



Music

Intent

At St Winifred's Catholic Primary School, we believe that music is important for the development of the whole child and is good for their physical and emotional wellbeing.

Our objective is to develop a curiosity for the subject and a life-long love of music. We are committed to ensuring that children understand the value and importance of music in society and encourage them to use their experience and musical skills in the wider community. We fulfil the remit of the National Curriculum and our curriculum aims to improve the wellbeing of all children at St Winifred's, not only through the musical skills taught, but through the underpinning values and disciplines music promotes.

Implementation

Music at St Winifred's Catholic Primary School provides challenging and enjoyable learning through a range of activities. We listen to, analyse, sing and perform music from a wide variety of musical styles and traditions. All children participate in weekly music lessons and a singing assembly with a music specialist. Specific activities include:

- All children learn to play both the ukulele and the djembe.
- In the classroom children learn how to analyse and discuss music through focused listening. They learn how to sing, perform, improvise and compose (using pitched and un-pitched instruments and body percussion) in different genres of music.
- Extra-curricular activities enable many children to develop their musicianship beyond the music curriculum. These activities include instrumental lessons in: violin, drum kit, guitar, woodwind (flute and clarinet) and brass (trumpet and trombone). There is also a weekly 'advanced' ukulele group for year 5 pupils.
- Performance opportunities include assemblies, liturgies, Christmas productions and concerts. All children also sing and some perform at Mass. Some children take part in activities organised by external bodies such as Trinity Laban and Lewisham Music Hub.

Impact

We help motivate children to participate in a variety of musical activities through quality teaching that is engaging and fun. Children have access to a varied programme, which enables them to discover new interests and areas of strength. Music helps children to build self-confidence and promotes cooperation and teamwork. Children can sing with others and individually; they can feel a pulse and can analyse music as a listener. They can perform using a wide range of techniques and

play on a range of instruments both pitch und un-pitched. Music also develops an understanding of culture and history both of them as individuals and of society and different ethnic groups.

We equip our children with the necessary skills and a love for music. From our lessons, children learn the importance of music for their mental health and wellbeing. Many of them also enjoy success participating in the wider world of music making. They will hopefully grow up to live happy and healthy lives utilising the skills and knowledge acquired through music.