



MUSIC AT SANDBROOK

Music is widely celebrated at Sandbrook Community Primary School through weekly practise in lessons, attending clubs and having regular opportunities to perform for an audience.

National Curriculum for Music

The national curriculum for music aims to ensure that all pupils:

- perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians
- learn to sing and to use their voices, to create and compose music on their own and with others, have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, use technology appropriately and have the opportunity to progress to the next level of musical excellence
- understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated, including through the inter-related dimensions: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations.

These key music skills are taught by our music teacher Mrs Walsh. She teaches all children across both key stages. The children are able to show good progress in music through consistency with teaching throughout the school and children continue to improve and embed skills year on year.

Music Clubs

At Sandbrook we encourage children to take part in our school choirs as it is a great way of improving music skills and meeting new friends! They are extremely popular and we currently have a Key Stage 1 and a Key Stage 2 choir. The choir perform at the Rochdale Music Festival and at events held at Sandbrook, such as 'Sandbrook's Got Talent'. We also have a variety of extra-curricular music lessons on offer including keyboard and ukulele clubs.

Performance Opportunities

At Sandbrook we are very proud of watching our children perform. 'Arts Week' is a fantastic occasion for the whole school as the



children are able to perform choral singing as a class, sing solos and ensembles and play instrumental music using a wide variety of instruments. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase work for parents and teachers, allowing the children to learn performance skills and giving them a chance to learn how to play unusual instruments from around the world.

We also perform wonderful Christmas plays where the children sing and collaborate with other art forms and year groups. Children in Years 4 and 5 have amazing opportunities to perform a collaborative arts piece including Music at the Victoria Baths, Manchester, and at the Oldham Coliseum. Also we hold weekly assemblies and often children sing songs linked to the theme. Our new focus is on whole school singing and this will be developed throughout the next year with opportunities to sing together during assembly time.

