

Music development plan summary: West Bridgford Junior School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Laura Green
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	N/A
Name of local music hub	Nottinghamshire
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	INSPIRE

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.

The West Bridgford Junior School curriculum has been designed using content taken from 'Sing Up' and 'Charanga'. These are specialist music websites with carefully planned schemes that closely follow the National Curriculum. Music is taught in each year group for the equivalent of half of the academic year – a minimum of six hour lessons each term.

The teaching content covers knowledge of music genres, music appreciation, music theory, composition and performance.

One half term in each year group is dedicated to learning a tuned instrument. This includes Year 4 being taught by a specialist in whole class instrument lessons.

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.

We have a wide range of opportunities for children to sing and play music outside of their regular lessons. Inspire provide 1:1 and small group music tuition for children from Year 4 onwards. We have almost 100 pupils accessing this provision and there are a number of different instrument lessons provided. Rockley Music deliver drumming lessons to children on a weekly basis and we have just started having guitar lessons for children in Year 4.

Upper and Lower School choirs meet weekly before school to sing together. This is often to prepare for a special event such as the Young Voices concert or various performances around Christmas.

Our Year 6 Orchestra meets weekly on a Friday at the end of the day and we are looking to expand this to include Year 5 pupils. Year 5 also have a recorder group who meet and practise regularly.

Our samba band formed to perform at our annual food festival and we are looking for more opportunities for them to perform.

'Rocksteady' rock bands have formed and practise on a weekly basis. Children can learn a wide range of rock instruments and their bands have an opportunity to perform on two occasions during the academic year.

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.

Each half term, we have a whole school singing Celebration assembly. We also have other opportunities for children to sing during assemblies throughout the year. We have also recently introduced the opportunity for regular instrumental performances in assemblies.

Our school orchestra have taken part in Orchestra Fest events with two different local groups of schools.

Our Year 6 children attend the annual Halle concert (in which our orchestra perform and have a workshop with a member of the Halle Orchestra)

Children performed in our Christmas Concert at a local church and we put on our 'Fiends of WBJs' Concert for members of our wider community. We also have a whole school 'Community Sing' and opportunities for small group carol singing in the community at Christmas.

In the summer term we have a Lower School and Upper School Musical Showcase which provides opportunities for all the children in school to demonstrate their musical talents.

The Year 6 Leavers' Production and Graduation Assembly both always provide lots of opportunities for singing.

In the future

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

- We will continue with our wonderful programme of concerts and fine-tune these to make them even better.
- We will look to embed music more into daily life through regular Celebration assemblies, Musician Of The Month in assembly, a list of school songs and instrumentalist of the month
- We will create an even higher profile for Orchestra and have a launch to invite Year 5 players to join
- We will look to have more extra-curricular groups if possible
- We will collaborate with West Bridgford Infant School on more musical events