

Music development plan summary: Burnley Brow Community School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Maria Ball
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Oldham
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, 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

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 Burnley Brow Community School, we use the Charanga Musical Scheme to teach whole class music lessons. The following link shows the curriculum overview for music

<https://burnleybrow.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Music-Whole-School-Progression-Overview-2023.24.pdf>

We currently follow the original scheme which follows the non-statutory guidance for teaching music.

In EYFS whole class music teaching is delivered by a specialist music teacher from Oldham Music Service. In Reception this works on a two-weekly cycle with the class teacher. By teaching alternate weeks, school staff are able to develop their knowledge and skills of music teaching, working alongside an experienced music specialist. Staff

observe the lesson taught and then deliver this themselves to the children on a two weekly cycle. Children in nursery are taught each week by the music specialist and supported by the class teacher. Lessons in EYFS are 30 minutes in length. Children also have opportunity to experiment with musical instruments in continuous provision sessions.

In Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, one hour of class curriculum music is allocated per week to all classes. Children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 also participate in a 30-minute singing assembly each week.

In Year 5, all children have the opportunity to learn to play the guitar through whole class ensemble. They each participate in a 60-minute weekly lesson taught by a specialist peripatetic music teacher from Oldham Music Service.

Singing is at the heart of the music curriculum at Burnley Brow and in addition to the weekly singing assemblies, children in Key Stages 1 and 2 sing in most curriculum lessons. In Early Years, singing is used daily across many subjects as a tool to teach a variety of skills including number, daily routines, days of the week alongside traditional nursery rhymes.

Children have the opportunity to play a wide range of percussion instruments during each unit of curriculum music. They learn to play both tuned and un-tuned percussion instruments and use them for composition, improvisation and performance.

Burnley Brow Community School works in partnership with Oldham Music Service to provide high quality music teaching. This is achieved through the specialist staff that are employed to deliver both the musical teaching in EYFS and the instrumental tuition in Key Stage 2. The music lead communicates with A.Preen about the music network meetings organised by Oldham Music Service in order to keep abreast of developments in the teaching of music and effective resources which can then be used to enhance the music curriculum across the 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.

At Burnley Brow Community School, all children in Year 5 have the opportunity to learn to play the guitar through whole class ensemble. They participate in a 60 minute lesson each week taught by a specialist peripatetic music teacher from Oldham Music Service

All children have the opportunity to join the choir whilst at school. There is a Key Stage 2 choir for children to join and it is made up of approximately 40 children. The choir meets weekly to rehearse and learns a range of different songs. Instrumental tuition and choir rehearsals take place in a designated space. Children are made aware of the opportunities Oldham Music Service can offer.

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.

Singing in assembly forms part of every child's musical experience at Burnley Brow. All children participate in regular, weekly singing for 30 minutes. Children learn to sing a range of different songs, often linked to topical and thematic events. We recognise that singing is important for children's health and wellbeing and the positive effect that singing can have on children.

Performance also plays an important role in children's music education, both the guitar ensembles and the choir therefore participate in a termly performance. Children from other classes are also able to watch these groups perform.

In October, all classes choose a song to learn and this is performed to the rest of the school at the end of term as part of our Strictly Singing event.

Children are immersed in music from a range of styles from a large variety of artists and composers during their time at Burnley Brow. Each week there is a different genre and children listen to songs that are linked to that genre each day. Our '5 pieces that.....' enable children to have experience of listening to a diverse and varied plethora of songs and pieces of music. Children simply listen to the pieces on some occasions or at times will have more in-depth conversations about their personal preferences. Children may also discuss features of the song, helping to develop and enhance their musical vocabulary.

Every three years we host our own music festival: BB Fest. We invite a range of performers of different genres to perform for our whole school. We create an authentic

environment from photo opportunities to chill out zones and entertainment and encourage our children to embrace all aspects of festival life. Our last BB Fest was a huge success featuring performers who had appeared on, 'The Voice.' The event appeared in local newspapers.

<https://www.theoldhamtimes.co.uk/news/20251159.children-enjoy-first-ever-festival-oldham-primary-school/>

Every two years we engage in workshops for our children with SEND. The workshops are provided by Live Music Now. They include fun, participatory activities focused on engagement, communication, pupil choice and voice. The workshops promote social, personal and musical outcomes whilst inspiring curiosity and a love of music.

EYFS and KS1 rehearse and perform a traditional nativity attended by KS2 and parents. They learn a range of traditional and modern songs alongside learning about the Christmas story.

Children in KS2 rehearse and perform for the Eid assembly. They learn a number of songs which tell the story of the celebration of Eid.

In Summer the children and staff take part in Burnley Brow's Got Talent. Participants have the opportunity to enter and showcase their musical abilities. In previous years these have included children playing the guitar and singing.

Our Year 6 children take part in a Leavers assembly which includes performances of a range of musical theatre songs. Their production is performed in front of the rest of the school and their parents.

Our choir performs regularly throughout the year. Their performances include our certificate, Eid and Christmas assemblies,

In the future

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

The music lead would like to begin to develop links with local secondary schools to enable children to have more experiences of live music.

We plan to further develop the role of the choir in our school, giving them further opportunities to perform to parents at events in school.

We plan to begin a KS1 choir.

We also plan to begin a gifted and talented guitar session for children in Year 6.

Further information (optional)