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In this reflection I'll be using the "See, think, wonder" routine to reflect on the picture above regarding opportunities at Summerwood primary school.

## SEE

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## THINK

I am thinking of the opportunities that the schools' music program gives these learners. I am also thinking about how learning music benefits learners developmentally. According to (Neese, 2023), children exposed to music often improves cognitive development, emotional growth and social skills. (Savacool, 2014) says "Playing an instrument gives kids bigger, more active brains- especially the parts involved with hearing, memory and motor skills". Learners unknowingly develop resilience and discipline when persevering through the challenges of learning an instrument.

## WONDER

I wonder about the appreciation these learners have for the opportunity to learn music at school. Not many schools offer music programs and I'm wondering if music is not only an extracurricular to them but also an outlet and safe space from academic pressure and challenge's they might face in their lives. I wonder if the learners practice or play instruments at home for fun and if they have developed a

passion and love for music. I wonder who of these learners might one day pursue careers in music and become musicians, study music, become music teachers, form bands, travel around the world in choirs and the endless list of possibilities and opportunities that music has to offer.

## Conclusion

I really think that Summerwood is paving ways to wonderful opportunities and experiences for their learners through the music program. Learners are being inspired to grow, learn and share their talents with others, which might someday turn into worldwide audiences.

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