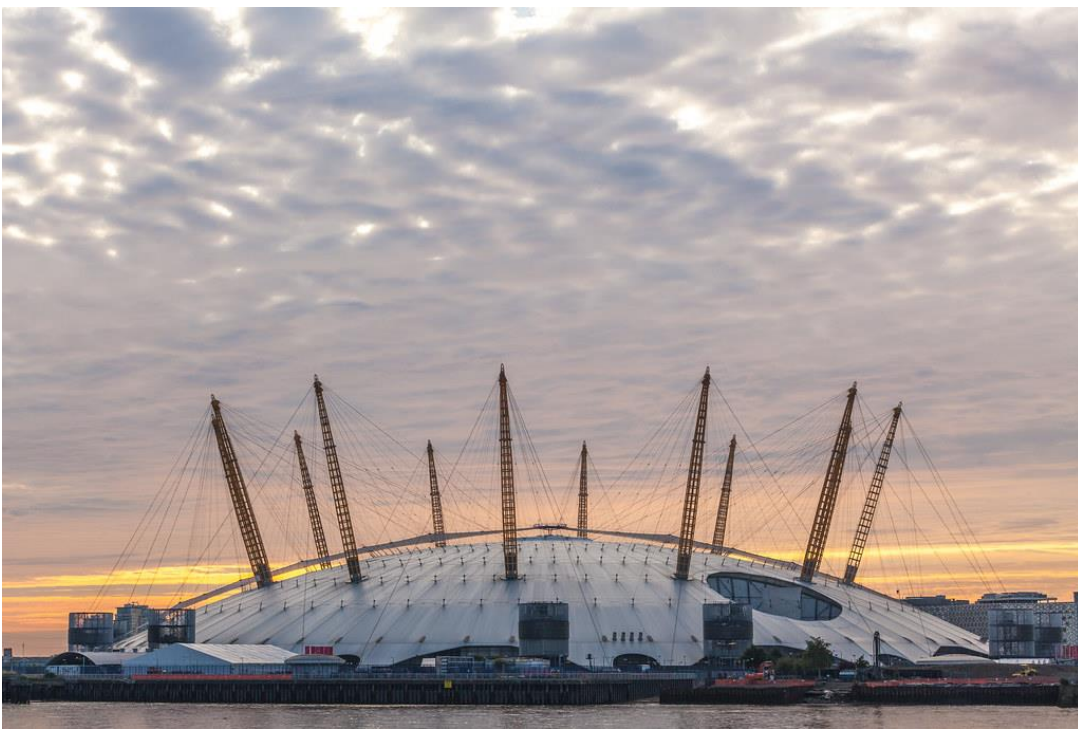


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# YOUNG VOICES 2023

## WHAT WE DID AT THE O2 ARENA...



### The O2 arena

We arrived at 12:00pm in time for lunch, we walked into the shopping area and sat down to eat our lunch. Later on, we entered the arena section in time for our singing rehearsal. We practiced all of our songs, we even got to sing along with Heather Small. This also included seeing an amazing violinist, 3 beatboxers, and a great street dance group dance to all our songs!

### The journey

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When we first came to school we got ready and made sure that we had everything we needed. then we all got onto the coach.

The coach had 2 floors and we took 2 hours to get there! We passed the river Thames, the Olympic stadium and lots of sky scrapers!!

## THE PERFORMANCE

**When it was time for the performance all the lights went out and a small spotlight appeared on the stage...**

Our first song was "Over the hills" which was a Welsh song full of many different parts. At the end of the song, we even got to sing a song in Welsh!

Then the first special guests were introduced, they were the Beatbox Collective. They sounded brilliant, they even taught us how to do a few sounds.

After, we were wowed by a very impressive violinist who had performed with Beyonce and Justin Beiber!! She played many different genres including, Rock, Hiphop and classical. The Urban Strides dance crew performed with her whist she played "Old town road" by Lil Naz X .

We performed more songs including Just around the river bend, Don't worry mashup and Trolls pop medley. Famous Heather Small stepped up onto the stage and also performed a song with Urban Strides and then later on we joined in with the song "Proud" which we enjoyed a lot.

The final song that we performed was Nile Rodgers Disco Party which included We Are Family, Everybody Dance Now and Le Freak.



## THE JOURNEY HOME

We arrived back home at around 20 mins past midnight. It was a long 2hr drive back and everyone was extremely tired the next day but we got to come into school later than usual. We had a great time & we would definitely love to have this experience again but also for other years to go and do this as well.

Thank you for reading