

Music development plan summary: Sacred Heart Catholic Voluntary Academy



Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Sarah Livingston
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	All for Music Leicester

This is a summary of how Sacred Heart 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 Sacred Heart, we believe that music is an essential part of education that nurtures creativity and expression in children. This is why we have chosen the Kapow Primary Music scheme for our school. The primary aim of this programme is to help every child feel musical and to inspire a lifelong love of music that can enrich their lives. Through Kapow Music, students will develop the skills, knowledge, and understanding necessary to become confident performers, composers, and listeners. The curriculum encompasses a diverse range of musical styles, covering genres from around the world and throughout history. This variety not only enhances children's musical abilities but also encourages them to respect and appreciate different cultural traditions and communities. By integrating the Kapow Music scheme into our school's curriculum, we aim to build a strong foundation in music education, allowing students to express themselves and develop friendships through shared experiences. Ultimately, we hope to instil in our children a profound appreciation for music that will accompany them throughout their lives.

The school liaises with All for Music Leicester and the company run Ukelele sessions for our Year 2 children. Information is shared with parents about lessons that the children can attend outside of school through this company, and these take place local to the school.

Year 3 are introduced to playing the recorder during term time. Children are given a recorders and are taught the basics of finger placement and tone before moving onto sheet music.

On the school website you can see the whole school overview for Music.

Part B: Extra-curricular music

Sacred Heart offers children the chance to join the school choir which runs weekly after school. The choir takes part in the Menphys Carol Concert at DeMontfort Hall each year and have other opportunities to perform in front of others throughout the year such as at our yearly fundraiser for Rainbows or at Leicester MusicFest. Children are encouraged and have the opportunity to try out for the Leicester Cathedral Choir and many have been successful in joining this group.

Throughout the year additional choir opportunities are on offer such as working with Leicester Music to sing in the Jazz festival. The teamwork in school providing lessons for the children to prepare them for the festival and then they attend and sing alongside a band. During Advent 2 the choir lead several Christmas carol performances for the Pensioners Lunch Group at the Sacred Heart Club Room as well as the Wesley Hall Christmas party.

Part C: Musical experiences

As part of our broader musical offering, the entire school takes part in weekly singing practice. During these sessions, pupils learn and perform a diverse selection of songs from a variety of genres, suitable for all age groups from Reception to Year 6. Pupils are encouraged to sing in unison, in harmony, and in rounds of varying complexity, developing their confidence and teamwork. Through the weekly Hymn practices children learn a range of hymns according to the liturgical calendar and these are then rehearsed and used in our whole school celebrations. Regular liturgies and masses are held in school and at the local Church where children participate and sing. Our Chaplaincy team attend the yearly Trust feast day masses contributing to the singing. Our school has strong links with the Trust Secondary schools to watch the musical theatre productions. This encourages the children to have aspirations of joining the theatre productions as they move into secondary school. The children enjoy seeing past pupils who they recognise participating in the productions.

Our EYFS and Key Stage 1 classes all produce and perform Christmas plays where they learn a range of Christmas songs and perform to the parents across the Key Stage. Our Year 3 class lead a Carol Concert to the whole school. Pupils rehearse a variety of songs during the school day, ensuring they feel confident and prepared for their performances. This opportunity allows the children to develop their performance skills to an audience.

In the future

Through listening, performing, or creating, we hope to ignite a passion for music in each and every one of our students as part of our music program. Live music, in our opinion, is essential for engrossing students and expanding their perspectives. We are dedicated to giving students more musical events and chances to experience and appreciate a variety of genres and performances in order to help them build their cultural capital.

Our aim is to continue our work alongside Music for All giving the children opportunities to learn a musical instrument. We also plan to continue our yearly participation with Menphys Carol concert and also our own organised Rainbows concert.