

## Music Development Plan Summary

### Curriculum provision

Music is a fundamental part of our inclusive community, contributing significantly to our happiness and well-being.

Our high quality music provision is a team effort, with contributions and participation from all, led by our permanent specialist music teacher, Catrin.

Pupils have a timetabled singing lesson of 30-40 minutes every week, two classes together.

Year 1 to 6 also have 45-60 minutes of instrumental music every two weeks.

- **Singing.** Pupils from age 3-11 have weekly singing sessions, two classes together, to **enable high quality singing.** Children achieve secure and confident vocal progression, with motivation within a safe space and individual support where needed. All pupils have support to develop confidence and a love of singing together, as well as learning to sing in tune and in harmony throughout their time at Greenfields. We continually develop our repertoire in terms of culture, languages and meaningful links to topics.
- **We are very proud to have achieved Lead School Status for Music in Nottingham, with a particular focus on singing.** We are keen to share our love, skills and enthusiasm for singing with other schools, supporting them on their musical journey as well as collaborating with and learning from other schools.
- **In 2024 we recorded a cd** of songs, together with some instrumental performances, **thanks to Benjamin McCourt**, an ex-parent and member of our Greenfields family. **Our cd, which is the third we have recorded since our first in 2014, features every child in the school, from age 3-11, showing our joy in singing as well as the progression throughout the school.**
- **In addition to weekly singing lessons, we regularly come together to sing as a school. Staff and children alike love the opportunity to sing together. This happens at least 5 times a term.** We encourage all staff and pupils, no matter how young or old to help to lead the singing at the front and have a strong repertoire of known songs which support our wellbeing and cohesion as a community, with children from at least 46 countries around the world.
- Our **skills and knowledge progression document** outlines our ambitious programme of music. **Whole class instrumental music and composition explores a wide range of styles and genres, using djembe, xylophones, steel pans and classroom percussion, with pupils in year 4 learning clarinet, playing by ear and using musical notation.** We achieve a high standard of musical performance in whole class ensemble, with everyone working together to support or lead the ensemble. SEND pupils integrate fully and succeed in music, often making incredible progress.
- We encourage our musical curiosity, by listening to and discussing a wide variety of live music, live recordings and studio recorded music, from around the world and from historical periods in western classical music, developing our knowledge and understanding.
- Most teachers sing regularly in class using resources prepared by the music specialist. There are additional groups such as daily music interaction for SEND children led by care assistants. **All staff are encouraged to develop and share their own instrumental skills** and join in the ensembles, such as area band, staff choir, assemblies, music lessons and in open staff meetings which take place each term.
- We are planning to invest in additional high quality IT resources to support us to record, share and assess our music making effectively.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Partnerships &amp; Publicity</u></b></p> <p>We work in partnership with Nottingham Music Hub and other organisations to provide a tailored programme of musical opportunities and improve the quality and breadth of provision</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nottingham Music Hub</b> enable our children to take part in and watch <b>high quality regular live performance outside school</b>, such as <b>Christmas in the City for Choir and Area Band, The Great Orchestra Experiment with all of Year 4, Music Camp for Year 5, and Area Band termly concerts.</b></li> <li>• <b>Nottingham Music Hub</b> support us with the latest developments in policy and practise, including <b>termly network meetings</b> for staff development.</li> <li>• <b>Our music teacher Catrin leads our Area Band Ensemble on Thursdays after school from 3.15-4pm, with high quality resources provided by Nottingham Music Hub.</b> Tutors from NMH join us for rehearsals on a termly basis to help us feel part of the larger ensemble and prepare us for concerts. We are seeking new ways to encourage our pupils to attend additional <b>out of school Connect ensembles</b> run directly by Nottingham Music Hub.</li> <li>• <b>We communicate regularly with parents</b> to ensure commitment to Area Band and Choir and <b>support their attendance</b> at regular performance opportunities at venues throughout the city. Parents liase over lifts for their children, and transport vouchers from NCT and the Tram Network in partnership with Nottingham City Council are provided where possible.</li> <li>• We are proud to have collaborated with <b>Our Dementia Choir</b> on a <b>joint performance in July 2024</b> and have another joint event planned for <b>December 2025.</b></li> <li>• We are developing our relationship with <b>AMC Gardens, planning a joint event for Light Night in February 2025.</b> Our <b>fabulous Choir</b> perform annually at the Meadows Lights Switch On at Christmas and we regularly host The Meadows Singing Festival in the summer for local schools to share the joy of singing together.</li> <li>• In 2023 we received funding from Universal Music to provide 3 additional high quality xylophones for our children and we have had a donation of additional Steel Pans in October 2024 to enrich our curriculum music resources. The generous donation of time and expertise from Benjamin McCourt enabled us to create our latest CD!</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>First access instrumental learning</u></b></p> <p><b>All Year 4 pupils</b> have clarinet lessons as part of the music curriculum <b>in groups of 15 every other week</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tuition on clarinet, half a class at a time, has proved to be incredibly effective, enabling more individualised attention and better attainment for all pupils.</b> Teachers and teaching assistants learn alongside the children and we play all together for rehearsals and performances. We plan for pupils with special educational needs, providing additional support or an alternative instrument if needed.</li> <li>• All children in year 4 take part in <b>The Great Orchestra Experiment at the Albert Hall in Nottingham in March every year.</b> This event shows the children the possibilities for the future if they choose to continue playing an instrument in years 5&amp;6 and beyond. It is funded by school and organised and subsidised by Nottingham Music Hub.</li> <li>• <b>All pupils perform to their parents at the end of the year in their class assembly.</b></li> </ul>

