

Music Development Plan - Oxford Grove Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Ella Cowell
Name of local music hub	Bolton Music Service

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, wider opportunities 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.

Information about our school's music curriculum is published on the music subject page of our school website. This information covers our curriculum and wider provision. This curriculum is accessed by all children across school from EYFS to Year 6.

<https://www.oxford-grove.bolton.sch.uk/information/curriculum/music-at-oxford-grove/>

Children with SEN and EAL thrive, but are given extra support through additional adults within their music lessons and wider provision. All of our music lessons are taught by music specialists with the support of class teachers.

All year groups across school access a music lesson each week delivered by a music specialist from ALFA Education, as well as wider opportunities such as drumming, brass, choirs and singing groups. This learning is then revisited during timetabled sessions throughout the week to further embed knowledge and skills. Throughout the year children also learn about a wide range of musicians and composers led by the schools Music Ambassadors.

During lesson time children are given the opportunity to listen to music, discuss key vocabulary, sing and play a variety of instruments. Singing may be done as a whole class or in small groups. Some children may also perform solo pieces as part of a class performance. Similarly, the playing of instruments may be done as a whole class, in

small groups or independently. In Year 6 there is a specific focus on playing the djembe drums and brass instruments both of which are provided by specialists in this area.

Although our music lessons are delivered by music specialists, our curriculum has been personalised to meet the needs of our children. This curriculum is reviewed at key points throughout the year to ensure children have secure subject knowledge and can apply this confidently.

Part B: Wider Opportunities 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.

Our wider opportunities have recently included:

- Small group drumming in EYFS.
- KS1 Choir
- Year 2 Super Singers
- Oxford Grove Choir
- High Flyers Choir
- Boys Choir
- Drumming lessons for Year 6.
- Brass lessons for Year 6.
- KS2 Rock Band
- Music Tech Club

All of these opportunities are free, including the use of all instruments. Most children across school will access at least one of these wider opportunities during a school year.

All of our wider opportunities are designed to run alongside each year group's music curriculum and provide children with the opportunity to further develop their musical knowledge and skills.

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.

Our school choirs perform at various points throughout the year, this could be whole school assemblies or performances for parents. Children who take drumming and brass lessons perform outside of school for parents and at the end of the year as part

of our drumming and brass assembly. Children also perform as part of their class assemblies and as part of our Year 6 leavers assembly.

Each year our choirs perform as part of one concert or show outside of school (e.g., Bridgwater Hall or at local Christmas Concerts). These include children from across school and all costs are covered by the school, including transport and tickets for teachers, children and their families. As part of our reward system in school, the whole school are invited to watch musicals and shows at least once a year. Again, the cost of this is covered by the school.

In the Future

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

- To continue to provide our children with an outstanding music education from EYFS to Year 6.
- Further opportunities for our school choirs, bands and singing groups to perform during whole school assemblies and for parents.
- To refine our whole school music curriculum that will allow children to further develop their knowledge of famous musicians and composers from around the world.
- To inspire a love of music by providing enrichment opportunities such as additional instrument lessons and singing groups.
- To continue to provide additional support and opportunities for our children with SEN, ensuring that they can apply musical skills with confidence.
- To use music as a tool to support positive mental health and wellbeing.