

Music and Arts Newsletter for Schools



Primary Edition Spring Term One 2020

This edition includes: information about the British Library; Leeds 2023; dance and music workshops for pupils and much, much more!

The British Library in Leeds

Did you know that the British Library is based across two locations? The northern site (bigger than St Pancras) is based close to home, at Boston Spa. To support the work of the British Library in the north, there have been two recent appointments: Lead Learning Producer North, Elvie Thompson and Lead Culture Producer North, Kenn Taylor. This is great timing for Leeds schools celebrating Year of Reading.

On the 4th March 2020, 4pm - 6.15pm, at Leeds Central Library, teachers are invited to the launch of the British Library's brand new website: **Discovering Children's Books**. The launch will include free teacher CPD, designed to support teachers to get the most out of the website.

The website explores the history and diversity of children's books. Highlights include manuscripts and original art by authors and illustrators from Lewis Carroll to Roald Dahl, Judith Kerr and Zanib Mian. The site showcases the huge variety of children's books including movable and miniature books, comics, poems, fables and fairy tales. There are also interviews, themed articles and exclusive films of illustrators at work in their studios.

At the CPD session, there will be a practical workshop and news of an exciting nationwide challenge for children to submit work inspired by the website. There will also be an introduction to Leeds Libraries' Special Collections and an opportunity to see and handle a selection of beautiful children's books from

around the world. These include illustrated limited edition copies of The Water Babies and fairy tales by Hans Christian Andersen and Brothers Grimm.

To book your place (a maximum of 2 tickets per school) please click [here](#).



Leeds 2023

Have you heard about Leeds 2023? Well, if not, you soon will as it's likely to be cropping up fairly frequently over the next three years.....

Leeds 2023 is a major cultural investment programme, culminating in an international year of culture. It started life as part of a bid for Leeds to become European Capital of Culture.

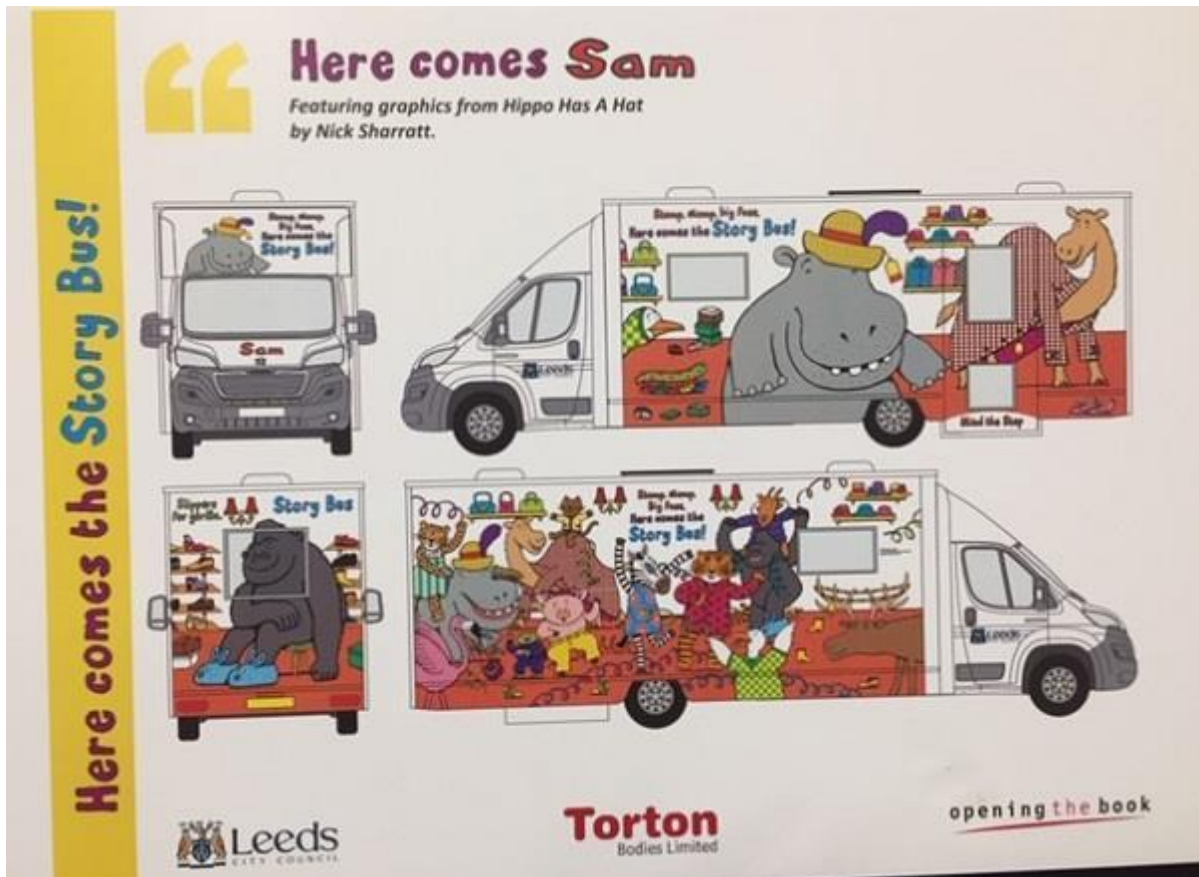
Things are now starting to take shape! The start of 2020 saw Artistic Director, Kully Thiarai take up her post, to be followed by Executive Director, Mark Hollander. There is a commitment that the programme will involve, engage and excite the whole city. Work with, and for, children and young people will be an important strand. We'll keep you updated with how things progress, but to find out more, visit the Leeds 2023 [website](#), sign up to their newsletter and follow them on Twitter [@Leeds_2023](#)