<p><b><u>Progression – beyond first access</u></b></p> <p>Year 5&amp;6 pupils who wish to continue learning have <b>free clarinet lessons in small groups in school time.</b></p> <p><b>All pupils playing clarinet are encouraged to attend Area Band after school on Thursdays</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>At least two hours each week within school time</b> is allocated to pupils who wish to continue playing the clarinet in years 5&amp;6. We currently have <b>28 pupils out of 60</b> in years 5&amp;6 who have chosen to keep learning the clarinet. <b>Each child has their own instrument to use, which they take home to practise.</b></li> <li>• We support pupils in understanding the different ways they can practise in between lessons and in establishing good routines. We encourage independent learning, as well as following up their suggestions for repertoire and performances.</li> <li>• We currently have <b>27 pupils from years 5&amp;6 who play clarinet in Area Band</b>, learning to read music and playing by ear as part of an ensemble. As well as Area Band, pupils perform in school assemblies, and for their peers, to encourage commitment and enjoyment.</li> <li>• All pupils have <b>whole class djembe as part of music lessons in year 3</b>, to give strong foundation in rhythm, call &amp; response, rhythm notation and playing as an ensemble</li> <li>• <b>In Years 5&amp;6 all pupils continue whole class ensembles</b>, progressing to more advanced djembe and pitch work using xylophones and steel pans to continue their musical journey. All pupils perform on their instruments at least once a year.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Ensembles</u></b></p> <p>Year 5 &amp; 6 Choir</p> <p>Area Band</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>We continue to raise standard and profile of our school choir</b>, timetabled for 30 mins per week within school time with regular performances and high expectations, open to any child in year 5&amp;6 who wishes to join.</li> <li>• <b>We choose challenging repertoire making use of harmony</b>, incorporating a range of genres and vocal techniques, with the choir take a lead role in school performances both inside and outside of school</li> <li>• <b>We support all Area Band members to learn to read music notation</b>, with weekly rehearsals after school. <b>Area Band take part in termly concerts with music hub</b>, with clear communication to parents and SLT to ensure their support</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Progression Routes Outside School</u></b></p> <p>Experiencing music outside school gives pupils a sense of the wider world, encouraging them to pursue music beyond primary school and to have wider aspirations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We attend termly concerts and events run by <b>Nottingham Music Hub</b> at venues throughout the city, featuring ensembles which the children can join in the future, such as <b>Connect Ensembles and the Robin Hood Youth Orchestra</b></li> <li>• Year 4 pupils attend GOE making links between what we do in school and how to progress and be part of a band, through Music Camp, Area Band and RHYO</li> <li>• We encourage choir pupils and Area Band pupils to sign up for <b>out-of school Connect ensembles</b>. See <a href="#">Ensembles   Nottingham Music Hub</a>. Pupils also have the possibility to learn new instruments such as keyboard and drum kit at these sessions.</li> <li>• Pupils attend live performances out of school, such as Gospel Performance and the Pantomime at Christmas and other choir events. We also encourage pupils and staff to share music they enjoy, bringing in their own ideas, inspirations and instruments from outside into school, which includes songs in their home language.</li> </ul>

## Regular Performance Opportunities for all

- All pupils take part in **live performances at least three times a year** including **at least one instrumental performance for all children.**
- **Choir and Area Band** perform more frequently in local events and with the music hub.
- **All performances are supported by SLT and parents,** contributing to the childrens' self belief and widening aspirations.
- **Singing together** as a whole school is incredibly important to us. This happens frequently to mark special events and support the well-being of our community.

## Our Annual Performance Calendar!

- **Winter Performances for EYFS, KS1 & KS2** featuring singing for all, choir, Year 6 clarinets and KS2 instrumental performance
- **Christmas in the City for Area Band and Choir** at venues around the city, such as St Mary's Church and The Albert Hall
- **Class assemblies from Nursery to Year 6 in spring and summer** with songs and instrumental music for parents and carers and the whole school.
- **Meadows Lights Switch On** for choir, together with other with local schools
- **Light Night Performance in collaboration with AMC Gardens!**
- **Great Orchestra Experiment** at Albert Hall for Year 4 Whole Class Clarinets
- **Area Band pupils in years 5&6** perform in termly concerts at venues around the city with Nottingham Music Hub
- **Clarinets in years 5&6 perform as an ensemble in school,** Year 6 twice a year (December and July) and Year 5 during summer term.
- **Choir help to lead school events throughout the year, such as Singing in the Playground. In July 2024,** the choir performed together with **Our Dementia Choir** as part of a whole school singing celebration.
- **The Greenfields Summer Outdoor Festival (Greenfest) is planned for 2025** featuring all classes, steel pans, djembe drummers and clarinets!
- **Our Student led annual 'Talent Show'** encourages pupils to practise and perform following their own interests with support from staff.
- **Our CD recording** of live singing and instrumental performances took place during Spring 2024, with a special **CD Launch Concert in July 2024.**
- **Meadows Singing Festival** for local schools to sing together in summer!
  - **Our Staff choir** practised and performed on CD and within school events such as CD Launch Concert and we are continuing to develop our repertoire!