

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 1 and 2. Music lessons in KS1 & KS2 are taught fortnightly for 45 minutes. To enhance our whole school music provision further, singing assemblies will be introduced this academic year.

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 3 learn how to play the recorder and in our pupils in Year 4 learn how to play the ukulele.

Pupils from Year One to Year Six will engage in singing assemblies each week and will be offered the opportunity to join a new school choir.

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

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 3 learn how to play the recorder and pupils in Year 4 learn how to play the ukulele. As an extension of this we have offered pupils who have learned to play the ukulele, extra curricular sessions to continue playing the ukulele as an ensemble.

At Blackgates we host an annual talent show whereby pupils have the opportunity to perform in front of an audience and showcase their musical talents to their peers.

This academic year pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 will take part in weekly singing assemblies and a school choir will be introduced.

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 One take part in a Christmas performance that is performed to parents and their peers. Pupils from Year Two to Year Six perform 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.

Pupils at Blackgates Primary Academy have the opportunity to view live musical performance involving other Leodis schools. All pupils across the Trust celebrate Christmas with a visiting Brass Band and take part in nativity/church-based concerts. There is an annual Leodis concert in which pupils/students perform as schools and as a collective ensemble. All Year 5 pupils attend the Woodkirk Summer concert and Year 6 the annual show.

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 our pupils/students.

-introduce Singing assemblies once a week

-create a school choir