

Music



Intent

At Le Murier our aim is to foster and develop a love and understanding of music. Music provides a wide range of opportunities for communication and expression thus building confidence and creativity. We aim for children to gain an understanding of what music is through listening, evaluating, singing, playing and composing across a wide variety of historical periods, styles, traditions and genres.

Implementation

Music has weekly timetabled sessions in Years 7 to 9. It is embedded in delivery through daily routine within Sensory & Communication classes (morning circle time). These classes also have access to experiential and sensory music sessions, including clonkerboard, with their class groups as well as a peripatetic music teacher (Dan Madden) on a Thursday afternoon.

Students have a wide range of opportunities to explore, appreciate, perform and create Music. We use a variety of resources and approaches to reflect pupils' interests, cover Bailiwick curriculum and ensure all pupils have access to a rich and varied musical curriculum.

We use the Charanga Musical School schemes to ensure progression (SEND, Freestyle and Instrumental tuition) and augment it with additional resources. Assistive and accessible technology is frequently used in music lessons.

Music plays a key part in enabling our pupils to communicate and express themselves and, where appropriate, cross-curricular links are made to reinforce learning. Working With Others strategies are embedded in teaching so that pupils have plenty of opportunity to learn to work together collaboratively.

Individual musicians (Healing Music Trust) and ensembles from different genres of Music regularly come into school. Lunchtime club opportunities have also included Ukulele and we are hoping to start choirs for both students and staff. We also have Karaoke Friday where class groups choose their favourite songs and the student group as a whole vote on the final chosen song. Students also get to experience performances by professional ensembles and amateur groups

off-site when there are Schools' Performances organised by the Guernsey Music Service.

Impact

Students are able to express themselves and communicate via the medium of music. They further develop their creative abilities as well as the skill of working both independently and with others. Music will also develop an understanding of culture and history, both in relation to children individually, as well as ethnicities from across the world. Children are able to enjoy music in as many ways as they choose - either as listener, creator or performer. They can respond to the pulse, pitch and tempo of sounds. Where appropriate to their learning needs, students can identify and describe some of the Elements of Music and sing.

In Year 9 the students' work is used to contribute to their ASDAN Bronze qualification.