

Music development plan summary: Thornhill Lees I&N School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 – 2025
Date this summary was published	May 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	May 2025
Name of the school music lead	Mrs E Pearson
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Musica Kirklees
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Opera North

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.

<p>KS1 – (approx. 30 mins) weekly music lessons, (approx. 20 mins) singing practise, daily songs, WOW days</p> <p>EYFS – (approx. 15 mins) weekly music lessons, (approx. 20 mins) Reception singing practise, daily songs, cross-curricular with other subjects</p> <p>All pupils sing through whole-school ensemble teaching (Year 2, Year 1 and Reception).</p> <p>Year 1 pupils have the opportunity to learn to play the hand drum (untuned) through whole-class ensembles.</p> <p>Year 2 pupils have the opportunity to learn to play the recorder (tuned) through whole-class ensembles.</p>

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.

Extra-Curricular: Music Club

This is outside of lesson time usually after school with a staff member singing, playing instruments and exploring 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.

Regular events include: Singing practises, performing songs in Collective Worship and Celebration Assembly.

Other special performances during the year include: Harvest, Nursery Rhyme Week, Eid, Christmas, End Of Year

For the special performances, usually one Year group is selected to act, dance, sing and accompany songs with instruments e.g. the Year 2 children perform for the End Of Year concert. The other children support the performing Year group by joining in singing the songs.

Nursery do a separate performance of the Nativity with singing and acting.

We have been selected as one of 9 schools put forward by the Area Managers at Musica Kirklees to have a free music workshop in October delivered by the very prestigious Benedetti Foundation.

In working with Opera North, Year 2 have been able to attend trips to see an orchestra at Dewsbury Town Hall and they brought an orchestra into school, which Year 1 and Year 2 were able to see. We hope in working with them again this year that this will bring other opportunities to see and hear live music.

In the future

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

In 2024, we attended an Eid Sing-A-Long at our feeder Junior School, Headfield Junior School. We hope in the future that we can see more of their performances / rehearsals.

Further information (optional)

We have achieved the Music Mark both in 2023 and 2024.

We received a grant from Universal Music UK Sound Foundation in 2024 to purchase new instruments to be used within Music lessons.

In 2024, we had an electric piano donated to us to support our Singing Practises.