

Cranbrook Colourstrings School Newsletter

Summer 2019

Hallo Everyone!

Some wonderful singing, dancing and playing of instruments has been going on this term and much fun has been had by all!

EASTER CONCERT

Last term all the children who are currently learning instruments with Colourstrings had the opportunity to perform to an enthusiastic audience of parents, siblings, friends and grandparents in the Mission Church in Sandhurst.

Everyone who heard them was thrilled to hear how much these young musicians had improved since they last heard them in the Christmas concert. Even our youngest musicians performed with confidence and sang with pleasure and conviction! Well done to everyone!



A pleasing variety of music was performed, both instrumental and vocal with the children demonstrating their chamber music

skills and ability to depict many different styles in their playing. As ever, the children and adults in the audience delighted us all with their enthusiastic participation in the singing!

INSTRUMENTAL DEMONSTRATIONS...

Instrumental demonstrations to the children in our oldest kindergarten class 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 have heard violin and cello demos by our current instrumentalists and later this term will spend a happy half hour in St Dunstan's Church trying out the piano! They were delighted to hear the tunes of songs they could sing being played on these instruments and were very excited to have a try at playing the instrument under the supervision of the teacher.

Listening regularly to music with your child will give them the opportunity to hear a great variety of music and they might well be drawn to a particular instrument. Classic FM radio offers a huge variety of music and of course going to a concert is very exciting!

Summer Concert

10th July 4.30pm

Venue: St George's Church,
Benenden

We are fortunate to be able to use this lovely church for our concert this term. Do come along to listen to our young instrumentalists who will be delighted to share their musical achievements with you. It will be a feast of music-making! Unusually for us, the concert is on a Wednesday, so if you can come along after school, enjoy some lovely music-making followed by a picnic on The Green, that will be supper sorted!

The concert will be very informal, so our youngest children in the Kindergarten are especially welcome. They will be invited to take part, of course! The opportunity to experience live music-making is not to be missed. It will make a great impression on them!

Music to listen to...

Each week the children listen to a piece of classical music for a short period. Over the term we listen three totally different styles of music.

This term's listening music:

Haydn

Piano Sonata in C major
1st mvt: Allegro

Schubert

Octet: Allegro

Dvorak

Serenade
2nd mvt: Waltz

SINGING RASCALS BOOKS and CDS

These attractive, colourful books and their accompanying CDs form the **core repertoire** for our music kindergarten and instrumental programmes.

Most of you will have bought all three books and CDs. If you haven't got them all, do ask Ingrid, who will happily complete your collection for you!

Enjoying them with your children over the long summer holidays will help them to remember all they have learnt over the year and to look forward to more singing when we return in the autumn term.

Spread the word!

A few mums with babies have expressed an interest in bringing them along to a Baby and Toddler class. We need a few more children before we can start a class, so if you know anyone who might be interested, do encourage them to get in touch. In my experience the mums and dads enjoy themselves as much as the children!

There will also be spaces in our 3-4s class on Monday mornings and our 4-5s class on Tuesday afternoons.

FAREWELLS

At the end of this term we will be saying farewell to Monty Tatnell and Delilah Tindall-Gundry who will be taking up their choral and music scholarships at St John's College School, Cambridge and Blundells School, Devon. It has been such a pleasure to watch them both develop their music skills over the years at Colourstrings. We wish them the very best in all their future musical pursuits!

A few children have been working very hard for their instrumental exams. We wish them all the very best and will report back on the results of their endeavours in the next newsletter!

Last week of lessons: Monday 8th
- Friday 12th July.
(Final lesson for cellists will be on Wednesday 17th July.)

Have an enjoyable term!

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