

Cranbrook Colourstrings School Newsletter

Autumn 2014

Hallo Everyone!

Our term has got off to a great start with much enjoyment in kindergarten, musicianship, instrumental and ensemble lessons. A very warm welcome to the children who have just joined the Colourstrings programme. Hopefully you will feel well settled in by now.

Concerts

Last year the children in the instrumental programme gave three concerts. The musicianship groups delighted us with their singing and the instrumental performances varied from charming to magnificent! The children displayed exceptional listening skills as well as conviction in their playing. We were treated to a musical feast of chamber music. It was especially nice to hear siblings performing together. We were treated to an impromptu performance from younger siblings who had been listening dutifully in the audience and then wanted their chance to perform! As ever, each concert was rounded off with the audience joining the children for a final song or two. It is so rewarding to hear, during the course of the year's concerts, how much the children have progressed in their playing and their eagerness to share their musical achievements with the audience. We all came away feeling

inspired by what we had heard! These performances were the culmination of much dedication and hard work on the part of the children, their teachers and parents, so well done to everyone!

This year there will be three concerts for the instrumentalists. Do 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.

Sunday 30th November 3pm
Autumn Term Concert

**Venue: St Mary the Virgin
Church, Goudhurst**

We will once again be performing in this lovely church. It promises to be an enjoyable concert so do put the date in your diaries and come along. Absolutely everyone is welcome to come to this concert. There will be singing as well as playing and the concert will be very informal, so our youngest children in the Kindergarten are especially welcome. The concert will last for about an hour and will be followed by some well-deserved refreshments!

New Piano + Musicianship Teacher!

Welcome to Glynis Dickinson, who has been teaching "Colourkeys" piano to two children and Musicianship to the Intermediate and Advanced groups this term. The children are thoroughly enjoying their lessons with her and we look forward to hearing some of what they have been learning in the end of term concert!

Music to listen to...

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

This term's listening music:

Corelli

Concerto No 2 in F major
4th mvt: Allegro

Beethoven

Piano Trio in E flat Op 1 No 1
1st mvt: Allegro

Bruckner

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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.

They will make great Christmas presents!

Books: £7 CDs: £7

More Colourstrings classes on offer in Tunbridge Wells!

Just a reminder that **Ali Rycroft** offers Colourstrings classes at her 'Phoenix Music Kindergarten' in Tunbridge Wells, so if you have friends who live near there do tell them the good news and encourage them to get in touch with Ali. Her contact details are:

Alison.rycroft@btinternet.com or she can be contacted on 01892 617491

Term Dates

Autumn term ends Friday 5th Dec.

Spring term:

Mon 12th Jan – Fri 27th March
(Half term: Mon 16th – Fri 20th Feb)

Have an enjoyable remainder of term!

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