

Music development plan summary: Belvoirdale Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024/2025
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Name of the school music lead	Déirdre Atkinson
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Leicestershire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, extra-curricular provision and musical experiences – and what changes we are planning in future years. This information is to help pupils and parents or carers understand what our school offers and who we work with to support our pupils’ music education.

Part A: Curriculum music

This is about what we teach in lesson time, how much time is spent teaching music and any music qualifications or awards that pupils can achieve.

At Belvoirdale, we are committed to providing a comprehensive music curriculum that nurtures a love and appreciation for music amongst our students. We offer 1-2 music lessons per week, following the Leicestershire Music Hub plans, which are under-pinned by the latest guidelines from the model music curriculum (March 2021).

Our music curriculum ensures that children across all year groups are exposed to a diverse range of musical elements, spending a term on each section. In Year A, students delve into topics such as Rhythm, Music Technology and 20th Century Music, while in Year B, they explore Pulse, Voice, and Pitch. Lessons are a minimum of 40 minutes and are taught by class teachers or LSAs (EYFS/KS1).

A highlight of our music provision is the whole-class instrumental tuition provided by specialist teachers from the Leicestershire Music Hub for Year 3/4 students. These weekly sessions offer immersive learning experiences with instruments such as Djembe Drums (2022-2023) and Ukulele (2023 - present). Students not only develop

technical skills but also have the opportunity to showcase their musical talents through performances, enhancing their confidence and stage presence.

By offering a rich and varied music curriculum that draws upon expert guidance and practical experiences, we aim to cultivate a generation of music enthusiasts who are equipped with the skills and knowledge to embark on their musical journey with passion and proficiency.

Part B: Extra-curricular music

This is about opportunities for pupils to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, including choirs, ensembles and bands, and how pupils can make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

At our school, extra-curricular music plays a central role in providing a comprehensive education for our students. In Key Stage 2 (KS2), children have the fantastic opportunity to unleash their musical talents by joining the school choir. This allows them to not only participate but also excel in important events such as the Coalville Remembrance and Christmas Celebrations, enhancing their performance skills and instilling a profound sense of accomplishment and pride.

The school choir rehearses in the school library, where they are provided with a supportive environment to practice and refine their vocal abilities.

Children are given numerous occasions to display their musical prowess throughout the year. These include performances at: Christmas Shows, Harvest assembly, end-of-term services, the annual school musical, Year 6 Leaver's Show and Year 3/4's instrumental showcases.

To further enrich their musical journey, children participate in singing assemblies every fortnight. During these sessions, they are exposed to a diverse range of musical genres, from classical to contemporary, allowing them to broaden their musical horizons and develop a deep appreciation for music.

Part C: Musical experiences

This is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as singing in assembly, concerts and shows, and trips to professional concerts.

At Belvoirdale, children are provided with rich and diverse musical experiences throughout the year to enhance their musical education.

This includes fortnightly singing assemblies to promote vocal development and musical appreciation.

The school's curriculum features engaging EYFS - Year 6 Christmas Performances with a dress rehearsal in front of the school and two performances for parents, highlighting our students' musical talents.

Moreover, the Year 3/4 instrumental performances at the end of the year showcase and celebrate the students' instrumental skills.

Additionally, the school choir actively participates in community events, such as performances in Coalville town centre for Remembrance Day and Christmas, as well as at the Belvoirdale Christmas Fair.

The whole school's cultural experience is enriched by a trip to see a professional Pantomime, ensuring a well-rounded exposure to the arts for all students.

In the future

This is about what the school is planning for subsequent years.

As we look to the future, Belvoirdale Primary School is committed to further enhancing our music curriculum to provide an enriching and comprehensive musical education for our students. Our goal is to increase lesson times to one hour per week, allowing for a more in-depth exploration of musical concepts and skills.

To improve cultural capital, we will introduce a 'Music of the Week' initiative, where students will delve into the diverse and influential world of music that has shaped societies globally. This will enable our students to appreciate the historical and cultural significance of various music genres.

In years to come, we hope to offer small group and individual instrument tuition, providing students with the opportunity to develop their musical talents and skills. To support this endeavour, we are aiming to establish links with the local Brass Band, Ibstock Brick Brass, who offer brass instrument rental and support the creation of a new junior band within our community.

In addition, we will celebrate World Music Day, where students will explore and appreciate the traditions of different music styles from around the world.

Through collaboration with other schools in Collab 360, we will create a mass choir to showcase our students' musical achievements. In years to come, we hope to gain a place on Young Voices.

To ensure the continuous professional development of our teaching staff, we will provide CPD opportunities that focus on enhancing their music teaching skills and strategies. By investing in our staff, we guarantee the delivery of high-quality music education to our students.

Further information (optional)

In our commitment to fostering a well-rounded education for our students, Belvoirdale School places great emphasis on the importance of music within our curriculum. Through our partnership with the Leicestershire Music Hub, we are proud to offer high-quality music lessons that enrich the learning experience of our pupils.

If your child hopes to be more involved in music, the Department for Education has published a comprehensive [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can participate in musical activities both in and out of school.

More information about our music lessons and opportunities for musical development can be found by visiting [Leicestershire Music Hub's](#) website.

The Model Music Curriculum is based on [The National Plan for Music Education](#).