



What's going on in Music, Art, Drama and Performance at Goose Green?

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The Arts at Goose Green School

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Something Inside (So Strong)

I picked this powerful song by Labi Siffre, for Year 5/6 to



learn. I had no idea how much the children would love the song! We touched on the meaning of the song: civil rights and Apartheid in South Africa. This context, added real emotion in the children's singing. Year 6 are currently learning Keyboards in their curriculum music time and they have requested to learn the piano part for the song. How could I refuse their request? I'm busy arranging suitable parts and they will work on the chord parts and melody next week! I know that some Year 5s have formed a group and have written their own arrangement. They are preparing to perform at the upcoming Recital Assembly and I often walk around the school and hear children singing the song. It's amazing when a piece of music inspires in so many ways. Now I have the problem of picking another song to match Something Inside (So Strong)!!

You can scan the QR code to

hear a snippet of our first rehearsal. We have since added harmonies and it is

sounding fab.



Year 2 and 6 clay work

Ms Edmonds, our specialist Art teacher, has been using clay in Year 2 and 6 this half term. I have seen first hand how these are not easy lessons to organise. The children in Year 2 created dragon models to support their learning on China and Year 6 have made masks. Once the models were made, the children used a special glaze and the clay was fired in out onsite kiln. I have never known a primary school to own a kiln before!



What an amazing resource. Look how amazing the finished clay models look. There are more pictures on Insta: @goosegreenps_thearts

Poetry with Ms Naomi.

Ms Naomi is bringing her magic to our younger pupils this term. Including EYFS! The children in Nursery explored 'Firework poem' by James Carter, using rhythm and actions, call and response, sounds and words. They performed together or stood in their own 'spotlight' being watched by their class and enjoyed a round of applause! Ms Naomi is also working with some talented Year 5 and 6 children, preparing them for their LAMDA exams in the Spring. The children are working on their speech and drama through performance. Good luck to those children!



Spring Recital Assembly
Please encourage your child to audition!



Our next recital assembly will be after February half term.

WHAT'S YOUR TALENT?
Can you sing, dance or rap?
Do you play an instrument?

AUDITIONS
Thursday 3rd & 10th Feb 12-1pm

Whole Class Instrumental Lessons in KS2

This term, the children in KS2 are all learning an instrument (or two!). I believe that the most important things when learning an instrument in school, are developing key skills through understanding the interrelated dimensions of music (tempo, pitch, dynamics, notation etc), listening, performing as an ensemble & composition. These skills are transferrable, so I hope that through this learning, they can develop a good foundation learning any instrument.



Year 3 are learning the glockenspiel



Year 5 are learning the ocarina



AND the steel pans with Russell



Year 6 are learning the keyboard

Year 4 will start their instrumental lessons after February half term.

They have been using Chrome Music Lab: Song Maker this half term, which has supported our understanding of the interrelated dimensions of music and links to their topic: Inventions.

WE WILL ROCK YOU!

Check out these superstars! The children in Rock Band are working with Rock Steady Music School to learn how to sing and play as part of a rock band. They are in fact performing 'We will rock you' here! Look out for next month's Newsletter edition with a spotlight on our specialist instrumental teachers. There is some space available for our teachers to take on new pupils so if your child is interested in learning the piano, violin, a brass instrument, guitar, drum kit and possibly some other instruments too, keep an eye out for info.

