

Music and Arts Newsletter for Schools



Primary Edition Autumn 2018

Welcome to the first issue of the Music and Arts Newsletter for Primary Schools. It will be circulated every half term.

Placing Music and the Arts at the Heart of a Broad and Balanced Curriculum

In Leeds, there is a thriving arts and cultural sector and excellent arts practice in our schools.

In 2017/18, over 17000 children in Leeds learned to play musical instruments as part of their primary curriculum provision. This is the highest number ever. A growing number of primary and secondary schools have Artsmark status, including Platinum! The new Leeds Cultural Education Partnership has been established, with a clear purpose to ensure an arts and cultural offer is accessible for all our young people. This is closely aligned with the city's aspiration to deliver an international year of culture in 2023.

However, nationally the picture is not so bright. A recent debate in the House of Lords explored the real danger that arts are becoming a luxury. This is of concern, especially when research shows that participation in music has a positive impact on academic outcomes, evidenced by Professor Susan Hallam [here](#).

Despite this, there is hope. Her Majesty's Chief Inspector, Amanda Spielman recently outlined proposals for the new Inspection Framework, summarised by the Cultural Learning Alliance [here](#), focusing on the curriculum and looking at the quality of education.

Leeds Cultural Education Partnership, in partnership with Noctua and YITSA teaching schools, are hosting a programme of events, with a focus on 'Embedding Arts, Culture and Heritage in the Curriculum'. It aims to support schools to consider how to enrich their curriculum and broaden pupil experience by engaging with the arts, culture and

heritage offer in Leeds and beyond.

The first event is on **Tuesday 27th November 2018, 8.30am – 11am**. It is for headteachers and senior leaders and will include a Skype presentation from Susan Aykin, HMI and National Lead for Visual and Performing Arts. She will speak about the importance of a broad and balanced curriculum. To book your free place, please email admin@noctuateachingschool.org.uk

News Round Up

NEW! Leeds Primary Schools' Singing Support Pack

A copy of the Leeds Primary Schools' Singing Support Pack has been presented to every school in Leeds.

The pack is designed to help schools put singing at the heart of school life and contains six carefully chosen songs. There is something for younger voices, older children, assembly singing, opportunities for improvisation, learning musical vocabulary... the list is endless. With plenty of tips to help teach the songs and lots of activities (both musical and cross-curricular), it is a must-have resource for every music leader.

If you have not yet received your free copy, please contact paula.brookes@leeds.gov.uk

Music and Arts in Action



Amazing Arts at Alwoodley!

15/11/2018 | ArtForms Arts Development



Artsmark

06/11/2018 | ArtForms Arts Development



Leeds Schools Music Association

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Out of School Opportunities

Music for All - ArtForms Music Centres

Offering expert tuition and friendly support, ArtForm's Music Centres run on Saturday mornings at venues all over Leeds and are a great way for the entire school community - from under 5s to over 60s - to begin learning to play an instrument or sing or to improve their instrumental skills further. There is something for everyone, from fun beginner groups to advanced ensembles, covering all styles and levels of experience.

For more information, visit the ArtForms [website](#) or telephone: 0113 3782850

Resources for Shakespeare in the Classroom

Leeds Meets Shakespeare is a project which explores the impact of teaching Shakespeare through drama on the attainment of Year 1 pupils with English as an additional language. In 2017/18, six primary schools in Leeds worked with professional drama practitioners, Anthony Haddon and Louise Clark, to explore *The Tempest* and *The Winter's Tale*, using drama strategies and approaches as a way to understand the stories and themes within these plays.

A resource pack, which can be found [here](#), was created to enable other schools to benefit from the learning which came out of the project.



Training Updates



Primary Music Leaders Network Session 2

14/01/2019 14:30 - 16:30 | ArtForms Music

Pudsey Civic Hall (Dawsons Corner, Leeds / LS28 5TA), Dawsons Corner,
Leeds, LS28 5TA

The second of three sessions offering Curriculum support, practical music-making and sharing best practice.



Primary: Developing Oracy Through Art

22/01/2019 13:00 - 16:00 | ArtForms Arts Development

Armley Mills Industrial Museum (Canal Road, Armley, Leeds / LS12 2QF), Canal Road, Armley, Leeds, LS12 2QF

Support and development training for teachers with responsibility for Art / the Arts



We hope you have enjoyed reading this newsletter. If you have any colleagues who would be interested in being added to the distribution list, please ask your school business manager to create a Leeds for Learning account for them. They will need to be registered as one of the following:

Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher, Art, Music or Drama Lead.

Please feel free to contact the ArtForms team with any feedback or queries at educ.artforms@leeds.gov.uk