

Music development plan summary: Bournville Village Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Claire Vaughan
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Amy Cooper
Name of local music hub	Services for Education (SFE)

BVPS pride themselves on the quality, breadth, and inclusivity of the music it offers their children. We feel we offer a high- quality of music education for all and as such, we meet a high proportion of what is identified within the HM Government's National Plan of Music (NPM).

Curriculum music

BVPS uses a spiral curriculum and meets the requirements of the Model Music Curriculum (MMC) through the adoption of the Charanga on-line Music Scheme B. This music scheme is delivered from Years 1 - 6, by either class teachers or the school's music lead. Currently children receive a weekly 45-minute class music lesson, and assemblies every day where they sing and listen to music taken from the MMC.

In line with the Charanga Scheme children are taught to sing properly, appraise a wide range of music and read, play, compose and improvise music on C-C chime bars (KS1) and glockenspiels (chromatic) (KS2), as well as a variety of unpitched instruments including djembe drums.

In Year 2 all children are taught the ukulele by a specialist music teacher from Services for Education (our music hub). Children receive a weekly 45-minute lesson for the year.

Extra Curricula music

At BVPS we pride ourselves with the breadth of instrument lessons we have on offer. All instruments are taught by specialist music teachers from the Birmingham Music Service (SFE) and all have been teaching at BVPS for many years. This strong relationship ensures continuity of teaching for our children, aiding both progress and enjoyment.

BVPS offer instrument lessons from Year 3-6 in Flute, clarinet, saxophone, bassoon, oboe, keyboard, violin, viola, trumpet, tenor horn, French horn, trombone, guitar, ukulele, drumkit and tuned percussion. Lessons are charged at £7.60 per week, which includes the loan of an instrument. Those children eligible for Pupil Premium are offered lessons at a reduced rate and some are fully funded. When ready children are encouraged to work towards music exams and music medals offered by SFE, ABRSM and Trinity College London.

Our music lessons are taught in our dedicated music room, which is also used for our school orchestra and Year 6 hand bell group.

When ready, children are invited to join our school orchestra, led by one of our specialist music teachers from SFE, supported by our school music lead.

For those children who love to sing, we run a weekly school choir for children in Years 4-6. Once again this is led by our music lead who is a vocal specialist, supported by our school accompanist. There is a small annual charge for choir, a reduced rate being offered for those children eligible for pupil premium.

At BVPS we offer further music opportunities running a Year 6 Hand bell group for our more experienced musicians. Year 5 song leaders in 'Singing Playgrounds', a 'Music Tech' club for Years 4 -6, and a small Year 2 Recorder Club.

Musical experiences

Children at BVPS take part in daily singing assemblies, they are given opportunities to perform at our Friday celebration assembly and music is incorporated into class assemblies, Harvest, Christmas and Easter Services.

Musicians perform at a number of concerts held in school during the year.

Our more experienced musicians and singers perform regularly within our local community, visiting The Quadrangle and Memory Café on several occasions throughout the year.

For those children in our school orchestra, they perform at some of our iconic concert venues such as The Bradshaw Hall (Royal Birmingham Conservatoire) and

Birmingham Symphony Hall. Our Year 6 Hand Bell Group and Choir performed in Birmingham Town Hall this year. Our strong links with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, enabled us to take our school orchestra to a concert at the Symphony Hall and to meet some of the musicians.

Our school choir sings at many external concerts both within the local community and beyond. This year they have taken part in Young Voices at World Resorts Arena, sung at Birmingham Townhall, and Birmingham Symphony Hall.

When ready, instrumentalists are encouraged to audition for a central ensemble run by the music hub SFE. This allows them to play with musicians from across the city and many children progress through the central ensemble system, finally gaining a place in the Birmingham's Schools Symphony Orchestra.

At BVPS we have strong ties with many major music organisations throughout the city. Recently the children have taken part in projects run by Birmingham Contemporary Music Group (two-year composing project 'Listen, Imagine, Compose') and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra outreach project. In addition to these experiences, the children enjoy live music from visiting schools (KES and KNGS), from our music hub SFE and our own musicians.

In the future

Moving forward BVPS is aiming to build on the depth of music we already have in place by extending the opportunities to sing by running a Year 3 and 4 choir, allowing Years 5 and 6 to have their own choir.

We appreciate how vitally important it is to maintain the strong ties we have with our community and major music organisations throughout the city, and work in the future will focus on this.

As a school, we are looking for ways to increase cultural diversity throughout our wider school provision and we are establishing links with organisations that specialise in cultural diversity in the arts, such as Sampad (a charity that promotes South Asian Arts and Culture).

Finally, in order to sustain our high quality music provision, we are looking at ways to ensure we are carefully planning for the succession of our key drivers in music provision at BVP.

Further information

Services for Education (Birmingham Music Service) https://www.servicesforeducation.co.uk/music-services-in-schools/
City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra https://cbso.co.uk/take-part
Birmingham Contemporary Music Group https://www.bcmg.org.uk/Pages/Category/schools-early-years
Ex Cathedra https://excathedra.co.uk/education-participation/
Sampad https://sampad.org.uk/what-we-do/