



Music Development Plan

2024-2025

Penbridge Infants School

Part of the Thinking School's Academy Trust

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Music development plan summary: Penbridge Infant School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2023-2024
Date this summary was published	
Date this summary will be reviewed	
Name of the school music lead	Claire Young
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Portsmouth Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Hampshire Music Service

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.

Music is highly valued at Penbridge. It can have an amazing impact on a child's well-being. It builds a sense of community and gives children a sense of belonging and purpose. Music boosts self-discipline and self-esteem and in turn improves standards across all other curriculum subjects. This was recognised in our recently awarded Gold Artsmark which highlighted our commitment to the arts in school.

Curriculum music

At Penbridge Infant School music is taught in the library area. Music lessons take place once a week with weekly singing assemblies. These are led by a specialist music teacher. Over the year pupils receive one hour of music a week, as outlined in the National Plan for Music Education. Children follow a theme for a half term which includes all aspects of listening and appraising, composing, rehearsing and performing. Much of this is based on the Hampshire Music Curriculum written for teachers by music specialists. We use a comprehensive skills breakdown provided by Portsmouth Music Hub to

ensure that our curriculum provides full coverage as required. Here is a link to our Music Curriculum map.



Music Curriculum
map Infants 2023-24.

Sometimes children have music lessons while teachers take their PPA. The children's outcomes are assessed by the music teacher at the end of each unit. This is then used to adapt the unit as necessary and any future planning.

The subject is well-resourced with a wide range of tuned and untuned instruments which are used regularly during lessons. These include glockenspiels, xylophones, drums, maracas, claves, tambourines to name a few. We also currently 'host' the Music Hub's sets of African drums, along with a class set of mini steel pans. Children have access to ipads to use in music lessons. The music manager has a yearly budget to maintain our instruments and music resources. The school subscribes to 'Sing Up' which provides a huge range of quality songs from all genres along with backing tracks and accompaniments.

Our music curriculum is accessible to all children. Disabled pupils and pupils with SEND are sometimes supported by Classroom Assistants in order to help them to access all areas of the music curriculum. Children from the Inclusion Centre regularly join classes to take part in music lessons too.

The school has strong links with Portsmouth Music Hub and we take part in many of the free activities they offer during the year, including live concerts and opportunities for choir to perform at different venues. Parents are invited to take part in these whenever possible. The hub also provides music training for teachers and opportunities for music leaders to meet together to share good practice. During the 2023-2024 academic year the Early Years teachers attended several training sessions run by Portsmouth Music Hub's specialist teachers. The Music Manager attends an annual Music Conference run by a local hub to share and learn about any new developments in teaching music.

Extra curricular music

Penbridge Infant School has a choir which is open to children in Year 2. This weekly club is free and runs either at lunchtime or after school. It takes place during the Autumn and Spring terms. Children learn new songs and rehearse for performances with other schools organised by the local hub.

Each year they help to lead the Christingle Service at St Mary's church and take part in the Infant Voices Showcase at the Portsmouth Guildhall.

Musical events

All children in Year 2 took part in the Infant Voices Festival in the Spring term. This was organised by Portsmouth Music Hub. It involved several local schools and culminated in a performance for parents at the Guildhall for the choir children.

The children in Year 1 attended a live concert at the Portsmouth Guildhall to widen their experience of 'live' music. This was led by Music in the Round and was entitled 'The Chimpanzees of Happy Town'. It introduced the children to a number of instruments and encouraged audience participation with singing.

In school the children in Early Years invited the parents in before Christmas to perform and sing for them.

Year 1 perform a topic showcase for parents which includes topic-related songs.

Year 2 will invite parents in at the end of the year to enjoy a musical performance to celebrate their time at Penbridge Infant School.

This year the children in Year 1 and 2 were treated to a visit from the Penbridge Junior Choir who performed a mini musical about 'The Great Fire of London' which the children in Year 2 had been studying.

In the future

In the future we would like to increase the number of experiences we can offer to our pupils in terms of watching 'live' musical performances. The barriers to this are costings and ensuring that each child has access to this.

This coming year we will make more use of technology in music lessons for composition and this will be embedded in the planning for these units. This was a highlight in the Music Action plan this year. Once children have become familiar with the apps and programmes the music lead will be able to assess how effective these have been.

Further information (optional)

Link to Portsmouth Music Hub [Portsmouth Music Hub](#)

The hub have an excellent bank of songs on their website many of which we use in school. Children are able to access these from home. [Song Source Home — Portsmouth Music Hub](#)

[Link to trustwide music development plan?](#)