

Music development plan summary:

Withington Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Beki Hatch
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	/
Name of local music hub	Encore Music Services

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.

Curriculum music

Our curriculum follows closely Get Set For Music and our curriculum overview is published on our website. This allows lessons and therefore skills to build upon each other.

<https://www.withington.hereford.sch.uk/page/?title=Music&pid=51>

Music at Withington is for all and we ensure all SEND children are fully integrated into our lessons. Our EHCP children are also supported by our LSA's and children's individual needs are considered. Children have the opportunity to work independently, in small groups or in whole class groups.

In KS2, music is delivered by a music specialist from our federation school – Aylestone High School. Lessons are one hour a week from Year 1 – Year 6 with EYFS having weekly lessons with their class teacher. Nursery children start music from a young age, learning traditional nursery rhymes and experiencing different musical instruments.

Children have opportunities to play musical instruments within their class throughout the year such as non-tuned percussion, glockenspiels and recorders. Musical

vocabulary is reinforced and embedded during the lesson and in KS2, children start to learn how to read musical notes.

Singing is an integral part of Withington Primary school with weekly singing assemblies and opportunities to participate in singing within their music lessons.

Withington Primary works alongside Encore Music services to provide wider opportunities for pupils and learning opportunities for staff.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

Withington currently offers 1:1 tuition for guitar for KS2 children and are hoping to open up opportunities for piano and drum later on in the year. We have instruments such as guitars, violins, recorders and keyboards to loan parents free of charge so children have the opportunity to take part in 1:1 lessons, as well as being able to provide a full size drum kit in school. Lessons for private tuition are controlled through Encore but there are opportunities for children to complete lessons 2:1 or for 20 minute slots to help reduce costs. Parents can request for PP or LAC money to go towards music tuition if this is something their child is interested in.

We have an active Glee Club that runs after school at different points of the year for children to join. This can be focused on dance performances or just for singing; completely free of charge. The music experienced is lead by the children and has previously covered a range of genres. Children enjoy singing as a large group before being encouraged to sing in small groups or even solos as their confidence grows. We often share these performances with parents via Class Dojo or during assemblies. Children have recently enjoyed taking their singing out into the local community by singing carols at Orchard House Residential Home within the village, and this is something we strive to continue every year.

Withington has lots of areas for children to practise and rehearse such as classrooms, our large hall, library area and therapy room. This allows children to rehearse in a range of size spaces with different acoustics, but also allows parents to come and see their performances.

Musical experiences

At Withington Primary School we love the opportunity to sing! Whole School singing assembly takes place once a week and used to practise towards our next performance. Children are encouraged to sing as a whole school, in smaller groups or encouraged to take on solos if their confidence allows.

We have three productions put on throughout the year and this is split into different key stages. In the Christmas period, EYFS put on their own traditional nativity and learn songs to go alongside. Also, KS1 put on their own Christmas Play and learn to act, sing and dance alongside their friends. For the end of the year, KS2 put on a large full scale production in our school hall. Children are all welcome to audition and join in on a scale that suits them, with extra support for soloists to practise 1:1 with the music lead on the run up to the big day.

Throughout the year we also incorporate singing into the majority of our events. This year we have scheduled a Harvest Festival, Christingle, a Federation Carol Concert (KS2) and an Easter Service with singing showcasing in each one. During our termly parent assemblies, children also perform songs they have enjoyed throughout the year.

For each of these events, parent admission is completely free! We enjoy parents coming along and the children having the opportunity to show off their talents on a wider scale.

We enjoy giving children extra opportunities to experience music too. In the past, we have had Music On The Move come into school through Encore Music Services, taken children to Young Voices in Birmingham and used music to boost our mental health through initiatives provided by The Courtyard, Hereford.

In the future

In the future, Withington's dream is to open up more opportunities for 1:1 tuition for all pupils. We would love to provide tuition for a wider range of instruments and for children to keep learning these instruments long term and into their future.

Withington would also like to keep expanding its links with the community and give children a larger audience to showcase their talents.

Giving children wider opportunities to experience different genres of music, different musical performances and discussions with music experts is also in our vision to ensure children see that music goes beyond the classroom.

Further information

Withington Primary Curriculum

<https://www.withington.hereford.sch.uk/page/?title=Music&pid=51>

Aylestone High School Music Information

<https://www.aylestone.hereford.sch.uk/page/?title=Music&pid=56>

Encore Music Services

<https://www.encore-enterprises.com/>

Talk away Don't Walkaway Mental Health Initiative

<https://www.courtyard.org.uk/talk-away-dont-walk-away/>