

Music and Arts Newsletter for Schools



Primary Edition Spring Term Two 2019

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

The lowdown on Artsmark and Arts Award

School colleagues may have heard Artsmark mentioned by members of the ArtForms team, on social media or by Arts Council England, but there can be some confusion about what they actually are. In a nutshell, [Artsmark](#) is a creative quality standard for educational settings, whereas [Arts Award](#) is a qualification achieved by a child or young person.

The Artsmark process provides schools with a clear plan to develop and evaluate arts, culture and creativity across the curriculum. Designed by schools, for schools, it is intended to support school improvement plans. Once a school has submitted their Statement of Commitment, they have up to two years to work on the goals and objectives identified. The school record their journey through a Case Study. Artsmark then assess the school's Statement of Commitment alongside the Case Study and award the school with Silver, Gold or Platinum status.

Arts Award is a qualification designed to support children and young people to develop as artists and art leaders. Children and young people take part in a range of arts activities; explore the work of artists or craftspeople and arts organisations; create a piece of art work and share their learning with others. There are five levels of Arts Award, but the two that are most appropriate for primary school children are Discover and Explore.

Schools are supported with Artsmark and Arts Award by local organisation [IVE](#).

News Round Up

Shakespeare With a Twist

If you work with pupils in KS1 or KS2 and are keen to take a different approach to the teaching of dance, then you may be interested in this Dance Development Day delivered by Leeds Beckett University student teachers.

On Tuesday 30th April 2019 (8.50am – 4.50pm) they will explore Shakespeare through Dance through presentations, discussions, performances and resources. For an insight into the day, please see [here](#).

If you wish to reserve a place, please email j.connell@leedsbeckett.ac.uk stating your name, school and contact details. There is no charge to attend the day, however there will be a collection on the day for Parkinsons UK.

Leeds Music Education Partnership - find out what's available!

All Leeds schools and academies are entitled to support from the Leeds Music Education Partnership for music education. Please see the details of what support your school may be able to access [here](#).

Share your views on teaching arts subjects

The Chartered College of Teaching have partnered with Arts Council England to find out more about the arts teaching that is currently offered in UK schools. They would like to highlight some of the fantastic projects and initiatives that are going on, but also find out about some of the challenges arts teachers and schools are facing. To share your views, please visit the survey [here](#).

Music and Arts in Action



Teaching Shakespeare to Year 1 pupils with English as an Additional Language

08/03/2019 | ArtForms Arts Development



A Magical Musical Adventure for KS1 Pupils

05/03/2019 | ArtForms Arts Development

Out of School Opportunities

South Leeds Youth Theatre is coming!

Children and young people will work with a professional director to learn theatre and acting skills. They will make theatre about the topics that matter to them, gain confidence, be creative and have fun.

South Leeds Youth Theatre starts on the 23rd April 2019 at Tenant's Hall, Middleton and will take place every Tuesday. There are sessions for 5-7 year olds, 8-11 year olds and 12-18 year olds. If you would like to book a free taster in your school, please contact chris@bravewords.co.uk or call 07775926166 for more information, including times and cost.

Leeds Young Film Festival 2019

Leeds Young Film Festival is the UK's largest film event of its kind, where the whole family can watch, make and learn. Join over 13,000 children and their families between 8 - 22 April and explore the world of film, animation and virtual reality through screenings, workshops and special events across the City.

The full line-up for 2019 is now available at www.leedsfilmcity.com, where you can also sign up for our newsletter. You can follow LYFF on social media @leedsyoungfilm using #LYFF2019.



Training and Resources

Want to Win £100 of Singing Resources for Your School?

Leeds Music Education Partnership is looking for schools to take part in their annual Singing Challenge! For the chance to win £100 of singing resources from

Out of the Ark, simply pick from the six great songs in their Singing Support Pack and record yourselves singing it in a way or place that is fun and unusual! For more information, including how to download the songs for free, please see their [flyer](#).

If you haven't received your Singing Support Pack or downloaded your songs yet, contact: paula.brookes@leeds.gov.uk

We can't wait to see all of your entries!



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: Art in the natural environment

13/05/2019 13:00 - 16:00 | ArtForms Arts Development

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

Find out how to make the most of the natural environment to support your art curriculum.



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