

# Music and Arts Newsletter for Schools



## Primary Edition Summer Term One 2019

Welcome to this term's Music and Arts Newsletter for Primary Schools. If you have anything that you would like us to include in the next newsletter, please get in touch before the 11th June.

### The Cultural Learning Alliance

The [Cultural Learning Alliance](#) (CLA) is a national organisation who advocate for the right of children and young people to access arts and cultural education.

They do this through:

- Policy analysis and evidence gathering
- Dissemination of advocacy materials, including briefing papers, evidence and statistics
- Lobbying and advocacy
- Building strategic relationships across arts, culture, education and policy

There are two reports which they have written which provide evidence of the benefits of cultural learning. These are: [ImagineNation: the value of Cultural Learning](#) and [Key Research Findings: the case for Cultural Learning](#). Both documents are written in a concise and accessible form and are well worth a read.

In addition, the CLA publish a useful monthly overview of news, policy announcements and key information. Anyone can become a member of the Cultural Learning Alliance and it is free of charge. To sign up, please visit their website.

## News Round Up

### Partnership working

Working in partnership with arts professionals can be an effective way of developing your school's arts and cultural curriculum, providing pupils with an engaging and stimulating experience and developing teachers' knowledge, skills and confidence.

On the 14th June, the Leeds Cultural Education Partnership, in partnership with Noctua and the Yorkshire Inclusive Schools Teaching Alliance, will host a full day conference for primary teachers and classroom practitioners. The day will include practical workshops delivered by a number of experienced arts and heritage providers. Covering different art forms, this will be a great opportunity to explore creative ideas and approaches and learn new skills which can be applied in the classroom.

Over lunch there will be a 'marketplace' of experienced local arts and cultural providers who are available to work in school. This is great opportunity to see the range of provision in the city. To book, please visit [Eventbrite](#).



## Character and Resilience Education

In February, Education Secretary, Damian Hinds set out a vision for character and resilience education in schools.

He laid out 5 foundations for Building Character and pledged to work with schools and external organisations, including membership bodies and charities, to help every child access a range of activities. Creativity is one of the 5 foundations and "involves all creative activities from coding, arts and crafts, writing, graphic design, film making and music composition". The other foundations are: Sport, Performing, Volunteering and Mentoring and the World of Work. For further information, please see [here](#).

## Special offer from theatre company tutti frutti!

Leeds based theatre company, tutti frutti, are offering schools the chance to book their show [Yellow is the Colour of Sunshine](#) at a discounted price of £290 + VAT.

Underneath an ever-changing multicoloured sky unfolds a delightful tale of a little boy and a little girl as they make friends, learn about feelings and work out - with

a little help from some dancing magpies - how to communicate what's in their hearts. This play contains British Sign Language and is accessible to hearing and non-hearing audiences.

There are only 5 dates left. Choose from: 20th May, 18th June, 27th June, 28th June, 1st July, 3rd July, 4th July, 9th to 12th July 2019. To discuss dates, please email [sophie@tutti-frutti.org.uk](mailto:sophie@tutti-frutti.org.uk) or phone 0113 388 0027.



## Music and Arts in Action



**Leeds Curriculum shortlisted for a national award!**

01/05/2019 | ArtForms Arts Development



**Leeds Schools' Music Association Summer Festival Presents Big Play!**

## Out of School Opportunities

### The Story Makers Festival!

#### **Story Rebels: A new type of hero**

**9.30am - 4.30pm, Saturday 8th June 2019, Leeds Beckett University**

Celebrating the transforming power of story, the festival brings together creative story makers from across the city: young people, parents, grandparents, educators, artists, mental health experts, museums, drama and theatre specialists, artists and authors. Artists will come from across the region to create, perform and share their stories as well as making stories together on the day using spoken word, creative writing, film, drama and theatre. Rebels will come from different spaces: museums, schools, community centres, bedrooms and perhaps even other worlds! Through imaginary adventures, the day will explore the potential of stories to develop our capacity for kindness, empathy and compassion as well as cultivating positive wellbeing.

Make your voice heard!

£25 - Professionals

Free - Children aged 7-13 and parents/carers

Please click [here](#) to book your place.

### Leeds Schools Music Association Summer Festival Finale Concert

The annual **Leeds Schools Music Association (LSMA) Summer Festival Finale Concert** is due to take place on Thursday 23rd May 2019 at Leeds Town Hall. The concert will run from 7.00pm - 8.45pm and will involve over 400 pupils playing instruments and singing music from the continents.

Tickets are £8 for adults and £3 for children. They are available from the [Leeds Town Hall box office](#).

## Training and Resources

**Arts Award Resources:** For those of you interested in Arts Award, a new resource has been put together to show how Arts Award Explore can be achieved through Literacy. Visit the Arts Award [website](#) for more information.

**Special Summer Offer:** Buy one delegate place on **Art in the natural environment** training (13th May 2019, 1pm - 4pm) and get a discounted place on **Get Drawing!** training (28th June 2019, 1pm - 4pm).



### Primary Music Leaders Network Session 3

10/06/2019 14:30 - 16:30 | ArtForms Music

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

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



### 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



### Primary: Get Drawing!

28/06/2019 13:00 - 16:00 | ArtForms Arts Development

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

Why is drawing important and how can it support children's learning?

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](mailto:educ.artforms@leeds.gov.uk)