

Music development plan summary: Wallace Fields Infant School and Nursery

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Julie Luck
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	n/a
Name of local music hub	Surrey
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	n/a

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.

Curriculum music

At Wallace Fields Infant School and Nursery, we teach a bespoke, creative, inclusive and exciting Music curriculum to all pupils. We provide the children with opportunities to learn about music from other cultures, different genres of music, regularly explore instruments and composition and promote a love of listening, playing and performing. All children are given the opportunity to participate in music lessons that are adapted and inclusive for everyone.

Music in Reception and KS1 classes is taught by a music specialist for 45 minutes per week. In addition, the children participate in a weekly singing assembly. Music lessons are designed to be progressive and build on prior learning, allowing the children time to revisit, review, and refine their music vocabulary, knowledge and skills. The planning is informed by the Model Music Curriculum (March 2021) and all teachers have access to SingUp in order to enhance the curriculum with topic based songs.

In the Nursery, children receive a 20 minute lesson each week with the music specialist. In addition, opportunities to explore instruments, sing songs and rhymes, play and perform is provided both inside and outside the classroom.

We have a very well resourced Music Room, where the children have access to a wide range of musical instruments, including chime bars, glockenspiels, boomwhackers, Bamboo Tamboo, djembe drums, bucket drums and a variety of untuned percussion.

Extra-curricular music

This is about opportunities for pupils to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, and how pupils can make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

- All children have the opportunity to perform in annual events such as a Christmas performance, class assemblies and at special events such as the Year 2 Leavers' show.
- 'Wallace Fields Has Talent' celebrates children's achievements and performances of music, dance and singing outside of school. Opportunities are also provided for children to showcase these achievements in class and to the school in assemblies.
- All children in Year 2 have the opportunity to be members of the School Choir. The choir meets weekly, during school time, and rehearses songs from a wide range of genres and styles which are performed at events throughout the year.
- Children in Years 1 and 2 can join the after-school Music Club. This is also open to Reception children in the summer term. Here they are able to have fun playing, exploring and creating music using the wide range of tuned and untuned percussion instruments available. Children with a love for musical theatre are encouraged to join the after-school Glee Club. There is a small charge for these after-school clubs and places are offered free of charge to Pupil Premium children.

Musical performances

This is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as singing in assembly, concerts and shows.

- Children across the school participate in Christmas performances to parents and carers, with separate celebrations for Big Stars, Reception and KS1.
- Children in the Year 2 Choir are able to showcase their singing in a special Christmas performance for Ewell Yule and at an end of year concert to parents.
- Every Spring term, selected children from Year 2 participate in the Epsom and Ewell Schools Music Festival in a performance at the Epsom Playhouse.
- Celebration Evening, a whole school event each July, includes dances from each year group and a special performance from the choir.

In the future

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

Moving forward we plan to:

- Enhance the experience of listening to live and recorded performances by organising music focused visits into school and externally, eg workshops or concerts, visits from musicians at Epsom College.
- Introduce singing games in the playground, by teaching/training children to be singing leaders and, with the help of a designated AT, encourage them to lead these singing games.
- Explore opportunities to make musical links with Wallace Fields Junior School through collaborative performances.
- Identify ways in which the wider community can be involved with music, either through invitations to performances at school or by taking music out into the community, such as local care homes.