

Music development plan summary: Blackgates Primary Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	A. Reid
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	J. Coulson
Name of local music hub	Leeds
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	ArtForms

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, co-curricular provision, and musical experiences – and what changes we are planning in future years. This information is to help pupils and parents or carers understand what our school offers and who we work with to support our pupils’ music education.

Part A: Curriculum music

This is about what we teach in lesson time, how much time is spent teaching music and any music qualifications or awards that pupils can achieve.

At Blackgates Primary Academy, teachers follow the condensed KAPOW scheme which is informed by the [model music curriculum](#) (March 2021), non-statutory guidance for teaching music in Key Stages One and Two. Music lessons in KS1 & KS2 are taught fortnightly for 45 minutes and each music theme is taught every half term. To enhance our whole school music provision further, singing assemblies are delivered to both KS1 & KS2 pupils for 30 minutes fortnightly.

In the Early Years, music is interwoven into our teaching and learning environment and is very much part of our daily routines. We follow the objectives in the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage and the Development Matters (2021)

documents produced by the Department of Education.

Pupils/Students with SEND are fully integrated into the music curriculum and the wider musical life of the school accessing the same opportunities as their peers.

At Blackgates Primary Academy the intention is that children gain a firm understanding of what music is through listening to music, singing, playing, evaluating, analysing, and composing across a wide variety of historical periods, styles, traditions, and musical genres. Our objective at Blackgates Primary Academy is to develop a curiosity for the subject, as well as an understanding and acceptance of the validity and importance of all types of music, and an unbiased respect for the role that music may wish to be expressed in any person's life. We are committed to ensuring children understand the value and importance of music in the wider community, and are able to use their musical skills, knowledge, and experiences to involve themselves in music, in a variety of different contexts.

At Blackgates, our pupils in Year Three learn how to play the recorder and our pupils in Year Four learn how to play the ukulele. These lessons are taught by a music specialist who teaches the children in a whole class environment.

Pupils from Year One to Year Six engage in singing assemblies fortnightly. Children in Key Stage Two are also offered the opportunity to join our school choir. The school choir meet once per week after school with sessions led by the music lead.

All schools within Leodis Academies Trust work collaboratively as part of the Leodis Music Network.

Blackgates also collaborate with the Leeds Music Education Hub, Artforms. We participate in activities and events through both of these partnerships which offer children the opportunity to perform to a wider audience.

Part B: Co-curricular music

This is about opportunities for pupils to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, including choirs, ensembles, and bands, and how pupils can make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

Pupils in Year Three learn how to play the recorder and pupils in Year Four learn how to play the ukulele.

This academic year pupils from Year One to Year Six have taken part in fortnightly singing assemblies.

A choir takes place every week as an extra-curricular offer, led by the music leader. This is free and is inclusive to all children in key stage two.

Throughout the year, children from Key Stage Two have also had the opportunity to gain experience of how to play a range of musical instruments such as the piano, bass guitar, the guitar, and the drums with a specialist musician at breaktimes and after school.

At Harvest and Easter, pupils across school sing and share readings in special whole school assemblies which parents and carers are invited to. To celebrate Christmas, our pupils from Key Stage Two go to Woodkirk St Mary's Church to perform poetry and sing to the friends and families of Blackgates Primary Academy.

Blackgates Primary Academy follows the Leodis Academies Trust's Charging and Remissions policy.

Part C: Musical experiences

This is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as singing in assembly, concerts and shows, and trips to professional concerts.

At Blackgates, music is seen as a vital part of school life and not for a limited few or those with particular talent and ability. It is something that is accessible to all.

All children from our Two Year Old Nursery to Year Two partake in a Nativity performance performed to the whole school and then to parents and carers to celebrate Christmas.

Pupils from Year Three to Year Six perform Christmas songs at our annual Christmas Carol Concert at our local church for our Blackgates community to attend.

We also explore opportunities for pupils throughout school to be involved in going on educational visits to collaborate in musical projects delivered by ArtForms and for musicians to come into school and perform for the children with interactive musical

workshops.

Pupils at Blackgates Primary Academy have the opportunity to view live musical performances involving other Leodis schools. There is an annual Leodis concert in which pupils/students perform as individual schools and as a collective ensemble. All Year 5 pupils attend the Woodkirk Summer concert and Year 6 are invited to join the audience for Woodkirk's annual show.

All pupils across the Trust celebrate Christmas with a visiting Brass Band to promote a love of live music being performed.

Year Six deliver their leavers performance to the whole school and in front of parents and carers at the end of the final term of the academic year.

In the future

This is about what the school is planning for subsequent years.

Through the Leodis Pledge, we are committed to providing additional musical experiences for all out pupils/students.

At Blackgates we will continue to work closely with our local music hub to provide any extra musical opportunities to pupils across the whole of school.

We will continue to strengthen our school choir and work towards performing seasonally to the whole school and will look to collaborate with other schools across the city at larger scale events.

Blackgates will look to continue to extend and improve its music tuition offer to pupils with a view to more children learning an instrument over an extended period of time within our school.

In Nursery, music will be explicitly taught through one carpet session per week (in addition to musical exploration in continuous provision throughout the day/week) using

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