

Cranbrook Colourstrings School Newsletter

Spring 2019

Hallo Everyone!

There has been much music-making and enjoyment in kindergarten, musicianship and instrumental lessons this term, with plenty to challenge and stimulate our young musicians.

Concerts

Last term we held our end of term concert in the Mission Church, Sandhurst. All the children enjoyed playing in such a lovely venue. They entertained us with a wonderful variety of charming pieces, displaying their growing chamber music and soloistic skills. Some Colourstrings graduates returned to perform to us, which was a real treat: Ewan Tatnell sang a duet with his brother Monty, Floss Shimmin played 'Take 5', one of her Grade 4 pieces and Ellie Young Min, having just gained a Distinction for her Grade 8 exam, returned to perform some Bach. It was wonderful to hear how much these youngsters have been flourishing in their music-making and very inspiring to our young musicians!

Spring Term Concert

**Venue: The Mission Church,
Sandhurst,
Back Road, TN18 5JU**

**Date: Sunday 17th March
Time: 2pm**

Do put this date in your diaries and come along and listen, even if your child is still in kindergarten. Experiencing live music-making can make a great impression on children and help them decide what instrument they might like to play one day. The concert will be very informal and will last for about an hour. Everyone will have a chance to join in with some singing at the end and the concert will be followed by some well-deserved refreshments.

INSTRUMENTAL DEMONSTRATIONS.....

Instrumental demonstrations to the after-school kindergarten children take place in the spring and summer terms each year. This is so that each child who may wish to take up an instrument with us can make an informed decision about which one s/he would prefer.

(It is very important that the child choose the instrument: the character of both the child and the instrument need to 'fit' if at all possible.)

The children will be hearing demos on the violin, cello and piano by graduates of the Colourstrings Kindergarten and they will have an opportunity to have a little go on each instrument themselves.

Music to listen to...

Each week the children listen to a piece of classical music for a short period.

This term's listening music:

J S Bach:

Magnificat: Aria + Coro

Beethoven:

Concerto for Violin

3rd mvt: Rondo: Allegro

Manuel de Falla:

Suite Populaire Espagnole

'Nana'

Music Kindergarten Repertoire

The 'Singing Rascal' series of books and CDs are EXCLUSIVE to Colourstrings and make up the core repertoire of our music kindergarten and instrumental programmes. I **strongly** encourage you to buy the set of books and CDs. They are exceptionally well presented, musically, and will give hours of pleasure to child and parent alike. Children get to know the songs really thoroughly, which benefits them in the class and parents are able to sing along and enjoy the songs with them too.

As the children progress through the classes, we revisit all the songs, and our activities get increasingly sophisticated as the children develop their listening, pitching, reading and fine and gross motor skills, so you will find that these materials will last right through the music kindergarten years and into the instrumental years too. As such they I think you

will agree that they represent incredible value. Ingrid has a supply of both books and CDs.

Books: £7 CDs: £7

SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESS!!

Many congratulations to Monty Tatnell who has gained a choral scholarship to St John's College School, Cambridge. This is a tremendous achievement! He will join his brother, Ewan, there in September.

Many congratulations to Delilah Tindall-Gundry who has gained a music scholarship to Blundells School in Devon. Offering violin, piano, guitar and singing, Delilah is sure to represent the music department in her new school very well! She will start there in September.

Term Dates

Spring Term:

7th January – 29th March
(Half term: 18th – 24th February)

Summer term:

Monday 23rd April - Friday 12th July
(Half term: Mon 27th – Fri 31st May)

Have an enjoyable remainder of term!

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