

Summer term 1 musical appreciation

Week beginning	Value	Artist/ composer/ genre	Links
25.4.22	<p style="text-align: center;">Forgiveness St George's day</p>	<p>Sir Elton Hercules John was named Reginald Kenneth Dwight when he was born on 25 March 1947. He is better known simply as Elton John.</p> <p>Elton is an English singer, songwriter, pianist, and composer and was the biggest music star in the 1970s. He is sometimes given the nickname of 'Rocketman' after his 1972 hit of the same name. He still releases music today and got a Christmas number 1 in 2021 with Ed Sheeran singing 'Sausage rolls for everyone'!</p> <p>Elton started playing his grandmother's piano as a young boy and could play tunes just by having listened to them. At age 11, he won a junior scholarship to the Royal Academy of Music. According to one of his teachers, John promptly played back, like a "gramophone record", a four-page piece by Handel after hearing it only once.</p> <p>He became famous in the 1970s for the songs which he wrote and performed. He was also known for being a flamboyant performer on stage. As well as his pop songs, Elton composed several musicals. He</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=god03PVTLqk&ab_channel=EltonJohnVEVO</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtVBCG6ThDk&ab_channel=EltonJohnVEVO</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GIPfCy1url&ab_channel=EltonJohnVEVO</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwH9YvhPN7c&ab_channel=DisneyMusicVEVO</p>

		also composed the music for the animated movies <i>The Lion King (1994)</i> .	
2.5.22	Forgiveness	<p>Kate Bush</p> <p>Catherine "Kate" Bush (born 30 July 1958) was born in Kent in England and grew up with her family who loved music (and also karate!). At the age of 11 she taught herself piano and started to write her own songs.</p> <p>In 1978, her first single "Wuthering Heights" was Number 1 in the UK for a month. This was amazing as before her, no other woman had made it to No.1 in the UK with a song she had written by themselves. Since then she has released ten studio albums and 25 UK hit singles. In 2013, Kate Bush was appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) for services to music.</p> <p>The song 'Wuthering Heights' is named after a novel by Emily Bronte. Kate had watched a tv film of the book and was inspired to write a song about it. In the video she made, she used her interpretive dance (which she had studied at college) to tell the song. It might look a bit odd to today's audiences but at the time, Kate was thought to be experimental and really exciting to listen to and watch.</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-1pMM1e4hb4</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AE5PmGIBfNg</p>

		<p>The other song here is a duet with Peter Gabriel. He used to sing with a British rock band called Genesis. This song has a powerful message about perseverance. 'Don't give up, you still have us. Don't give up, we're proud of who you are'. Year 6 might find this useful if they are feeling a bit anxious about next week!</p>	
9.5.22	<p>Respect Eurovision song contest</p>	<p>The Eurovision Song Contest On Saturday 14th May it is the Eurovision Song Contest. This is an international songwriting contest where countries from Europe (and a few non-European countries like Australia!) compete to see who has the best song. If your country wins, it then hosts the competition the next year. This year it is being held in Turin in Italy.</p> <p>There are 40 countries which compete. 'The Big Five' automatically qualify for the final (Germany, Spain, UK, Italy and France) but the remaining 35 have to enter the semi finals and only 20 of them will get through.</p> <p>This year's entry has been written and is being performed by Sam Ryder. It is called 'Space Man'. Sam became famous on TikTok during the first lockdown by singing covers of songs. He got noticed by singers like Justin Bieber and soon became the most viewed UK artist with millions of followers.</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=udsMTb2Nlak&feature=emb_imp_woyt&ab_channel=EurovisionSongContest</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LIDvmqNP5Kw&feature=emb_imp_woyt&ab_channel=SamRyderOfficialTiktokCompilations</p>
16.5.22	<p>Respect</p>	<p>Queen are a British rock band that was formed in London in 1970. They are one of the most successful music acts of all time, selling over 300 million records worldwide. The members were Freddie Mercury (lead vocals, piano), Brian May (lead guitar,</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-tJYN-eG1zk&ab_channel=QueenOfficial</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fJ9rUzIMcZQ&ab_channel=QueenOfficial</p>

		<p>vocals), Roger Taylor (drums, vocals), and John Deacon (bass guitar).</p> <p>Three of their biggest hits were: "Bohemian Rhapsody", "We Will Rock You", and "We Are the Champions"</p> <p>Freddie Mercury, the lead singer, was named Farrokh Bulsara. His parents were born in Iraq and he was born in Zanzibar. The family moved to London when he was 18. Freddie was known for his flamboyant personality and incredible vocals. He could sing over 4 octaves which means he could sing really low and really high. He passed away at the age of 45 but even after his death, he is consistently voted as one of the greatest singers in the history of popular music.</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=04854XqcfCY&ab_channel=QueenOfficial</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=04854XqcfCY&ab_channel=QueenOfficial</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FP808MiJUcM</p>
<p>23.5.22</p>	<p>Thankfulness Queen's jubilee</p>	<p>Gary Barlow Gary Barlow is an English singer, songwriter, record producer, actor, and television personality. He is the lead singer of the British pop group Take That. Gary is one of the UK's most successful songwriters - he has written thirteen number-one singles and twenty-four top ten hits. In 2012, the Queen awarded him an OBE (Officer of the Order of the British Empire) for his services to the entertainment industry and charity.</p> <p>In 2012, it was the Queen's Golden Jubilee (60 years as Queen) and Gary Barlow co-wrote a song with Answer Lloyd Weber (a world renowned British composer - mainly of musicals). This song was performed by Gary Barlow, the commonwealth band and the Military Wives. The song, called 'sing' was the title track of an album *also called 'Sing'. Both the single and the album went to number 1 in the charts.</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ah_Yf7ey1Q</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fOmCw1tuyrY</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MYGNYg16mWE</p>

		<p>You will also find a song here that Gary has written and performed with Elton John. If you like his music, the final clip is a medley (lots of songs put together) which Gary is singing live at one of his concerts.</p>	
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