Music development plan summary: Westbourne Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Miss Gomez
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Sutton Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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

This is about what we teach in lesson time, how much time is spent teaching music and any music qualifications or awards that pupils can achieve.

General Approach:

- Music is taught weekly, following the Model Music Curriculum (March 2021).

- Lessons are 40 minutes long in Key Stage 1 (KS1), taught by class teachers using Charanga (a digital music teaching platform).

- Lessons are 30-40 minutes long in KS2, either by a specialist music teacher or taught by class teacher using Charanga.

- Weekly singing assemblies are held in each key stage, lasting 25 minutes, to further support musical development.

Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6):

- Years 3 participate in weekly drumming sessions provided by Inspire Works (covering African Drums and South American Drums); Year 4 have whole-class brass

sessions with a music specialist through Sutton Music Services. Both Y3 and Y4 projects last 10 weeks (per term, 3 terms per year) and end with a concert where the children perform as a group.

- Year 5 students spend a term learning to play the ukulele as a whole class, taught by their class teachers using Charanga.

- Year 6 students focus on music composition, using O-Gen software to create their own music for a term (following a workshop led by a specialist teacher).

This approach not only gives students a broad range of musical skills, from instrumental playing to composition, but it also offers performance opportunities through concerts and assemblies. For more information, the school has a dedicated music curriculum page, which can be visited here (https://www.westbourne.sutton.sch.uk/music/).

Part B: Co-curricular music

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

Westbourne Primary School offers a range of exciting extracurricular music opportunities, in addition to the core music curriculum. Here's a detailed look at what is on offer:

1. Violin Lessons:

- Individual and small group violin lessons are available through Sutton Music Services.

- These lessons take place on-site in a dedicated room, with teachers visiting the school on scheduled days.

2. Choir:

- The school has an upper Key Stage 2 choir, which has the exciting opportunity to perform annually at the Young Voices event at the O2 Arena. This provides the children with a unique and memorable performance experience.

3. Orchestra Club:

- The school runs an Orchestra Club for intermediate players of any instrument, offering an opportunity for students to play in an ensemble.

- All ensembles, including the choir and orchestra, meet weekly and are supported by the school's dedicated staff team who have a strong interest in musical development.

4. Funding for Music Lessons:

- While individual and small group lessons are funded by parents, there are financial provisions for students who are eligible for Pupil Premium:

- Part-funded lessons are available for Pupil Premium students.

- Sutton Music Trust also offers a reduced rate for lessons, ensuring that financial barriers do not prevent children from accessing music tuition.

5. Collaboration with Sutton Music Trust:

- The school works closely with Sutton Music Trust to provide the best possible music education and ensure that all students have access to high-quality music tuition and extracurricular activities.

This holistic approach to music education at Westbourne Primary School helps foster a love for music while also offering opportunities for students to grow as performers and musicians. The combination of instrumental tuition, choir participation, and ensemble clubs ensures that students of all abilities have the chance to explore and develop their musical talents. The school has been a awarded the *Schools Music Education Plan Bronze Award* in recognition of Bronze provision under the Sutton Music Trust Schools Music Education Plan 2023-24. The school has also been awarded the Music Mark.

Part C: Musical experiences

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

Westbourne Primary School offers a wide variety of performance opportunities for students, ensuring that every child can experience and participate in high-quality musical events throughout the academic year. Here's a list of the key performance opportunities for children:

1. Weekly Singing Assemblies:

- Every child from Year 1 to Year 6 takes part in weekly singing assemblies, providing regular opportunities for students to practice and enjoy singing as a group.

2. Class Assemblies:

- All children will participate in a class assembly during the year, giving them the chance to perform as part of their class.

3. Young Voices at the O2:

- The Key Stage 2 choir has the exciting opportunity to perform at the Young Voices event at the O2 Arena, alongside other schools, providing an unforgettable large-scale performance experience.

4. Christmas Performances:

- All children from Nursery to Year 6 participate in Christmas performances, allowing students across the school to showcase their talents during the festive season.

5. Showing Assemblies:

- Choir, ensembles, and soloists perform at the beginning of various showing assemblies throughout the year, offering students a chance to demonstrate their musical achievements in front of the school community.

6. Around the World Celebration:

- Children perform alongside their peers at the Around the World Celebration, a special event where they can share music and performances inspired by different cultures and traditions.

7. Summer Fair Performance:

- Summer Fair: Students are given the opportunity to perform at the school's Summer Fair, showcasing their musical talents to parents and the wider community in a relaxed, fun setting.

These performance opportunities not only allow students to hone their musical skills but also build their confidence and ability to work together as a team. Whether it's singing in a choir, performing in an ensemble, or sharing their music with the wider community, Westbourne Primary School ensures that every child has the chance to experience the joy of making music and performing in front of an audience.

In the future

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

In future years, Westbourne Primary School's Music Development Plan aims to build on its strong foundation of music education by introducing new initiatives and enhancing existing practices. These developments will ensure that the school's music program remains dynamic, inclusive, and forward-thinking. The key goals for the next phase of musical growth are as follows:

Key Objectives for the Music Development Plan:

1. Introduction of a Wider Variety of Musical Styles and Genres:

- The school plans to broaden the range of musical styles and genres introduced to students. This will include incorporating more up-to-date musicians and contemporary styles, ensuring that children are exposed to a diverse range of musical influences from around the world.

- This approach aims to foster a greater appreciation for different cultures and musical traditions, while keeping students engaged with current musical trends.

2. Developing Staff Confidence with Charanga:

- Westbourne Primary School is committed to developing staff confidence in delivering the music curriculum using the Charanga software. This will involve providing additional training and resources for teachers, ensuring that they feel fully equipped to use the platform to its full potential.

- By enhancing staff proficiency with Charanga, the school aims to improve the quality and consistency of music teaching, allowing teachers to create more engaging and interactive lessons for their students.

3.Further Develop Performance Opportunities:

- Building on the existing range of performance opportunities, the school plans to expand the scope of musical performances throughout the year. This could include hosting more concerts, showcases, and themed musical events that provide students with increased chances to perform and celebrate their musical achievements.

- The school also hopes to create more cross-school and community performances, fostering a sense of connection and collaboration among young musicians.

Future Enhancements in Curriculum Music, Co-Curricular Music, and Musical Experiences:

- Curriculum Music: The school will continue to evolve its music curriculum to reflect a wide variety of musical genres and historical periods. This will provide students with a deeper understanding of music theory, cultural influences, and musical expression across time.

- Co-Curricular Music: Plans include the expansion of co-curricular music activities, such as after-school instrumental lessons, additional ensemble groups, and a focus on solo performances to further develop individual musicianship.

- Enriched Musical Experiences: The school aims to increase exposure to live music performances, workshops with professional musicians, and school-wide musical collaborations. These experiences will inspire students and provide real-world connections to their learning.

The school is excited about the future of music at Westbourne Primary and is committed to continually improving its music program. Through these initiatives, Westbourne aims to offer all students the opportunity to explore, experience, and excel in music, whether through curriculum lessons, co-curricular activities, or live performances.

These future steps will be implemented gradually. With continuous evaluation to ensure that they are successfully enhancing the musical journey of every student, such as increasing lesson time to one hour a week each term, introducing the teaching of new instruments or having a termly school performance.