



Music development plan summary: *Medlar-with-Wesham CofE Primary School*

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024/25
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Name of the school music lead	Rosie McSpirit
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Louise Thompson
Name of local music hub	Lancashire 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 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.

At Medlar-with-Wesham Primary School, we have timetabled music lessons in all year groups. We use the charanga music scheme for our lessons which is aligned to the National Curriculum for Music. As we have some mixed aged classes we follow charanga over a 2 year cycle, alongside the end of year group expectations for each year to ensure all children are developing skills. Year 5 have a music specialist who comes in and teaches the children flutes, subsidised through the schools music budget.

When using the scheme and its progressive week-by-week lessons, we are guaranteeing to be meeting all the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum and progress is evident through observations, child voice interviews and whole school class performances.

Discussions with children have demonstrated an increasing knowledge of key music vocabulary being recalled. Observations have shown all pupils engaged and active during the lessons, including SEND. We have range of instruments that can be used in the lessons and our curriculum, each year group has a main instrument they focus on- EYFS/Year 1- untuned instruments, Year 1/Year 2- tuned instruments, Year 3- glockenspiels, Year 4- recorders, Year 5- flutes, Year 6- microbits (linked with computing).

During worships we focus on a song a week which the children enjoy learning each week with the whole school performing it together in our celebration worship. Children are exposed to a range of worship songs.

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 are fortunate to have many opportunities for the children to develop their music skills at Medlar-with-Wesham. We have guitar tuition lessons, subsidised by parents, where a groups of (max of) three children have a focused session with a music specialist from Lancashire music service.

We have a KS1 music group, learning how to play tuned instruments, and KS2 Y4-Y6 children can be part of the choir where we learn a range of songs. Both of which are a free of charge after school clubs.

Children in Year 5 are given the opportunity to take their flutes home, which promotes continued progress.

We have a good relationship with the Lancashire Music Service and invite them in every year to showcase the instruments that they can provide, we share classes they run at the hub and other opportunities they have available with all our school families. We have been invited to events where different classes have learnt different instruments and performed to an audience, for example Y4 children were invited to learn a brass instrument.

Little Voices is an outside music and drama company come in to do an after school club with children from Y1-Y6. This encourages a love for music and performing.

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 Medlar-with-Wesham we believe that music is an important part of all our children's primary school experiences. We endeavour to provide ample opportunities for the children to showcase their musical skills and for them to enjoy. We walk into and out of every worship to a song and sing our weekly focused song in every worship, this gives the children the chance to learn the song throughout the week ready to perform it confidently in our celebration worship on Fridays.

We take the choir children to Young Voices each year, we enjoy showcasing our favourite songs to the rest of the school before we go. Parents pay for this event, pupil premium children are subsidised by school.

Year 3 children attend Lancashire's Big Sing event where they get a few sessions with a music specialist from Lancashire Music Service prior to this and then join in with the other schools to perform. This event is paid for out of the school music budget. Parents are invited to watch the final performances and have to pay for tickets to the venue.

We have a whole school music celebration during our Christmas Big Sing, Easter Big Sing and Summer Big Sing where each class performs a piece of music that they have been learning during music lessons. Extra-curricular music groups also perform during these performances.

EYFS and KS1 perform songs during the Nativity performances, Year 4 and Year 5 perform in during the Easter Production and Year 6 perform in their end of the year production.

On World Music Day we have a music celebration where each class performs a song and we invite a local musician in to perform.

We have performed at local care homes and in the local area.

We have a Wesham's Got Talent which is to celebrate all talents but is mainly musical talents. This was run by the PTFA, and was a paid for event for all audience members (families and friends) this was an opportunity to celebrate individual children's talents and a chance for them to perform solo.

All the performances are whole school so when the children aren't performing their piece of music they are able to watch in the audience. All school performances are free of charge and all parents are invited in to watch.

In the future

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

In the subsequent years to come, we are planning to build on our music progress by upskilling teachers by providing them with continued CPD to develop their confidence and subject knowledge.

We will continue to develop children composition skills and the notation of this. We will continue to develop the school choir and children performance skills with the opportunities to perform throughout the year, with our local music hub and in the community.

We would love to provide our children with more opportunities to watch live music performances and develop of strong pupil voice.