



March 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer,

In Giffnock Primary we provide a range of additional musical opportunities for our pupils across the school to support and further enhance the national curriculum. We encourage all of our pupils to explore their musicality, develop new skills and foster a love of music.

If your child is in Primary 3 or 5 you will have recently received a letter about the instrumental tuition 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 the 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. If you would like your child to be considered for this tuition please return the form no later than Friday 20th March.

The East Renfrewshire Saturday Music Centre at Williamwood High School is hosting two 'Come and Try' events. The first of these events is for our current Primary 4 children on Saturday 28th March at 10.00am until 12.00pm. The children will have the opportunity to find out more about learning to play the accordion, bagpipes, cello, clarsach, double bass, violin and viola and perhaps even have a try! To register your child's interest please follow the link below to complete the form no later than Friday 13th March.

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The second of the 'Come and Try' events is for our current Primary 6 pupils and it will take place on Saturday 25th April at 10.00am until 12.00pm. At the event the children will have the opportunity to find out more about a range of instruments, see them in action and perhaps even have a try. The instruments include the flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, horn, tuba and guitar. To register your child's interest please follow the link below to complete the form no later than Friday 13th March.

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To find out more about the music opportunities we provide across the school for our learners please see the following overview. If you would like further information do not hesitate to contact our school office.

Yours sincerely,

Natalie Stead

Acting Principal Teacher



Primary 3 and Primary 4

The children are taught once a fortnight by Mrs Carey, a member of the 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.

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.

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 including the Glasgow Music Festival and the Glee Challenge.

School Show

Every other 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.

In 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.