

What music events are

happening?

To view and read about recent music activities at Stradbroke Primary School, visit:

www.stradbrokeprimar.uk

Aims

The teaching of music supports the overall aims of the school in the following ways:

- To be an inclusive school treating all pupils fairly and giving all learners equality of opportunity.
- To treat all learners as individuals and differentiate teaching and learning to take into account their individual and special needs.
- To ensure that all learners benefit from a rich, broad and balanced curriculum presented in an interesting, exciting and imaginative manne with lots of opportunities for first hand experiences, practical work and investigation.
- To deliver a creative curriculum; this makes links between different subjects and skills.
- To make the school experience enjoyable and where success is celebrated. To ensure that all learners benefit from a rich, broad and balanced curriculum presented in an interesting, exciting and imaginative manner.

Links to religious, cultural and moral learning

Music is taught within topic and within other lessons such as R.E. and the majority of activities are practical and experiential to promote an appreciation of cultural activities to enrich pupils learning.

When do music lessons happen?

Brass lessons – Mr Steele from Sheffield

Music service (on Tuesdays)

Keyboard/Guitar – Mr Couch (on Fridays)

What are the benefits of learning an instrument?

Research has shown that music can have a positive impact on the following qualities:

- Self-confidence
- Self-discipline
- Imagination and creativity
- Communication skills
- Team and social skills
- Self-respect
- Listening skills
- Commitment, loyalty and co-operation
- Concentration skills



Music at Stradbroke Primary School



What is the purpose of

Music?

At Stradbroke, we highly value the importance that the role of expressive arts plays in the life of the school, and through regular involvement, we encourage pupils to express themselves in innovative and motivating ways.

Music participation, including singing, gives children unique opportunities to create and be fluent in their thinking and offers opportunities for children to respond in unique ways to listening or moving to music and create new songs and rhymes. At our school, we provide children with the opportunity to express their feelings and ideas freely as they dance to a song, pound a drum, or sing a song with pleasure.

Links to the curriculum

Music is taught by the class teacher or a higher level teaching assistant and is generally linked to other areas of the curriculum as part of the children's topic work. Learning about music encourages children to listen, appraise, compose, perform and sing. As children progress through the school, they will progress in each of these areas and cover a range of different areas, as prescribed by the new National Curriculum, for example, relate to staff and music notation.

We believe that children should be given the chance to appreciate a variety of music, ranging from hip hop to classical music and taught as a whole school approach through a weekly music assembly on Thursday mornings.

The value of music

Through songs of worship, we value the social and mental wellbeing of our children. At Stradbroke, we value communications relating to the health and wellbeing of all pupils and provide a rich, supportive environment which promotes active involvement, creativity, partnerships with professionals, and which connects to the experiences of the pupils.

Musical performances

Each year, the school has a number of opportunities for children to perform to a wider audience which parents are invited to attend.

At Christmas, children in phases 1 and 2 (foundation to Y3) perform in a Christmas play, usually in the community centre whereas the children in phase 3 (Y4-6) perform in a carol concert with readings at St Catherine's Church. Once the Y6's have finished their SATS, they focus their attention on preparing and rehearsing for a fantastic final performance at the end of the summer term.

Visiting musicians and creative artists

From time to time we have a visiting music specialists to help ensure that pupils experience and enjoy the opportunity to be creative and imaginative and have opportunities to nurture and develop their interests and skills.

This year, the Toffee Music Duo came into our school and performed songs that were linked to our topics.

What is WOPPs?

With close links with the Sheffield Music Hub, Stradbroke Primary School is privileged to be involved in the Sheffield Music Service's Wider Opportunities programme (WOPPs). All children in year four have the opportunity to learn to play brass instruments and have weekly class lessons that are **free!**. The Y4 children also invite their parents to see the progress they have made in learning their brass instruments in an assembly towards the end of the year.

A purpose for learning

Each phase in school are encouraged to include music within their topic, in which they can incorporate different aspects of their learning.

Each Thursday, all children in KS1 and KS2 have a music assembly where they learn about different styles of music. which not only promotes a positive whole-school ethos through collaborative singing, but contributes to supporting positive relationships and nurturing children's understanding of music from other countries around the world.

Recent concerts and events

More recently, children in KS2 performed at Birley Singing Festival and we have had visiting musicians from Toffee Music Band and Sheffield Jazz Band perform to children in nursery, KS1 and KS2.