

Music development plan summary: The Mary Bassett Lower School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	K Price
Name of local music hub	Inspiring Music- Central Bedfordshire

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

Information about our music curriculum- intent and progression can be found [here](#) alongside other curriculum information.

Our school curriculum is informed by the Model Music Curriculum and implemented with the Charanga MMC scheme within Key stages 1 and 2. Music lessons are delivered weekly in half termly blocks by classroom teachers. Every unit taught offers children opportunities to listen, compose, improvise and perform. Children sing, and play glockenspiel through all year groups. In addition to this, singing assemblies within year groups are delivered weekly with songs linked to topic themes and wider community events.

Training and CPD opportunities are offered through Inspiring Music.

Extra-curricular music

The school uses its music room to offer instrumental tuition and ensembles. To allow all children to access tuition, the lessons, instruments and other equipment have been provided or costs subsidised through pupil premium funding and from the school community.

Tuition is currently offered from Year 1 for piano and guitar, and from Year 3 for brass.

Pianists receive weekly individual lessons whilst guitarists have the option of individual or small group lessons. Additionally, all year 2 pupils take part in some small group guitar

lessons during their first term. Brass players have a weekly ensemble lesson. All children undertaking lessons have access to an instrument; either their own, hired from music service or provided by the school.

Instrumental tutors and music lead signpost pupils to music centres, ensemble opportunities run by inspiring music. Those of a sufficient standard can be offered chance to take a graded exam.

Children in Year 2-4 are able to join the choir and have a weekly rehearsal. This is a free of charge after school club.

Regular performance opportunities are provided for pupils both in school and in our local community.

Musical experiences

The school offers many performance opportunities during the school year. Every child participates in singing assemblies; sharing songs learnt in class. Our nativity and Summer Showcase provide a performance by every child in the school for their families to watch. Children taking part in instrumental lessons perform for their peers and families whilst the choir have many engagements performing in school and at local community events.

Children have opportunities to experience live music by seeing their peers perform but also through external events such as live lessons from the Royal Ballet and Royal Opera House, and local ensembles playing for them.

Older children are often invited to watch performances given by pupils at our nearby middle schools and the once a year the whole school is has a trip to the theatre.

This year children and parents were able to make music together as part of our Community Christmas Choir event.

In the future

In the coming years the school will continue to increase and improve our music provision.

We aim to offer more instrumental lessons and increase the range of instruments available, expanding with more brass and woodwind lessons; allowing us to offer a school ensemble.

We plan to introduce more pupil led singing opportunities outside of lessons.

Further information

Further information about our music hub can be found here:

<https://www.inspiringmusic.co.uk/>