

December 2022

Dear Families,

Here at Oxbridge Lane, we pride ourselves in offering a rich and varied music curriculum. This term, we have also offered a music extra-curricular activity club, which has been open to the children in years 3-6. In the club, the children have had the chance to further develop their skills in singing and playing the recorder. This term, many classes have worked towards learning a Christmas performance to share with others as well as practising their skills of musicianship, and notation reading. Others have covered musical activities related to their class topics. Much fun has been had and lots of progress made. It's been an amazing term for music!



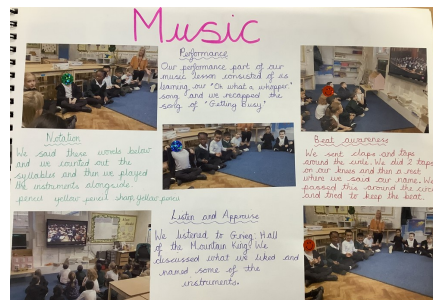
In Foundation Stage, the children have explored using their bodies to create different sounds and repeating and copying simple rhythms using these sounds. When looking at bonfire night, they also explored some different instruments and decided on the best instruments for different fireworks. They listened to and discussed different pieces of music linked to fireworks and bonfire night.



Year 1 have been learning to find the pulse in music and they have also been learning to sing some new songs.



The children in Y2 have enjoyed writing their own music and playing it on percussion instruments. They have loved listening to and discussing pieces of music. In addition, they have been learning about notation by counting the syllables in words and then representing these as dots. They then made these into musical notes that they then started clapping and playing instruments to. To practice beat awareness, the children have played a 'pat pat clap' game that allowed them to create their own rhythms.



Music club has welcomed a few new starters this year. The children are continuing to develop their recorder playing skills in addition to learning lots of Christmas songs in preparation for the TVMS Snappy Christmas Sing and their performance at the Mayor's Carol Service.

In Key Stage Two, the children have continued to develop their skills in improvisation, notation reading, beat keeping and performance. They have been listening to lots of different musical styles and discussing their opinions about them. Y4 loved learning Mamma Mia by Abba and learning about the timbre and dynamics in music and Y3 enjoyed learning a glockenspiel part to their song Let Your Spirit Fly. In Y5, the children learnt to sing Three Little Birds and practised beat keeping. They are working with Y6 to learn Christmas songs to sing at the park.

