

Music and Arts Newsletter for Schools



Primary Edition Summer Term Two 2019

Welcome to the Music and Arts Newsletter for primary schools.

Back to basics....get drawing

There can be the perception that, to be a good teacher of Art, you have to be good at drawing. Consequently, for some teachers, this presents a challenge and can be daunting. However, as a key aspect of the Art, Craft and Design Programme of Study, drawing is an essential skill if pupils are to progress and achieve in this subject. In addition, research tells us that drawing can transcend the language barrier and ["can be a vital tool in many professions: from mathematicians, to surgeons, architects to engineers, therapists, political commentators to graphic designers."](#)

Drawing can be introduced in lessons across the curriculum. It can help the retention of new ideas and concepts and doesn't need to be restricted to pencil and paper. Encouraging children to be playful and to experiment with different drawing tools can help them develop their confidence and skills whilst busting the myth that a drawing should be a 'perfect'.

Each year [The Big Draw](#), a national arts charity, coordinate a month long festival of drawing which takes place in October. The theme for 2019 is ***Drawn to life: creativity and wellbeing***. So go on, feel the fear and do it anyway! Pupils love it when their teacher gets drawing!

News Round Up

Live Music in Schools and World Music Workshops

From the Romans to electro-folk! From Victorians to creative jazz and from the Tudors to Songs and Stories, [Leeds Music Education Partnership](#) is able to offer a number of interactive performances and exciting instrumental/vocal workshops to bring topic work to life. Schools can enjoy and benefit from working with specialist musicians and groups at a subsidised cost (starting from £81).

To see the range of workshops available, please visit the [ArtForms website](#). For further information, please contact lee.muncaster@leeds.gov.uk.

Leeds Liverpool Canal Project

In 2016, pupils attending four of the Specialist Inclusive Learning Centres (SILC) across Leeds participated in an exciting heritage project to mark the bicentenary of the Leeds Liverpool Canal. Workshops were delivered in the SILCs where pupils learnt about the canal through dance, music and visual art. These were led by project partners YAMSEN, ArtForms, Leeds Music Education Partnership, Leeds Museums and Galleries. All of the SILCs came together for a big celebration event in Leeds Town Hall with the sounds, sights and story of the canal brought to life in a large scale performance. A number of pupils who took part in the project also achieved their Arts Award.

YAMSEN have created a new resource, '[Earwiggo Barging](#)', for schools interested in teaching their pupils about the Leeds Liverpool canal. These include a range of activities across art forms and information about the canal. They are differentiated and can be accessed by all children, including those with PMLD/CMLN. For further information about the project, resource or inclusive music in your school, please contact diane.paterson@leeds.gov.uk

Yorkshire Sculpture International

Eighteen of the world's most exciting sculptors are bringing their work to Yorkshire for the first ever Yorkshire Sculpture International and there are lots of ways you can get involved.

For schools, this is a great opportunity to participate in a range of workshops and activities from Leeds Art Gallery, the Henry Moore Institute, The Hepworth Wakefield and the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. For full details about the schools offer, please visit the [Yorkshire Sculpture International website](#).

For families, Victoria Gardens is being transformed. [Create. Sculpt. Play](#) will take over this space in front of Leeds Art Gallery. From 20 July - 4 August there will be a range of free, family friendly activities taking place.

Student from Yorkshire Sculpture International engagement project in Kimsooja exhibition, Yorkshire Sculpture Park (Photo credit: Nick Singleton, 2019)



Music and Arts in Action



Adel Primary School achieves Artsmark Gold!



Beeston Primary School pupils see their ideas in print!



From Leeds to Lille....

Out of School Opportunities

Child Friendly Leeds Awards 2020

Child Friendly Leeds (CFL) have two opportunities for young people to organise and perform at the Child Friendly Leeds Awards in February 2020. The award ceremony is a annual high profile, city centre event celebrating and showcasing individuals and organisations who go the extra mile to be child friendly. To find out more, please see [here](#).



Young Creatives at Leeds Arts University

Young Creatives is a collection of arts-based courses aimed at students aged between 7-11 years old. Running on term time Saturday mornings and during the Easter and summer school holidays, students will experience a range of art and design techniques using Leeds Arts University's specialist facilities. There are free bursary places for low-income families and looked after young people. Please signpost this opportunity to any pupils you think may find it of interest.

To book online or to find out more information about [bursary places](#) please visit the Leeds Arts University [website](#).

Breeze on Tour 2019

Breeze on Tour is back again this summer. A full timetable of where and when to find Breeze in your local park, can be found [here](#). Please let your families know about these free events.

Special School Offers

Subject leader networks for 2019/20 - Buy Now saving!

ArtForms Arts Development are running subject leader networks in [Art, Dance and Design and Technology](#). The networks will support subject leaders to design and deliver a rich and exciting curriculum in these subject areas. Training sessions are available as PAYG. However, by signing up to the network, your school will save over 20%. Please contact jane.zanzottera@leeds.gov.uk for further information.

Wrongsemble Christmas Show Early Bird offer (ends 1st September 2019)

This Christmas, theatre company [Wrongsemble](#) are bringing their version of Hansel and Gretel to Leeds Central Library. A perfect sweet and sour treat for schools, the production is supported by Teaching Resources for EYFS, KS1 and KS2, and all shows are followed by an interactive 'meet and greet' with the cast for groups. Up to 4 classes per show can be accommodated (maximum class size of 35 children per class). Teachers and Key Workers go free! Performances are at 10.30 am or 1.30pm, Monday - Thursday from the 2nd - 19th December.

- 1 class £150 per class
- 2 classes £140 per class
- 3 classes £130 per class
- 4 classes £120 per class

For further information or to book your early bird tickets, please contact info@wrongsemble.com



Primary: Art in the natural environment

11/07/2019 13:00 - 16:00

Armley Mills Industrial Museum

Save the Dates!

Music Connect dates for 2019/20

Music Connect is a termly network for primary music leaders. It is funded through the Leeds Music Education Partnership, so is free for schools and academies to access. The dates for the next academic year are:

- Monday 21st October 2019
- Monday 3rd February 2020
- Monday 8th June 2020

All of the Music Connect meetings run from 2.30pm - 4.30pm and take place at Pudsey Civic Hall.



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