



Music Policy

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Abbey Hulton Primary Music

Here at Abbey Hulton Primary School we aim to provide our pupils with the best opportunities to develop their musical skills and talent. We do this through a range of high quality, curriculum linked music sessions, taught by staff, through Charanga Music School. Charanga provides week-by-week units for each year group and every lesson provides a high quality and unique experience of listening, appraising and performing songs from different decades and of different genres.

Learning to Play an Instrument:

Our children all have access to quality instruments and each class is given a taught session on how to play a specific instrument. Nursery, reception and year 1 have sets of percussion instruments to use. These instruments help children to develop the basics in music such as pulse and beat. In year 2, children learn to play the ocarina, a small, hand held instrument that is blown like a recorder, to create songs. Year 3 and 4 are given descant recorder sessions and year 5 and 6, are taught to play the treble (alto) recorder.

We hope this will allow children to not only progress in music, but develop a love of the subject. Every child is unique, and playing music can unlock creativity in every child and adult. Music is the sound track to life and reflects the culture and society we live in, and learning music, allows children to better understand their world.

But most of all, music is FUN!!

The National Curriculum

The national curriculum for music aims to ensure that all pupils:

- 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
- learn to sing and to use their voices, to create and compose music on their own and with others, have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, use technology appropriately and have the opportunity to progress to the next level of musical excellence
- understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated, including through the interrelated dimensions: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations

Key Stage 1:

Pupils should be taught to:

- use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes
- play tuned and untuned instruments musically
- listen with concentration and understanding to a range of high-quality live and recorded music
- experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the interrelated dimensions of music

Key Stage 2:

Pupils should be taught to sing and play musically with increasing confidence and control. They should develop an understanding of musical composition, organising and manipulating ideas within musical structures and reproducing sounds from aural memory.

Pupils should be taught to:

- play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression
- improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the interrelated dimensions of music
- listen with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory
- use and understand staff and other musical notations
- appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians
- develop an understanding of the history of music

Intent: What are we trying to achieve in our school?

- Our aim is to ensure all of our pupils, from nursery to year 6, have the opportunity to explore, develop and enhance their musical abilities and to view themselves and others as talented individuals.
- We aim for our children to develop mastery in music, and will do this through repetitive based music sessions, where children learn about the same musical concepts through a variety of musical activities.
- All children will have a weekly music session.
- Our children all have the opportunity to access and learn how to play a variety of instruments, which includes:
 - Nursery and reception: Percussion instruments
 - Year 1: Percussion instruments including boom whackers and glockenspiels.
 - Year 2: Ocarinas (due to start September 2021)
 - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6: Recorders and treble recorders. (treble recorders due September 2021)
- Children have access to a variety of music clubs to help them to develop confidence and team work, including a lunch time Glee club (when restrictions allow) and Songbirds.
- Through the teaching of music, we aim to provide our children with a selection of curriculum links to other subjects, including history and geography. Children will listen to, review and evaluate a range of music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including contemporary music and the works of the great composers and musicians using subject specific vocabulary relating to the musical elements; instrumentation, metre, rhythm, pitch, dynamics, tempo, texture, structure and melody.

Implementation: How do we put our aims into practice?

- All staff will have long term plans issued at the beginning of each academic year and the opportunity to look through and change where appropriate.
- The plans are carefully designed to help children progress through the key stages of primary school, in order to develop children's readiness for secondary education.
- Music has clear links to other subject topics and staff are able to make these links known to children through the scheme.
- As music lead, I aim to ensure all children have access to good quality instruments and music lessons.
- Utilise staff in school who are already confident in teaching recorders to teach children.
- Staff have their own individual accounts on our Charanga Music Scheme, with the opportunity to access CPD and training, whenever it is required.

Impact

- We intend for all of our children to leave Abbey Hulton Primary school with a secure understanding of music.
- We aim for all children to have access to instruments and to be able to play a tuned instrument by the end of year 6.
- We want children to be able to read music confidently and name a variety of genres and performers, from modern day to classic.
- We want children to have opportunities to explore their musical talents, through playing instruments or singing as part of Glee Club or songbirds and to enjoy performing with and in front of others.
- We want children to feel proud of their musical achievements!
- For children to love music and reap the benefits of listening to and creating their own music.
- For children to go into higher education and want to explore music further.



Upcoming Events at Abbey Hulton

June 21st:

International Music Day!

Our school are taking part in International Music this year. Our classes have been busy practicing songs that will be recorded and shared with all of the other schools within our trust.

Watch this space for the link to the video!

We will also be dedicating the day to music and will be doing lots of music based activities to celebrate the day!



What's on Offer at Abbey Hulton?

At our school, we currently offer the following music sessions:

Early Years/ Year 1:

The smallest members of our school have beautiful sets of percussion instruments, to allow them to explore freely, what sounds instruments make, what they feel like and how to create noise. This is taught through continuous provision (indoors and outdoors) as well as small group sessions.

Year 2:

Our wonderful year 2 children have the fantastic opportunity to participate in Songbirds. This is a city wide scheme, where our children learn to sing as part of group. Songbirds hold festivals throughout the year, at fantastic venues including The Victoria Hall.

Year 3:

Our year 3 children are given a taught recorder lesson from the City Music Service.

Year 4:

Our year 4 children have access to our music trolley with glockenspiels.

Year 5 and 6:

Our year 5 and 6 children have the option to participate in our excellent recorder club. These children have the opportunity to take part in music festivals across the city as well play for members of our local community, including Breathe City Church.

Coming soon!!

In the coming months, our school will be purchasing some brand new instruments for our ENTIRE school! All of our children will have access to high quality instruments and from year 2 onwards, will all be given the chance to learn how to play an instrument. Our year 2 children will be learning how to play the ocarina, with children in years 3-6, the chance to learn the recorder and treble recorder. How fantastic!

Our younger children in nursery, reception and year 1 will be given new sets of percussion instruments to set the foundations!

Glee Club

In Summer 2022, we will be starting up our very own Glee Club! Our children will have the chance to sing their favourite songs as part of a group and will be given opportunities to perform them for the school, friends and families. We will also be looking at singing for our local community, including Breathe City Church and care homes, to help brighten other people's day! Flyers will be going out before the summer holidays with more information.