

Music development plan summary: *St Peters Junior School - Farnborough*

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Arianna Wilkinson
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Sharon Price (Music Governor)
Name of local music hub	Hampshire Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

Part A: Curriculum music

'Music is a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of creativity. A high quality music education should engage and inspire pupils to develop a love of music and their talent as musicians, and so increase their self-confidence, creativity and sense of achievement' (National Curriculum)

We endeavour for every child to develop an appreciation and enjoyment of music and performance. Through our music curriculum and provision, we seek to stimulate musicality and creativity, providing experiences that will empower our children to express themselves freely, artistically and confidently. We believe that a fully rounded music education enriches children's lives and learning, providing opportunities for them to communicate, connect and creatively express themselves as individuals and as part of a global family of music.

Each child has a music lesson once a week with their class. Our school follows the curriculum and lessons created by Hampshire Music Service. Each child has the opportunity to compose, perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians. The units of work are carefully chosen, with the help of Hampshire Music Service, to fit alongside the year group's overarching topic and learning question.

During the listening stage of the unit, the children are exposed to many different genres of music, promoting careful observation, developing an appreciation of the world around us, and uniting us in a universal language through the craft and creativity of music.

Throughout the units of work, children are exposed to many different instruments such as glockenspiels and untuned percussion. The children are asked to be creative when composing their pieces of music, thinking carefully about the instrument choice, being adventurous with their dynamic ideas, and ensuring that their structure is complete.

We strive to ensure that all children from our school community are able to access the music curriculum. We ensure that children are grouped in mixed abilities to make sure that everyone is inspired and encouraged. Our music lessons contain a mixture of images and symbols to make the lessons visual for the children. Our SEND children are given the opportunity to learn music through the physical contact of an instrument and 'live their life to the full' in a unique area of school life and learning.

Music is a universal language which represents one of the highest forms of creativity so EAL children can share in music without the barrier of language. Music is inclusive and encourages freedom of expression.

During Year 4, children have the opportunity to learn to play the recorder for a term during their class music lessons. This provides them with an experience which might inspire them to continue learning the instrument outside of class lessons in Recorder club. The children also participate in an African Drumming workshop linked to their topic based on the Ivory Coast.

All staff have received CPD training from Hampshire Music Service to ensure that all children are being taught the correct dimensions and skills. Staff meetings directed by the Music Lead have recapped knowledge and demonstrated the teaching of instrumental skills. Our weekly singing assemblies, which are also directed by the Music Lead, demonstrate singing techniques to the staff team.

Music page on school website: www.stpeterscofejuniorschool.co.uk/music-4/

Part B: Co-curricular music

Over recent years, we have ignited and grown a love of music and singing throughout the school. The children have many opportunities to sing and play musical instruments outside of their class lesson time.

In our singing assembly each week, the children are taken through physical and vocal warm ups, as well as learning and practising songs together. This provides all children

with the opportunity to sing songs with links to the curriculum and to the school value of the week.

Our school choir shines throughout our school as a beacon of music. The choir has grown and developed so much over the last few years, proving their success by winning the Farnborough Lions' choir competition in 2024. The choir had the opportunity to sing in front of judges and a large audience, showcasing our school values of responsibility and collaboration.

Our school choir also perform at many local events, such as Victoria Day in Aldershot and at St Peter's Church services and events. Eleven pupil premium children are currently involved in choir and are enabled and supported to participate in a number of opportunities, such as concerts, trips and assemblies.

We have a strong link with two of our local feeder secondary schools; Salesian College and The Wavell. Students from Salesian College visit annually and perform instrumental pieces to our school children in order to inspire them to learn instruments. Our choir also sings and performs to the Salesian College students so they are given them a taste of performing and sharing music with other musicians.

The Wavell and St Peters Schools project is really special. The Wavell Band prepare the music to a selection of songs, whilst our choir practise singing them. After a morning of rehearsing and meeting together, we all perform to the whole of St Peters school. Thus, inspiring children to either join our school choir, or to open their eyes to the instruments that could be learnt leading up to and in secondary school. It is always lovely to see some of our past pupils involved in The Wavell Band.

The children have an opportunity to learn a musical instrument and form a band through our extra-curricular club called I-rock. One of their music teachers teaches the children instruments such as guitar, bass, drums and keyboard. This results in a termly assembly to the whole school and to parents. It is amazing to see the children develop their skills throughout the year.

Recorder club takes place once a week as a lunch time club. Children can bring their own recorders, or can be loaned a school recorder on which to practise. They perform in assemblies and also in our annual music concert.

This past year, the whole school was involved in a music day run and led by the Royal Opera House. The children took singing, dancing and design preparation lessons, and then live streamed into the event on the day, following a schedule of practising and performing. The final performance at the end of the day was live streamed and played in Covent Garden, London.

Instrumental tuition is led by an external company called Rock and Pop. This includes guitar, piano and drums. Prices can be obtained via the school office.

Part C: Musical experiences

Our school choir has many opportunities to perform and experience music, both locally and nationally. They are involved in Young Voices, where they perform in the largest school choir concert in the O2 arena in London. They recently won the Farnborough Lions Choir competition 2024. To round off a successful year for our school choir, they took a trip to watch 'Wicked the Musical' in London.

This year, we have started a partnership with the Farnborough Symphony Orchestra. Nine of our children were able to work and compose music with the conductor and leader of the orchestra, and then perform in the orchestra's summer concert. Children chosen for this event were those who were not yet involved in extra-curricular music or choir in our school. The children performed brilliantly and we are keen to be involved in the project again next year.

We have four singing ambassadors who are working with Hampshire Music Service to encourage singing within our schools. They attend workshops throughout the year and help in singing assemblies, sharing their knowledge from the workshops with other children.

We also have an annual invitation from another local secondary school, Farnborough Hill. Our Year 6 children visit their school and watch their musical production. This shows the children another opportunity which they could be involved in as they develop their education.

For the past two years, we have hosted a whole school music concert where every child performs in a joint concert in St Peters Church. Each year group learns and performs a song; choir and recorder club also sing and play. We invite our two local feeder secondary schools; Salesian College and The Wavell School, to perform and collaborate with choir. This event has now become a key part of music our school and the tradition of an annual music concert will continue to flourish.

For the past two years, we have been successful in being awarded a music grant from Wellington College. This money has allowed us to purchase sound systems, instruments and other musical opportunities for our school.

We are also very fortunate for our year 6 team to produce a summer term production, including singing and acting. They put on two performances, to the school and also their parents.

In the future

In the future we aim to:

Plan 'Music of the week' for all classes to listen to during the morning. This will create a calm environment for the children as they start their day and will contribute to their well-being, and personal and spiritual development.

Research and participate in the Music for Youth festival.

Develop spiritual opportunities within singing assemblies.

Find and promote violin lessons using 11 violins which we have been given.

Review and develop SEND provision through the music curriculum by meeting with and planning with the SENCo.