

Music and Arts Newsletter for Schools



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Welcome to the second issue of the Music and Arts Newsletter for Primary Schools

Creative Thinking and Creativity

In 2021, the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) will include an assessment of creative thinking. This will give status to an area of learning that has become side-lined.

The University of Winchester, have been working with PISA to pinpoint what creativity is: “Creative thinking is what you do when you are being creative, and creativity is the outcome of this.” Professor Bill Lucas, [The Value of Creative Thinking](#), Arts Professional

Creativity is identified as a twenty-first century skill. Our children and young people need to have the ability to think creatively, collaborate and communicate effectively if they are to navigate the increasingly complex world in which we live. The Creative Industries are the fastest growing part of the UK economy and twenty-first century skills are attributes which all employers are looking for.

The arts support the development of creative thinking skills (such as imagination, curiosity, exploration, testing out, practising and refining). The renewed focus from Ofsted on curriculum, may be a useful ‘way in’ for schools to develop the arts and creative aspect of their school’s curriculum. The Leeds Cultural Education Partnership, with Noctua and YITSA, are running two events focusing on Embedding Arts, Culture and Heritage in your Curriculum. Details of these events, including how to book, can be found in the *Music and Arts in Action* section of this newsletter.

News Round Up

Leeds Music Education Partnership: securing the future of music making in Leeds

ArtForms Music is the lead organisation in the [Leeds Music Education Partnership](#) (LMEP) - the local music education hub – and is responsible for ensuring that an Arts Council England (ACE) grant of 1.1m per year is used effectively to enable all children and young people in Leeds to access music.

Through LMEP, ArtForms Music offers a range of [subsidies and support](#) for schools. This includes CPD; subscriptions to Charanga and Sing Up; and cash back payments and bursaries to schools buying weekly provision. Information about the LMEP offer for 2019/20 will be available in February.

How you can help? LMEP must report annually to the Arts Council on the musical activity that is taking place in Leeds schools, so it's really important that you tell us about all the music making that happens in your own school. To help you with this, we've put together a form for you to complete. This can be found on the [ArtForms website](#). If you have any questions please email jo.richardson@leeds.gov.uk

ArtForms Music offer for schools

ArtForms Music offers a range of music provision for weekly delivery through an annual Service Level Agreement. This can be purchased on Leeds for Learning. A range of music enrichment workshops, performances and other opportunities are also available. Our new Music Catalogue of Services will be available in early February, so do look out for it when you are planning your music curriculum for 2019/20.



Leonardo is coming to Leeds!

People of all ages will have the opportunity to see some of Leonardo da Vinci's drawings at Leeds Art Gallery.

A Life in Drawing is one of 12 exhibitions, taking place simultaneously across the UK to mark the 500th anniversary of his death. The drawings belong to the Royal Collection and are not usually accessible to the general public.

Leeds Art Gallery have put together a learning programme to complement the exhibition. The offer includes support for schools who want to do a self-guided visits; practical workshops and Take One INSET. For a detailed description of the programme, please visit the ArtForms website, [here](#).

Music and Arts in Action



Embedding Arts, Culture and Heritage in your Curriculum: Upcoming events

21/01/2019 | ArtForms Arts Development



Schools Make Music Together and Just Play in a Day!

14/01/2019 | 0-11 Learning Improvement



The City of Leeds Youth Music Prom – tickets available!

15/01/2019 | 0-11 Learning Improvement

Out of School Opportunities

Half term: Pop up art exhibition in Leeds city centre

The Human Aquarium is a free, family friendly and thought provoking, interactive exhibition taking place from 15th – 28th February 2019.

The Human Aquarium team will be taking over an empty shop in the St John's Shopping Centre to replicate an aquarium and all things aquatic in the heart of the city centre. The exhibition looks at the world through the eyes of sea mammals and explores the impact of humans on these animals

Please see our [The Human Aquarium](#) website for workshop, event details & opening times.

Resourcing arts without breaking the bank

['5 ways to deliver arts projects on a shoestring budget'](#) shares some cost saving ways to help you with the cost of delivering arts projects in your school.

Training Updates



A Singing School is a Successful School

25/03/2019 16:00 - 18:00 | ArtForms Music

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

Grounded in solid research, 'A Singing School is a Successful School' is a workshop aimed at every teacher in every school.



Primary: D&T - Mechanical Systems Made Simple

14/03/2019 13:00 - 16:00 | ArtForms Arts Development

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

Develop your understanding and practical skills in working with mechanical systems.



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