

Music Development Plan Summary: Barnfields Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Tracy O'Connor
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mrs Gayle Darlington
Name of local music hub	Entrust
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A



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 or carers understand what our school offers and who we work with to support our pupils' music education.

Part A: Curriculum music

This is about what we teach in lesson time, how much time is spent teaching music and any music qualifications or awards that pupils can achieve.

From Reception to Year 6, pupils at Barnfields Primary School receive at least one hour per week of active and participative timetabled music education. They have vari-

ous opportunities to learn singing and instrument playing, such as whole-class ensemble teaching in some year groups, one-to-one lessons from a visiting music teacher and the school choir.

Music teaching delivers the requirements of the National Curriculum through half-termly units, supported by the Charanga Original Scheme of Work. Each unit is carefully sequenced to build upon prior learning, ensuring better cognition and retention and focusing on the high-quality development of children as musicians. Core areas of study include singing, listening and appraising, composing and improvising, and instrumental performance, all of which are cumulatively built throughout the curriculum. There is a strong emphasis on the musical language that pupils need to explore their own musicality, revisited and embedded over time to develop confident, inspired musicians.

Musical lessons are creative, exploratory and practical allowing children of all backgrounds to develop a love of music along with the knowledge and skills which give them a broad understanding of this artistic area. At the end of each half term the children have the opportunity to perform in class with their peers.

Part B: Co-curricular music

This is about opportunities for pupils to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, including choirs, ensembles and bands, and how pupils can make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

At Barnfields Primary School, there are numerous opportunities for pupils to sing and play music outside of lesson time. We offer one-to-one tuition once a week for pupils in violin, flute, guitar and clarinet, allowing for personalised and focused instruction. Tuition fees are subsidised for pupils eligible for Pupil Premium, ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder musical development.

Year 4 pupils participate in large-group violin tuition, fostering a sense of community and collaborative learning. These pupils have access to free violin instrument loans, encouraging practice and improvement outside of structured lessons.

We offer our pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 the opportunity to join our mixed age group choir. The choir enjoy weekly practice sessions at the end of the school day and develop the skill to sing and perform as an ensemble.

Part C: Musical experiences

This is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as singing in assembly, concerts and shows, and trips to professional concerts.

At Barnfields Primary School, we organise a variety of musical events and opportunities throughout the academic year. Year 6 pupils can participate in the end-of-year production, which features musical performances.

During Christmas, pupils practice and perform songs at Holy Trinity Church, with an audience of parents and our local community enjoying this wonderful event. Our Reception and Year 1 children present an annual nativity play that includes a range of songs, adding to the festive spirit.

Young Voices - labelled the biggest concert in the world – is attended and enjoyed every year. Performed at the Resorts World, our choir have the opportunity to perform with internationally acclaimed music artists, sing with guidance from renowned conductors and perform to family, friends and the wider public.

In the Spring term, we join Walton High School and perform for a hugely popular local school event 'The Pyramid Concert'. This is in collaboration with four other local primary schools, led by Walton High Music Department.

In Year 4, a violin concert for parents is performed to display further musical skills and knowledge.

In the future

This is about what the school is planning for subsequent years.

Barnfields Primary School has ambitious plans to enhance its music programme in the coming years. We intend to invite guest performers in each term to develop an appreciation of music as an art form in its varieties. To further enhance the curriculum offer at Barnfields, we aim to provide further opportunities for performance throughout the year, such as termly school performance in each phase, along with singing assemblies.

These initiatives aim to further enrich our children's musical education and foster a vibrant, inclusive musical culture within the school