

Music development plan summary: St John's CE Primary

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 - 2025
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Name of the school music lead	Lianne Rooker
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Naomi Hedges
Name of local music hub	Services for Education
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Irock Ex Cathedra (Singing playgrounds and Singmaker)

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.

All of the information regarding our music curriculum can be found on the school website here: <https://st-johns-cofe-primary.secure-primariesite.net/music-3/>

You will find information on:

- The school's intent for music
- The school's implementation of music:
 - The curriculum design along with unit plans
 - How the provision is in line with the MMC
 - How time is allocated to the teaching of music
 - The commitment for inclusivity and how we engage children with SEND and challenge more able musicians

- Opportunities for the music curriculum to be enhanced outside of the classroom (along with an overview of our whole school musical appreciation units)
- Our link with the music hub: Services for Education
- The impact of the music provision

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.

Children in Year 4 receive a lesson a week of music tuition delivered by Services for Education. These happen in school time. We work with the tutors to ensure that the progression of vocabulary and skills is in line with our planned whole school curriculum. One class is offered the flute as their instrument, and the other class has a choice from a range of brass instruments. These lessons are paid for by school. Children have the option to take the instrument home throughout the course of the year to practice. Some children have requested to practice in school outside of lesson times and this can be accommodated.

Those children who show aptitude or an interest in their instrument are offered the opportunity to have further lessons in Year 5 or 6. These take place in school time, and are usually in a small group of no more than 5/6. These groups are called 'the electives' and again are paid for by school. If the children reach a required level through the course of their lessons, the music tutor will consider entering them for awards.

We also have a link with the provider 'Irock'. They have delivered a whole school collective worship on building a rock band. They now provide the school with private small group lessons to teach children how to play rock instruments. These are paid for by parents.

We run a performing arts after school club for children in KS2 with the aim of performing in a collective worship each term.

The school has membership for Ex Cathedra's singing playgrounds and SingMaker. This enables children to be songleaders at playtime and also increases a repertoire of songs that can be learnt and sung at any point in the day.

We also encourage children and families to access music events outside of school and our newsletter promotes events that our families can attend. We are mindful that enrichment shouldn't come as a financial burden to our families and so we promote events and lessons that are free. Last year we advertised:

Free music lessons at the Springfield centre 'Music explorers', B-side Hip hop festival. Birmingham Weekender, Jazz and Blues at the Shires, auditions for the Cathedral choir. We also use the newsletter to share the songs which we are learning at school and the music that we are listening to. All information can be found in our archive of newsletters: <https://www.st-johns-pri.bham.sch.uk/weekly-newsletters/>

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.

We have whole school singing sessions every week for 40 mins on a Monday morning. These are led by a trained singer. At the end of each term we have a special collective worship where we perform all of the songs we have learnt.

Each year group leads a performance for the whole school and for parents and carers. This includes Harvest (year group TBC), Christmas (Reception and Year 4), Leaver's show (Year 6) and 3 other events, the theme of which is determined by the Year group.

Our Year 4 musicians and electives aim to perform to the school and to parents at least twice a year (usually in the Spring term and at the end of the Summer Term). This is led by the tutors from Services for Education.

At the end of the Summer Term, we also hold a Talent show for the children in Years 3 – 6 which is performed to the whole school.

We aim to extend our children's cultural and music education by inviting musicians into perform to our children or by attending concerts and events outside of school. These will be planned in over the course of this year and this plan updated accordingly.

Last year, the school organised the following:

Irock interactive performance in a whole school Collective worship, Pantomime delivered to the whole school by Riverside Performing Arts, Workshop day delivered by BOA, Whole school Collective worship led by the musical director for Birmingham Cathedral, Trip to Symphony Hall for Year 5 to take part in an interactive concert by Ex Cathedra Education Team.

In the future

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

- Start a school choir
- Make links with colleges/schools/unis who may want to offer out performances/ introduction to their instrument

- Opportunities for children who are gifted in playing instrument to join ensembles/ play outside of school