

Music development plan summary: St. Bede's Catholic Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024/25
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Name of the school music lead	Anne-Marie McQuillin
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	South Tyneside Council Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, co-curricular provision and musical experiences – and what changes we are planning in future years. This information is to help pupils and parents/ carers to understand what our school offers and who we work with to support our pupils' music education.

Part A: Curriculum music

We teach music weekly in each year group, with lesson time lasting an hour, alongside a fortnightly hymn practice. Our class teachers are experts in adapting our curriculum to meet the needs of children with additional needs and/or disabilities, and these bespoke adaptations ensure that music can be enjoyed by all.

Our music curriculum is informed by the national and model music curriculum and we follow curriculum planning designed by our multi-academy Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust which incorporates elements from Charanga. The singing voice is the instrument which is the thread that runs right through our curriculum. Pupils in Early Years and Key Stage 1 learn to play on untuned percussion instruments, whereas pupils in Key Stage 2 progress to using tuned percussion, in our case the glockenspiel.

Thanks to our links with the music service at South Tyneside Council, children in Years 3 to 5 have the opportunity to have whole-class instrument tuition for an hour a week over a whole term, taught by specialist music teachers. In Autumn term, Year 4 are learning djembe drumming, Year 3 will learn the keyboard in the Spring term and then Year 5 will

learn the ukelele for a termly block. This gives our children the unique opportunity to learn different styles of instruments and have a variety of experiences to perform as a group throughout their time at St. Bede's.

We accessed tuition from 'Music Hands' where pupils have been taught to create music using the iPads, blending music with technology for composition.

Pupils across the school also experience listening to different genres of music with 'Song of the Day', honing their listening and appraisal skills.

More information about our music curriculum is found on this section of our school website <https://stbedesjarrow.co.uk/curriculum/music/>

Part B: Co-curricular music

We make sure that we offer our pupils opportunities to sing and play music outside of lesson time and make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

For children in Years 3-6, we run a school choir in the Autumn term in preparation for our Christmas singing opportunities (see 'Musical experiences' section below). We meet on a weekly basis and have extra practice sessions as and when needed.

We encourage our children to access music groups outside of school. Some of our children have been invited to join a drumming group led by our visiting music teacher from South Tyneside Council. In the past, some of our Year 5 and 6 children who learnt clarinet and flute in small groups were encouraged to join the South Tyneside Youth Orchestra on Saturday mornings.

We endeavour to be supportive of all children studying for formal gradings of Music and offer timetable variations where necessary to help with these. Our pupil premium grant funding is always targeted and spent on a bespoke basis which includes, where requested, funding lessons or instrument hire for children wanting to access such.

Part C: Musical experiences

We recognise the importance of musical experiences in our children's lives. With this in mind, we organise singing and performing in front of an audience. We also host concerts and shows in school, as well as external trips to attend professional concerts.

We celebrate the musical talents and achievements of all our pupils by recognising success inside and outside of school within our Celebration assemblies on Fridays. We organise talent shows and musical performances at the end of the school year where children can perform and experience a larger audience.

EYFS and Key Stage 1 learn and perform songs for their nativity performances. Other year groups learn and perform songs for their special masses and Celebration of the Word throughout the year; for example, Year 2 learn and perform songs for their 'Passion of Christ' Easter celebration.

Our Key Stage 2 choir perform alongside other choirs from our Jarrow cluster of schools at the 'Big Sing' at St. Matthew's Church for an evening of carols in December. They also perform for parishioners in the church hall and local care homes.

Some of our children also participate in singing events organised by our multi-academy Trust and led by a specialist musician. Schools from across the Trust have joined together to perform at Durham Cathedral and Rainton Arena and our children have experienced performing in front of a much larger audience.

We give our pupils the opportunity to hear live music as much as possible. We have arranged visits from African drummers, invited theatre companies into school to perform, and our Key Stage 2 classes attend a live concert in the summer term by the musical ensemble 'Different Voices', organised by South Tyneside Council.

In the future

In the future, we want to continue to train and upskill our teaching staff in their ability and confidence when teaching music so that our musical offer goes from strength to strength. This will involve staff continuing to attend any CPD offered by our Trust as well as 'bite-size' training offered by our school's Music lead during staff meeting time.

We would like to meet as a choir throughout the year with weekly choir practices, preparing and rehearsing for more singing events throughout the year.

We would like to continue to offer our pupils the opportunity to experience a variety of instruments across their time at St. Bede's and we want to ensure that there is clear progression of musical skills in the instruments learnt. In the future, we intend for Year 3 to have a term's block of djembe drumming lessons, Year 4 keyboard lessons and Year 5 ukelele lessons from our specialist music teachers.

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