Music POLICY

Longford Park School

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Rationale

The teaching of music is an important component of the ‘arts’ side of the National Curriculum. Pupils are given the opportunities as part of cross-curricular themes or as part of specific activities to participate in musical activities. Pupils enjoy working independently, as part of a small groups and as a class team. Whole-school assemblies provide the opportunity for pupils to perform in larger groups.

Aims

In Longford Park School, we aim to give pupils the opportunity to:

- Enjoy music they create themselves
- Appreciate a variety of styles of music from different times and cultures
- Develop understanding and knowledge of music through making and listening to music, enabling them to work at their own appropriate level and to refine their skills.

Objectives

At Longford Park School:

- Music is largely a practical activity
- All pupils have access to instruments and have the opportunity to sing
- All pupils will have various opportunities to listen to recorded music

Content

At Longford Park School, from the beginning of KS1 developing through to KS2, the pupils are to be involved in the following activities:

- Exploring sound by playing a range of percussion instruments
- Learning how to order sound
- Learning how to play with others – expressing their feelings through music
- Understanding some of the structures in music
- Beginning to understand the power of music in different contexts
- Telling stories with music
- Memorising simple rhymes to repeat and to teach to others
- Exploring ways of recording their music using technology and notation
- Recording in simple form
- Using creative dance to interpret their feelings
- Opportunities to share their talents during celebration assemblies

Listening and Performing

The pupils listen to, perform and enjoy:

- Music from different periods and cultures
- Compositions they have rehearsed in class workshops led by Trafford Music Services
Teaching

Music is taught following the National Curriculum. There are opportunities for the pupils to work as a class, in groups and individually. Music is mainly taught by Trafford Music Services, who deliver exciting and well-matched lessons to the children, culminating in a performance in front of the whole school and parents.

Resources

All percussion instruments, keyboards and teaching resources are kept centrally in the stock room. A selection of audio tapes, CDs and music books are also stored here. Music can be played in the hall through the music system and can be streamed from the internet. Each class has its own computer and touchscreen television to play music on.

Assessment

Assessment throughout the key stages is ongoing throughout the year. Pupils who show particular enjoyment or affinity for music will be encouraged to work on either a 1-1 or as part of a very small group basis with the brass band teacher from Trafford Music Services. Pupil's work is evaluated during classroom discussion both with individuals and with groups.