

Music at Laygate Community School

Intent

The National Curriculum for music aims to ensure that all pupils:

- Perform, listen to, review and evaluate music
- Be taught to sing, create and compose music
- Understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated.

Children at Laygate Community School engage in a high quality music education where we aim to inspire children to develop a love of music through listening, singing, playing, evaluating, analysing, and composing across a wide variety of historical periods, styles, traditions, and musical genres. We are committed to ensuring children understand the value and importance of music in the wider community, and are able to use their musical skills, knowledge, and experiences to involve themselves in music, in a variety of different contexts.

Implementation

At Laygate Community School we follow 'The Charanga' Scheme of music which supports all requirements of the National Curriculum. It is an integrated, practical, exploratory and child-led approach to musical learning. We enable children to understand musical concepts through a repetition-based approach to learning. Learning about the same musical concept through different musical activities enables a more secure, deeper learning and mastery of musical skills.

Assemblies:

Throughout the year children attend singing assemblies where they develop skills and confidence in singing and performing. Songs are often linked to the children's well-being and to themes running throughout the School year. For example: Harvest, Christmas, Spring. The children also get a chance to listen to a variety of music styles and genres during other assemblies throughout the week.

Music Tuition:

Each year group receives tuition for a particular instrument

Year 5/6 Ukulele (External provider)

Year 4 Recorder

Year 3 Pennywhistle

Year 2 Glockenspiel

Year 1 Percussion

Impact

Whilst in school, children have access to a varied programme, which allows them to discover areas of strength, as well as areas they might like to improve upon. Music offers a rich resource from which children can develop: achievement, self-confidence, interaction with and awareness of others, and self-reflection. Music will also develop an understanding of culture and history, both in relation to students individually, as well as ethnicities from across the world.

Please refer to the Music Policy for more details.