



## Music in Giffnock Primary School

In Giffnock Primary we provide a range of additional musical opportunities for our pupils across the school, in order to support and further enhance the regular lessons that our class teachers deliver as part of the national curriculum. We encourage all of our pupils to explore their musicality, develop new skills and foster a love of music.

### Singing Games and Rhymes

Our Primary 2 and 3 pupils have the opportunity to attend the Singing Games and Rhymes programme at the Saturday Music Centre at Williamwood High School. The course consists of three blocks of class and is designed to help develop a variety of skills through Kodaly based musicianship training, singing and musical games.

### Primary 3 and Primary 4

The children are taught once a fortnight by Mrs Carey, a member of the ERC Primary Music Team. They learn a variety of songs and games, rhythms and pitches, as well as learning how to read music. 'Peter and the Wolf' is the listening unit for Primary 3 which also provides a great opportunity to learn about various instruments in the orchestra. In Primary 4 'The Carnival of Animals' provides an opportunity for the children to learn about musical concepts and to extend their knowledge of instruments.

Primary 4 have the opportunity to experience a live symphony orchestra playing music they will recognise and love at the RSNO Primary School Concert. Prior to the concert the RSNO will also provide an in-school workshop delivered by musicians where the children will explore the musical concepts in preparation for the concert and be introduced to some of the instruments.

### Music Tuition

Towards the end of both Primary 3 and 5, you will receive a letter about instrumental tuition available within the school. At the beginning of Primary 4 children can begin tuition of the violin or viola and at the beginning of Primary 6 children have the opportunity to begin brass, guitar or woodwind lessons. The number of children being offered lessons in school is determined by the music service not by the school.

Further information about Instrumental Music Service can be found through the following link:  
<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Giffnock/files/2019/03/ERC-Music-Information-Leaflet-for-Parents-2019-2020.pdf>

### School Choir

All pupils from Primary 5 – Primary 7 are welcome to join our Giffnock School Choir. The choir practise on a Friday afternoon and it provides a wonderful opportunity to further develop musicality and to sing as part of a group, strengthening the feeling of togetherness. The choir

have concerts and competitions organised and will also perform in the local community throughout the course of the year. Please continue to check the school website and our twitter feed for further information.

#### School Show

Every second year, Primary 4 – 7 all perform in our School Show and get to experience being part of a production in a real theatre. All of the children sing, dance and perform on the stage in Eastwood Theatre.

#### Nativity

Every year both the Nursery and Primary 1 – 3 perform a Nativity to their parents and carers. The children sing, dance and act on stage. This is often our pupils' first experience of performing as a group in front of a large audience and something we always look forward to.

#### Whole School Gatherings and Events

A range of our children, including ensembles of our musicians and our School Choir, perform at church services and other gatherings throughout the year.

#### Musical links with Woodfarm High School

During the past two school sessions, our Primary 7 children have enjoyed additional musical inputs, led by music teachers from Woodfarm High School. Currently, our Primary 7 children have been enjoying learning to play the Ukulele. We have plans to further develop opportunities for a wider range of musical instruments alongside our friends and colleagues at Woodfarm High School – watch this space!

At Giffnock Primary we are passionate about providing our pupils with rich and varied music opportunities and experiences. If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact the school office.