

Cranbrook Colourstrings School Newsletter

Autumn 2019

Hallo Everyone!

We have had a lovely term, with much enjoyment in kindergarten, musicianship, instrumental and ensemble lessons. Welcome to the children who have recently joined us.

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. Younger siblings who had been listening dutifully in the audience delighted in the opportunity to perform too as they lustily sang their favourite songs! As ever, each concert was rounded off with the audience joining the children for a final song or two. It was so rewarding to hear, during the course of the year's concerts, how much the children had 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!

We said farewell to Monty and Delilah who left our school to take up choral and music scholarships in Cambridge and Devon. We wish them the very best in all their future musical endeavours and invite them to keep in touch and take part in our concerts if they are around at that time. It would be lovely to hear how they are progressing!

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 7th December 4.30pm
Autumn Term Concert
Venue: The Mission Church
Back Road, Sandhurst
TN18 5JU**

We are delighted to have the opportunity to perform in this lovely church again. 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, with the audience joining in with some of the songs, 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, so that will be supper sorted for the children!

Music to listen to...

Each week the children listen to a piece of classical music for a short period. Over the course of the term we listen to three very contrasting pieces of music from different eras. Listed below are the pieces we have been listening to this term:

Haydn

String Quartet Op 73 No 3
4th mvt: Allegro con Brio

Mendelsohn

Prelude for Piano in B flat minor

Dvorak

Serenade for Strings
2nd mvt: Tempo di Valse

Music Kindergarten Repertoire

Most of you have purchased the 'Singing Rascal' series of books and CDs which are EXCLUSIVE to Colourstrings and make up the core repertoire of our music kindergarten and instrumental programmes. I hope you are making the best possible use of them by playing them in the car, at bath, supper or bedtime! They will greatly enhance your child's Colourstrings experience. 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 and siblings 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 I think you will agree that they represent incredible value. I have all three books and CDs in stock, so do ask me if you would like to purchase some, or indeed all, of them!

They will make great Christmas presents!

Books: £7 CDs: £7

Term Dates

Autumn term ends

Friday 6th December

Spring term:

Monday 6th Jan – Friday 27th March
(Half term: Mon 18th – Fri 22nd Feb)

Have an enjoyable remainder of term!

Ingrid Sellschop

Cranbrook Colourstrings School 01580 720 135

Email: cranbrookcolourstrings@gmail.com

www.cranbrookcolourstrings.co.uk