

Music development plan summary: High Down Junior School

Overview

Detail	Information
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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

- Here is a link for information on our Music Curriculum.
<https://highdownschools.co.uk/our-school/curriculum/music-2/>
- All KS2 use Charanga to teach Music in each class. During this time, there are opportunities for the use of musical instruments. This is weekly in some year groups and in other year groups it is in blocks.
- The Model Music Curriculum is used for guidance during singing assemblies. Singing assemblies take place once a week for the whole of KS2. A range of songs from different genres and cultures are used from the MMC. We have children performing at the start/end of some singing assemblies. We also play music from different cultures at the start and end of assemblies.
- Year 3 have two terms of recorder teaching by a specialist teacher from WEMA and this is provided free by the school for the whole cohort. This is completed every other week. On the weeks where the specialist teacher does not attend the class, the class teacher teaches recorders to the whole class. There is a concert at the end of the recorder teaching terms in which we invite parents to watch.
- We work closely with WEMA. The recorder teacher works for WEMA. Many of our instrumental lessons that children partake in are taught by WEMA teachers.

Part B: Co-curricular music

- We offer many instrumental lessons. We currently have guitars, ukulele, clarinet, oboe, flute, trumpet, cello, violin, drums and piano. There are other instrumental lessons available. The tuition includes the options of one-to-one or small groups. This service is paid for by the parents/carers but a bursary of 30% is available for vulnerable children. Children have the opportunity to perform in school assemblies.
- We have a singing teacher where children have the opportunity to learn to sing.
- We have a school choir which is free and there are various opportunities to perform both at school, including the Infant School, and in the community throughout the year.
- We have an orchestra which has a range of instruments. The orchestra meet weekly to practise. The Orchestra also have the opportunity to perform during the year.
- We have a few different rooms for music lessons to take place and for children to practise. The school hall is used for the orchestra.
- Many of the music lessons are taught by teachers from WEMA. The teachers provide an end of year report showing progress and developments.
- As mentioned previously, all of KS2 have the opportunity to sing once a week during singing assembly.
- Year 3 complete a play each year – usually at Christmas time which involves singing and the chance to use musical instruments which is performed to the whole school and parents/carers.
- Year 4 sing songs from Wind and the Willows and perform to the rest of the school and parents/carers.
- Year 6 complete an end of year performance to parents/cares and the whole school.

Part C: Musical experiences

- Yrs 3-4 take part in Raise the Roof. This is a music festival which either takes place at a school (we usually host at High Down) or at a local venue. This is a large event with other schools attending.
- Yr5-6 take part in 'Go Gordano'. A large event at Gordano based mainly on singing. It is an all day event where all children have the opportunity to sing. The

children listen to Gordano's orchestra and bands and are given information on how they can join when they start secondary school. Any child in Y5 or 6 who currently plays an instrument of any kind is also offered the chance to join in with the band.

- All children have the opportunity to take part in High Down's got Talent where they share their musical skills with the whole school.
- Year 3 do a Christmas show which includes singing and musical instruments.
- Year 4 perform songs from Wind and the Willows.
- Year 6 do an end of year performance.
- During ARTs week, a singing teacher comes into school and all children partake in this.
- A specialist Music teacher comes in to complete workshops usually with lower school. These workshops include using sound bars which make music accessible to all. The children have the chance to play a range of instruments that are unique and make their own music. The teacher also takes groups of children to work with, including SEND with specialist instruments.
- The choir attend a range of events throughout the year, including singing in care homes, at the Marina and at the Police HQ. The choir also perform at school fayres.
- All of these events are free for the children
- At the end of the year, we have a musical showcase. Anyone who plays an instrument/is in the orchestra/choir can perform at the concert. This year, we have 80+ performers. We raise money towards new instruments by providing programmes.

In the future

- To replace musical instruments using funds raised from the concert.
- To look at whether we move to teaching our main lessons from the MMC through Charanga.