

MPN NEWSLETTER



SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2023



MUSIC PARTNERSHIP NORTH WISH YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

It's hard to believe we are at the end of the autumn term of 2023, and I know we are all working right up to Christmas so we hope you all manage to have a well earned rest over the festive period.

We have had amazing year working with all of our schools! To see just some of our highlights click [here](#). A massive thank you to our young people and staff; we really couldn't do it without you.

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PRIMARY MUSIC CPD

Our range of Primary CPD sessions continue this year, encouraging staff development and confidence in teaching Music. Some sessions are free and the rest are subsidised at a cost of £20 per person. Our CPD package is also available, which allows up to five members of staff from each school to attend all of our courses for £150. For more information and to sign up, please see Services or Schools or email us at SISMusicHubAdmin@newcastle.gov.uk.


**Primary CPD Training
2023-2024**

Training available as part of our CPD package to schools where up to five members of staff per school are able to attend. Venues to be arranged.

- Tuesday 19th September, 4:00-5:00pm: Primary Network Meeting
Updates from the Music Hub for Music Leads in Primary Schools
- Thursday 12th October, 4:00-5:30pm: Warm Ups!
Pulse, rhythm and pitch games for KS1-KS2 to use as starter activities
- Tuesday 21st November, 4:00-5:30pm: Musical Language & Literacy
Reading and writing musical notation
- Thursday 25th January, 4:00-5:30pm: Starting a music ensemble
Idea and resources to support a variety of instrumental groups/bands
- Thursday 15th February, 4:00-5:00pm: Primary Network Meeting
Updates from the Music Hub for Music Leads in Primary Schools
- Tuesday 12th March, 4:00-5:30pm: Building confidence in classroom music teaching
Leading musical activities for the non-specialist
- Tuesday 7th May, 4:00-5:30pm: The Model Music Curriculum
Embedding curriculum plans into practice
- Tuesday 19th June, 4:00-5:30pm: The Percussion Box
Using unboxed percussion instruments in the classroom
- Thursday 27th June, 4:00-5:00pm: Primary Network Meeting
Updates from the Music Hub for Music Leads in Primary Schools

SIGN UP VIA SERVICES TO SCHOOLS OR SISMusicHubAdmin@newcastle.gov.uk


FREE

MUSIC FOR EYFS



Reception teacher and musician Claire Tustin will lead a practical training session, sharing ideas, repertoire and best practice to get music embedded into every aspect of the EYFS day.

- Songs for different topics, speech and language development, maths, calming down, cheering up, transition moments and more
- Movement songs to develop gross and fine motor skills
- Rhymes to help learn a sense of pulse and rhythm

Monday 12th February 2024
4:00-5:30pm
 Dinnington First School
 Sycamore Avenue, Dinnington, NE13 7JY.

Book using Services to Schools or by email:
SISMusicHubAdmin@newcastle.gov.uk

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: CREATE AND SING! 2024

In partnership with Music Partnership North, Northumberland and Newcastle Primary Schools are invited to join the Royal Opera House, for a celebration of Mozart's *The Magic Flute*!

On 19 March 2024 at the Banqueting Suite Civic Centre, participating schools will join Royal Opera House singers to share creative responses to *The Magic Flute*.

The project is delivered by your own teachers in school together with some introductory staff training on the 11th January at Civic Centre alongside free resources.

Create & Sing is an accessible approach that combines singing and drama to build pupils' self expression, creative collaboration, performance confidence, voice, movement, and memory skills. Please let us know if you would like to attend by clicking [here](#) to complete the registration form.

If you would like to discuss in more details any of the above either visit our website

<http://www.musicpartnershipnorthnewcastle.co.uk/> or email: georgina.biddle@newcastle.gov.uk



FIVE CORE SONGS

As part of our Newcastle Sings programme, we have developed Five Core Songs to use in the classroom and in singing assemblies. Our FREE Five Core Songs are:

Belle Mama - Byker Hill and Walker Shore - Gospel Medley - My Song - Zum Gali Gali

Each of the songs has a performance and backing track available to download, together with piano accompaniments, vocal scores and lyrics.

Click [here](#) to download parts and tracks.



WORLD NURSERY RHYME WEEK 2023

Piccolo Music have created some lovely resources to celebrate World Nursery Rhyme Week. This yearly festival promotes the importance of nursery rhymes in early childhood development and education. You can find Piccolo's resources by clicking [here](#).



HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2024

Fiona Lander, a popular local composer has composed a new song entitled The Fragility of Freedom to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day. The service will take place on Sunday 28th January 2024 at the City Library and we are looking for schools to take part in the massed performance. To register your interest click [here](#).



BIG GIG 2024

Our Big Gig for 2024 will take place on Friday 21st June at the Vertu Motors Arena, Scotswood Road, Newcastle upon Tyne. Once again, we will be able to present the Big Gig in both live in-person and livestreamed formats.

The theme for this year is Hello Sunshine! So put on that sun cream, get ready to go surfing and find those sunglasses! There will be ten summer themed songs, arranged for beginner instrumentalists and singers.

Click [here](#) to register. Resources for each instrument, supporting backing tracks and how to be involved will be forwarded to the registered email address. Due to high demand, the maximum number of pupils per school to attend in person is two classes or one year group (eg. 60 pupils). We appreciate that some schools have classes with split year groups so we will do our best to accommodate these classes.



NEWCASTLE SCHOOLS' BAND FEST: SATURDAY 20TH APRIL 2024

MPN and NTMEH Music hubs are delighted to be supporting with Newcastle Schools' Band Fest at RGS at 5pm on Saturday 20th April 2024.

We are looking for 15 schools to take part, with each school able to nominate one band to perform a set of 2 songs. Please note that places will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

For more information please email georgina.biddle@northumberland.gov.uk

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OUR ENSEMBLES



Saturdays, 9:00-12:00am: Saturday Music Centre at the Langdale Centre, North Shields – including beginner to advanced orchestras, string groups, wind bands, choirs, jazz groups and theory sessions.

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30pm: Newcastle Youth Choir Project at Newcastle University, open to young people aged 10-18.

Wednesdays, 3:45-4:45pm: Gosforth Voices & Gosforth Band at Grange First School / Archibald First School: open to young people in Year 3 & 4 (voices) or Years 3-8 (band).



Thursdays, 4:00-4:45pm: Folk Band at West Newcastle Academy

Thursdays, 3:15-4:15: Trumpet Group at St Albans Catholic Primary School

Fridays, 3:30-4:30pm: Djembe Group at Brunton First School

All our ensembles are completely free to join!

To find out more and register, please see our website at www.musicpartnershipnorthnewcastle.co.uk/ensembles.



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