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Dear Parents and Carers,

"The true beauty of music is that it connects people. It carries a message, and we, the musicians, are the messengers." Roy Ayers

At Oliver Goldsmith, we don't just aim to teach children about music; we want to help them develop into musicians. We know the power music can have on pupil concentration and focus which in turn supports strong behaviour for learning and promotes achievement across all subjects. Playing a musical instrument opens doors and creates many opportunities for children, both now and for the rest of their lives.

We have two specialist teachers for music, Miss McNeil & Mrs. Palinda, who work with children across the school. We also work closely with the Brent Music Service to provide small group instrumental tuition. The standard of music lessons at the school is very high, as are children's musical achievements. Have you asked your child about what they do in music lessons recently? I'm sure you'll be amazed at what they tell you!

In this newsletter you can read about how music reaches across all year groups and engages a huge number of children. During 2015/16 we will be increasing the chances children have in music with a few new initiatives which you will read about on the back page. My thanks go to Miss McNeil & Mrs. Palinda for all they do for music at OGPS.

With best wishes,

Mr. Simmons

Headteacher



KS1 Music Lessons: Mrs. Palinda



Reception children have been exploring the sound of different instruments.

They enjoyed selecting musical instruments to create an effect. Their favourite piece was using packaging to create a 'storm' effect!



Y1 classes were introduced to composing. They had to compose a piece for 'Treasure Island'. Very original ideas and great conducting!



Y2 were introduced to xylophone and hand bells. Children loved playing their favourite nursery tunes 'Twinkle Twinkle', 'Baa Baa Black Sheep' and others. Also Y2 enjoyed creating a sound track for the comic 'In the Park'.



Year 2 were lucky to have extra music time in Music club. It was very popular! At the end of the year they have performed with The Village school at the Performing Arts and 'One world week' concerts.

KS2 Music Lessons: Miss McNeil



Tambo Bamboo was introduced to Year 5 this year and it created a real buzz at the Performing Arts Concert! Tamboo Bamboo is a traditional Caribbean instrument that uses a combination of hitting and bouncing a tuned plastic instrument to create complex layered rhythms. It requires a lot of focus to maintain a single part!

Year 3 and 4 continued to develop their skills on the ukulele. Students showed they are able to accompany their singing by playing chords and can also play melodic lines in two parts to create beautiful harmony. Everyone has worked very hard to develop their note-reading and ensemble skills this year. Well done!



Year 6 were the first to use our new set of Djembes to study African Drumming. Our students have certainly got rhythm!

Learning from Professional Musicians



Year 6 participated in a drumming workshop presented by the talented Miss Fola. They explored African and Caribbean rhythms and songs with a little dancing thrown in too!



Years 3 and 6 were lucky enough to receive a visit from famous oboe player James Turnbull. They discovered he had performed in front of 400,000 people at the BBC Proms and asked many brilliant questions which he was very impressed by. Children at OGPS really know how to use music vocabulary!



Renowned Violinist Irmina Trynkos performed for year 2 in the spring. Here they are admiring her Stradivarius! Many Year 2 are now looking forward to violin lessons in Year 3.

Year 2 visit the historical Wigmore Hall for a presentation of 'Stan and Mabel'. We joined in with lots of singing and actions, all while learning about the instruments of the orchestra!



Performing Super Stars at OGPS



The choir worked very hard this year and gave a number of successful performances including a solemn Remembrance Day number, joint performance with KHS choir at our Christmas Sing-A-Long, Performing Arts, The Village School's 'One World, Many Voices' event and the Brent Choir of the Year Competition Finals. What talented singers we have at Oliver Goldsmith!

Year 4 Musicians worked alongside KHS students to create a musical accompaniment to the KHS Dance Pledge performance. They were very focused while playing their percussion instruments!



The Junior Ensemble brought a bit of Rock n Roll to our Performing Arts concert with our rendition of 'Wild Thing' by The Troggs. The Metallic Musicians put in many rehearsal hours to bring us a great performance!



The Year 2 music club impressed us this year again with performances of Okki-Tokki-Unga, We've Got Rhythm and Holly Jolly Christmas.

Music Showcase Week 2015



Musicians in KS2 had a chance to show friends and family what they have been practising all year during our Showcase Week. Many of these children are preparing for an exam in the Summer. Good luck, keep up the great work!



Music Stars of The Year:

Well done for going above and beyond in music!

Erijona 6V

Terae 4G

Ameena 6OY

Anabelle RM

Ashan 1M

Panth 5R

Aaryan 4G

Ezekiel 5R

Anzal 2MP

Rayan 5R

Abenna 5R

Massih 4G

Nimesh 3A

Dhavindu 5D

Imaan 6OY

Colin 2V

Rosie 1B

Janahan 3L

Avni 4J

Sanjna 2MP

Rene 1B

Bhapinder 5R

Aashi RM

Yunas 1M

Joel RD

Shery 2V

Jenevieve 3A

Marium 5D

Jia 5R

Dawid RD

Khushil 6OY

Damian 5D

Ryan 3L

Marc-Anthony 3A

Jashan 6V

Doaah 4G



Look out for these exciting opportunities next year...



EYFS: A visit from the Orchestra for the Age of Enlightenment

Year 1: Whole Class Violin Lessons

Year 4: Whole Class Trumpet Lessons

Year 5: The Handel Project: Learn about a famous composer and visit his house!

OGPS Musical Production: Audition dates to be announced.

Choir: Children in Years 4-6 can audition for the Junior Choir in September.

We will be preparing for Brent Makes Music @ Wembley Arena!

New Infant Choir: Year 1-3 will be auditioning for the infant choir in September.

Junior Ensemble: Every child taking lessons on an instrument in Years 4-6 is invited to participate in our Junior Ensemble. You can look forward to music trips and special guests!



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