

Music Newsletter

September, October, November and December

Dear Families,

December 2021

Here at Oxbridge Lane, we pride ourselves in offering a rich and varied music curriculum. We also offer 2 music extra-curricular activities, choir and recorder club, which are both open to the children in Years 2-5. At present, all the classes and the choir are working towards learning a Christmas song to share with the other classes and in some cases, the wider community. Due to Covid restrictions, this will be done virtually. We believe that having opportunities to perform helps to boost confidence as well as well-being, allowing the children to feel proud of their achievements.



In Reception, music and singing are a daily part of children's lives as we believe they are a core part of children's learning. So far this term we have been making up our own simple chants and rhymes adding a variety of percussion instruments, as well as building up a repertoire of songs and nursery rhymes. We have been clapping out rhythms and counting syllables too. We have especially enjoyed cha-ranga and we have absolutely loved playing the African drums. In Reception we love music!

The beat
is like our
heart beat - Hashim



Within nursery, the children have been identifying different instruments, exploring the sounds around them and repeating rhythms played to them, both indoors and outside.



We are going to write this
down as graphic notation.



In Y2, the children have been learning about orchestras. They have investigated the elements of pitch, rhythm and beat and done lots of singing.



They have even wrote their own notation!



Year 1 have been learning all about the beat. They have moved to the beat and tapped the beat. They have been learning about untuned percussion instruments, naming them and recognising their sounds.

They have also been singing lots too.



In Key Stage Two, we have been learning about different elements of music and talking about how these elements are used in the various pieces we have listened to. Our listening focus has been on orchestral music. In addition to this, we have learnt how to read some musical notation, playing rhythms and developing our skills on the glockenspiel.



Y6 enjoyed learning to sing

Lean on Me. Some were keen to showcase their talents in smaller groups.

In Y4, the children loved doing African Drumming for Black History Week.

Recorder club have been busy learning their first 2 notes and playing a variety of tunes with A and B. Well done everyone!

