



Music Provision at High Green Primary School

Music has a power of forming the character and should therefore be introduced into the education of the young.

(Aristotle)

At High Green Primary School we firmly believe in giving all children the opportunity to enjoy music; to listen to and appreciate music, to learn to play an instrument, learn to play together, experience the joy of singing; being part of a choir, performing in front of others and learning about the structure of music and it's written form.

Provision

- ✓ A range of opportunities to perform in school and at different venues: school concerts, local charity events (Cancer Concert Sheffield Cathedral Christmas) FOTS Winter wonderland, FOTS Easter events, Family of School singing festivals.
- ✓ Opportunities to visit musical performances
- ✓ Links to local groups – Sheffield Music Hub after school groups.
- ✓ Whole school music curriculum, with progressive key skills and Music Awards to help develop skills pre-key stage 2.

Music Enrichment (*Small Charge)	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Regular KS SINGING lessons	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
HGPS CHOIR	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
RECORDER Revolution	✓	✓				
Individual/shared KEYBOARD Lessons*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Individual/shared VIOLA/VIOLIN lessons*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Whole Class weekly VIOLA lessons			✓			
Small group GUITAR lessons			✓			
Individual/shared GUITAR lessons*			✓	✓	✓	✓
Individual/shared DRUMMING lessons*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Whole Class weekly BRASS lessons					✓	
Small group BRASS lessons*					✓	✓

Funding

Because we believe in giving children as many opportunities to experience music for themselves as possible, we subsidise events and tuition as much as possible.

Parents may be asked to fund 1:1 tuition and also to contribute to visits which require transport.

Whole class lessons in Y5 and Y3 are fully funded by school.

To ensure we allow all children to access opportunities we utilise Pupil Premium funding.

Partnerships

We work closely with Sheffield Music Hub to ensure the quality and range of provision. We work closely with our Music teacher to constantly monitor and review provision.

Further information can be found via their website www.sheffield.gov.uk/music

Benefits

- ✓ **Music helps develop children's language skills:** When young children listen to familiar words in songs, they are building connections to the sounds they are hearing and the words they are singing. Singing songs and reciting poems and rhymes with children helps them develop early literacy skills.
- ✓ **Keeping a steady beat develops language.** Clapping hands, stamping feet, and using rhythm instruments in time to music develops important pre-reading skills. Young children recognise words, sounds, rhythms, tones, and pitches long before they talk, sing, or dance. So, the more music your children have in their lives, the better they will speak and read.
- ✓ **Music helps develop children's self-esteem:** Music is a wonderful way to address the many needs of children because music is non-judgmental. There is no right or wrong, it just is what it is. Listening to different types of music nurtures self-esteem and encourages creativity, self-confidence and curiosity.
- ✓ **Music helps develop children's listening skills:** Music encourages the ability to listen and thus to concentrate. Songs encourage speech and auditory discrimination. Through music, children learn to hear tempos, dynamics, and melodies. Listening for loud and soft, up and down, fast and slow encourages auditory development in the brain.
- ✓ **Music helps develop children's math skills:** A simple song can include basic math skills such as counting, repeating patterns, and sequencing.
- ✓ **Music helps develop understanding in other curriculum areas:** Understanding different cultures through their music, understanding local history through song and dance (Jolly Miners Sword Dancing & local carols), and greater understanding of anatomy – learning about the function of different organs.
- ✓ **Music helps stimulate children's brain connections:** A recent study from the University of California found that music trains the brain for higher forms of thinking. For example, researchers believe that music affects spatial-temporal reasoning (the ability to see part-whole relationships).
- ✓ **Music and movement go together:** Children naturally respond to music by moving and being active. Music helps children learn about rhythm and develop motor coordination and also provides an additional opportunity for children to be active and increase heart rates.
- ✓ **Music can help children to be healthier:** Singing and playing an instrument can help children to develop breathing techniques. This can help to relieve symptoms of conditions such as asthma. Stature and core muscles can also be developed; how a musician sits or stands is important to the quality of the music produced.
- ✓ **Music relieves stress:** Stress can be relieved with songs, chants, finger plays, and moving to music. Singing together creates a feeling of safety and makes learning in a classroom much easier. Singing can be empowering and can create a sense of wellbeing and positivity.
- ✓ **Music encourages creativity in children:** A fun game to play with children is changing the words to familiar songs. It is a wonderful way to develop the creative process. Remember in Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll how the words of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" were changed to "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Bat?"
- ✓ **Music is a great way to teach children with special needs:** Music is a fun way to teach all children, including children who have special learning needs. Music experiences can be an effective way to stimulate speech development, provide organisation for cognitive and motor development, and create a meaningful environment for socialisation.

Music Is for Life

Music can help children to develop skills they need for a happy, successful life.

- ✚ Perseverance
- ✚ Resilience
- ✚ Working as part of a team
- ✚ Taking care
- ✚ Focus and concentration
- ✚ Being proud of your own achievements
- ✚ Listening to and responding to advice
- ✚ Supporting others
- ✚ A sense of community and working together
- ✚ Music has no barriers and can reach across social, cultural and global boundaries.

Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, and life to everything... Without music, life would be an error.

(Plato)