

Introduction

At Fairlawn, we understand the importance of music. Music and performance is central to the culture of our school - through music we come together, to learn, commemorate and celebrate. Through music, we explore the world and we strengthen our community.

Music is an opportunity to be creative and express. Equally, we develop discipline and control.

It should be accessible and all should feel capable to engage with it, as both listener and creator.

Aims:

Children take pleasure in music, both as listeners and performers.

- Children develop their musical skillsets.
- Children are able to be expressive and creative through music.
- Children have an awareness and appreciation of a wide-range of music, understanding the cultural importance of music in diverse and contexts.
- Children develop confidence and community through performance.
- Children feel confident discussing, analysing and thinking critically about music.

We will achieve these aims and objectives in the following ways:

- All children enjoy weekly performing arts lessons.
- Children are taught to play and perform with a number of instruments over the course of their time at Fairlawn.
- Children work towards performance goals, exploring aspects of music on their way to an ultimate outcome.
- Children develop skillsets in line with the national curriculum, developing on prior learning throughout their time at school.
- Children are given opportunities to explore music and performance, experimenting, creating and performing.
- Children are taught the vocabulary they need in order to express musical ideas, making music more tangible.
- Progression routes are available for those children who want to develop their musical skills further by participating in extra-curricular music making activities. This includes instrumental lessons, choirs and instrumental groups.
- Children are exposed to high quality, authentic music from different cultures.
- Children are taught to think critically about music.
- Children have performance opportunities throughout the year in assemblies.
- Children have performance opportunities outside of school, in the wider community and at larger scale musical events.

- Children come together as a school in assemblies to share and celebrate through song.
- Parents are regularly informed about musical opportunities and events both in and out of school. They are invited to attend performances given by their children.
- Children experience high quality live music, enjoying musical performances within school and as part of group trips.

Teaching and Learning

- Music is used as a cross curricular tool for other subjects throughout the different Key Stages.
- Pupils skills are developed in performing and composition; which involves pupils working as a whole class, in smaller groups and individually.
- Assessment of children's musical learning is ongoing and ties in with the national curriculum.
- Visiting teachers from Lewisham Music Service deliver whole class instrumental lessons.
- Pupil premium children are offered the opportunity to learn an instrument free of charge.

Inclusion & Differentiation

Fairlawn School has a commitment to equal opportunities. Pupils from all backgrounds enjoy sustained musical opportunities through regular classroom learning and music for all. This is complemented by additional tuition, partnerships and extra-curricular activities.

Differentiation is achieved through careful planning, appropriate resources, teacher input and outcome. All children feel involved in the musical culture of the school.

Extra-Curricular

Music Children have the opportunity to learn a variety of instruments, through private tuition and through teachers working with Lewisham Music Hub. These lessons are paid for by either the parents or the school.

There are also extra-curricular choirs which perform at local venues.

Partnerships and Visit

We have strong links with the Lewisham Music Service. Classes are encouraged to visit outside venues such as the Royal Festival Hall and the Barbican to participate in school's concerts.

Resources

Music is well resourced, with a range instruments kept in the music room. Teachers are free to borrow resources as they require them. A variety of instruments are rented from Lewisham Music Service and are lent to children so that they can practise at home. The school owns a number of instruments which are also lent to children.