

Music development plan summary: Pakeman Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Jack Allinson
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Emma Bonnin
Name of local music hub	Music Education Islington

Pakeman's Musical Vision

At Pakeman Primary School, we believe that all children should have the opportunity to experience, achieve and enjoy the subject of music. Learning and teaching in music is not only based around the national curriculum but also forms part of our whole school cross-curricular approach to learning and teaching.

At Pakeman School we believe very much in providing a rich and enjoyable Music education for all our pupils from EYFS to Year 6. Music is taught once a week by a specialist music teacher. Music is fantastic for our pupil's well-being and a highlight of being at Pakeman is our whole school production that happens once a year.

A high-quality music education inspires pupils to develop a love of music and their talent as musicians, and so increase their self-confidence and creativity.

Through responding to and playing a wide range of music/instruments, the children are helped to understand how sounds are made, changed and organised. The children develop an understanding of musical processes including learning about and reading relevant musical symbols and notation. The children understand how music is influenced by history, time and place of origin.

The teaching of music at Pakeman develops skills and attitudes which can support learning in other curriculum areas e.g. listening skills, concentration levels, perseverance, self-confidence, creativity, respect and sensitivity towards others.

There are opportunities to work on projects at home with parents and carers, and celebrations of music in school to share children's achievements and learning.

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, co-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

At Pakeman all students are given music lessons by a specialist music teacher.

EYFS receive a 30 minute lesson each week and also sing regularly with their class teacher at other times.

All KS1 and KS2 pupils receive a minimum 1 hour lesson per week.

All pupils attend a singing assembly for 30 minutes every two weeks.

All SEND pupils attend music lessons. This includes children within the main classes and children who have higher needs and have a one to one adult.

Our school curriculum is informed by the model music curriculum however we do not follow it rigorously. It has been adapted to suit the ability of the pupils and time and financial restraints.

From KS2 all pupils receive whole class instrumental tuition. This begins in Year 3 and 4 with Ukuleles. There are also modules where children learn keyboards as a class in all of KS2.

We have strong links with the local music hub, Music Education Islington (MEI). We attend their concerts each year (such as 'The Big Sing' and 'The Winter Sing') as a whole school.

Part B: Co-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.

Our school runs a 1 hour choir session for free every week. The choir attends 'Young Voices' at the O2 Arena every year.

As a school we have a visiting peripatetic teacher who offers paid piano and ukulele lessons.

On a Friday after school pupils can attend our DJ club.

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 the end of every summer term we put on a whole school production. Main roles are taken by our leaving Year 6 students but every student in the school takes part in an ensemble chorus.

Singing assembly for KS1 and KS2 students takes place every 2 weeks.

Our choir regularly attends the Young Voices concerts at the 02.

In the previous academic year, pupils from year 1, 2 3, and 4 attended a concert at The Barbican to see the London Symphony Orchestra

In the future

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

- Continue to provide a high quality and effective music provision at Pakeman
- Ensure all children have the opportunity to explore broader musical experiences
- To enable all children to have equal musical opportunities
- To provide an emotional stability and regulation platform through music therapy
- To give children the opportunity to perform on stage several times a year
- To enjoy live musical performances regularly
- Search for opportunities for free concerts or heavily subsidised concerts so our children can experience live music.
- To develop music infrastructures in school to have dedicated spaces for performance
- To develop a school rock band
- Explore future funding for additional peripatetic teachers (guitars)

Further information (optional)

Music Education Islington (our local music hub) <https://www.gsmd.ac.uk/study-with-guildhall/children-and-young-people/music-education-islington>

Department for Education – Guide for Parents and Young People

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/music-education-information-for-parents-and-young-people>