

Music development plan summary: Saint George's Primary Phase

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 - 2025
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Name of the school music lead	Emma Warburton
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Helen Taylor
Name of local music hub	Kent Music: Gravesham Music Centre
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	iRock Sing Up

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

- Teachers, with the support and provision of CPD by the music lead, to deliver weekly music lessons for all classes in KS1 and KS2 following the Sing Up! programme.
- In Lower KS2 all pupils to receive three terms of instrumental lessons as a whole class where they learn how to read music notation, perform and compose in small groups within the class.
- We follow the model curriculum supported by the Sing Up! scheme of work on a two year Cycle to match the Quigley Curriculum Milestones.
- All children participate in a weekly singing worship and daily singing takes place in whole school worships.
- Concerts to be attended by pupils at the Barbican Centre which introduce music to classes at Key stage 1 and 2 to enhance the musical curriculum. Concerts are performed by professional musicians and feature music based on a theme, presented in a fun and educational way. Music leads are provided with a CPD day in London in preparation and lessons are taught in preparation for the concerts.

- In addition to this, bespoke support from Kent Music provides funding for whole class instrumental lessons to be taught in Upper KS2 by a music specialist.
- Further details can be found on our website <https://www.saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Music&pid=101>
- We ensure that SEND and disadvantaged children are given the necessary support in class to fully access the Music Curriculum and equal opportunities are given for all to be confident in approaching any problem within the world around them.

Part B: Extra-curricular music

Our music lead directs a large weekly choir after school for Year 3,4, 5 & 6 pupils who have regular performance opportunities in the local community and also at the O2 with Young Voices each year. In addition to this, we offer a music club for younger pupils to practice singing games and rhymes in addition to their weekly whole class music lessons.

iRock visit weekly on Fridays for private sessions during lesson time. Pupil Premium pupils are funded to take part in this opportunity to sing or play guitar, keyboard or drums in a small band with specialist tutors. One non-pupil premium pupil who shows musical promise receives a bursary for the year allocated to them by iRock. Termly performances take place in front of the whole school and family members are also invited.

Our music lead also provides a free weekly recorder club at lunchtime to children who have demonstrated an aptitude for reading and performing music in their whole class recorder lessons. Children learn to play at a faster rate than in the whole class lessons and have the opportunity to perform as a small group and/or on their own in weekly singing workshops and internal concerts such as our school carol concerts. They also have composition opportunities in their lessons to enhance their curriculum music lessons.

Our music lead also delivers a whole school weekly singing worship where pupils learn and perform songs linked to the school worship timetable and our school values.

Pupils are guided towards Medway Music Centre and Gravesham Music Centre in order to take part in musical activities that encourage further progress in music making outside of school.

We are in negotiations with Kent Music to establish links with local teachers who would be willing to visit our school to demonstrate a range of orchestral instruments in order to inspire some of the children to take up an instrument at their local music hub.

Our links with the secondary school enable us to plan concerts across the two phases and there are plans in place to create a Year 5,6,7 choir in the coming year that will have opportunities to sing in Primary and Secondary workshops to enhance the singing

culture in our school and to encourage more young people to join the choir and embrace their passion for music within the school.

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.

- Pupils sing in daily whole school worships and in addition to this have a weekly singing worship where they learn and perform new songs that compliment the worship rota and embed the school values.
- All pupils take part in singing activities at Harvest, Christmas and Easter and the choir perform in Saint George's Church and St. Mary's Church alongside the Secondary school choir.
- The choir perform at the O2 with **Young Voices** every year and in addition to this they perform in the Alethia Academies Trust concert with all the schools in the trust both collectively and as a school.
- Pupils who learn to play in a band with iRock perform termly in the school hall to the whole school and their family members. This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils of all backgrounds to join together as a band and perform in a safe space to family members. Pupils benefit from a very appreciate audience and grow in confidence every time they perform. This is an opportunity for all children in the school and bands are grouped accordingly to match ages and confidence levels. There is also the opportunity externally to take part in an iRock summer school.

In the future

- In the future we plan to have visiting instrumental teachers coming into school to teach whole class and one-to-one instrumental lessons such as piano, violin, flute and trumpet. Once this has been established we will be able to run ensembles for children in Key Stage 2 to develop their instrumental skills as part of a larger ensemble.
- Trips to free lunchtime concerts performed by music students at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance in Greenwich are being arranged to support the listening aspect of the curriculum and to inspire pupils of all ages to take up a musical instrument or singing lessons where possible at school or in a local centre.
- Live performances from small groups of London Symphony Orchestra or Guildhall School musicians up close at St John's will also be attended by selected groups of pupils and whole class trips where possible. Friendly

introductions are given to guide the children through the concert from presenter Rachel Leach. Concerts are all free and easy to get to on the train!

- Along with the iRock performances we will be introducing termly whole school performances in school from the choir and other musical groups to share the learning we have been doing.
- We are developing our ROH Cultural Champions and are excited by the opportunities this will afford our children.