Arts and Creativity in the Early Years

Our youngest pupils can be very imaginative and the opportunities for getting creative in the early years are limitless. You can find lots of activities and ideas on the [50 Things To Do Before You're Five](#) app and website.

Keep your eyes peeled for the brand new Story Buses which are coming to Leeds very soon. These are mobile libraries designed specifically for children aged 0 - 5 and their families. You won't be able to miss them because they are

decorated with illustrations by Nick Sharratt - a brilliant new resource supporting Leeds Year of Reading.



Music and Arts in Action

- Author Maria Farrer Delivers Creative Writing Workshop at Whinmoor St. Paul's
- Blackgates Primary School part of Yorkshire Sculpture International
- Leeds Supplementary Schools Celebration
- YAMSEN: Specially Music celebrate Christmas with music and art!

Other Opportunities

NEW Dance workshops for schools

Leeds based dancers, Olivia and Jess, have put together a menu of dance workshops which explore different themes. Schools can choose from:

- The Planet is Ours - investigate climate change through movement
- Storytelling Through Dance - create and tell a story through dance, as part of Year of Reading
- Dancing Around the World - explore world cultures through dance

For further information please log on to Leeds for Learning and visit the Store. If you have any questions, please contact jane.zanzottera@leeds.gov.uk

Memorable Musical Experiences for your pupils

Here are some [Music Connect](#) opportunities for your pupils:

KS1 Little Sing: A Journey Into Space, Monday 16th March 2020

Session One: 10.00am – 11.15am; Session Two 1.15pm – 2.30pm

This is an immersive musical experience of singing and moving at Pudsey Civic Hall.

Big Samba, Thursday 16th July 2020 and Monday 22nd July

10.00am - 6.30pm

Bring a class of Y5/6 children to take part in Leeds Big Samba 2020. This project will include: a teacher CPD session; a workshop for children; a rehearsal at Pudsey Civic Hall and a performance at Leeds First Direct Arena. Please note that the performance date is after the end of term. This is an experience not to be missed – places are limited.

Please email paula.brookes@leeds.gov.uk for further information and to book your school's place.

Art Social #1

Leeds Art Gallery and the Henry Moore Institute are hosting an art social event for teachers on the 5th February 2020, 5pm - 7pm. It's a chance to have a go at working in 3D (Yorkshire Sculpture International will be leading an activity) meet other teachers and reinvigorate your own creativity. To book your free place please email art.gallery@leeds.gov.uk

Training Updates

The revised Ofsted Framework has put an emphasis on subjects across the curriculum and there is an expectation that subject leaders are supported to be

effective in their role. In primary schools, it is likely that teachers will find themselves leading subjects where they aren't specialists, so it's essential that they are supported to develop their knowledge and expertise.

During the Spring Term, there are training sessions available for Art; Design and Technology; Dance (through PE) and Music subject leaders. For further information about support for Music leaders, please see [here](#).

Our colleagues in Learning Improvement are also delivering a conference on the 7th February 2020, focusing on Curriculum and Assessment. One of the keynote speakers is Andrew Percival, a deputy Headteacher and curriculum leader at a school in Oldham. He has a particular interest in Foundation Subjects. Further information about this, can be found [here](#).



Primary: Teaching Design in Art

05/02/2020 13:00 - 16:00



Primary Music Leaders Network Session 2

03/02/2020 14:30 - 16:30



Primary: Let's Dance (after school Dance Clubs)

17/03/2020 13:00 - 16:00



Primary: Practical Design and Technology

11/03/2020 13:00 - 16:00

We Need Your Help!

This year, due to the sterling effort made by schools in helping us submit a comprehensive picture of music-making in our city, Leeds Music Education Partnership (LMEP) was awarded £1.2 million from Arts Council England (ACE).

We now need your help with this year's annual return so that we can continue offering subsidies to schools, providing CPD opportunities and enabling children to participate in inspiring musical performances. Please complete and return this [form](#) to jo.richardson@leeds.gov.uk by Friday 14th February.

Many thanks in advance for helping us to once again secure the future of music-making in Leeds.



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