

Cranbrook Colourstrings School
Newsletter

Spring 2024

Hallo Everyone!

There has been much music-making and enjoyment in kindergarten, musicianship and instrumental lessons this term, with plenty to challenge and stimulate our young musicians. A very warm welcome to the children who have joined Colourstrings this term.

Concerts

Last term we held our end of term concert in St Mary the Virgin Church, Goudhurst. All the children enjoyed playing in such a lovely venue. They entertained us with a wonderful variety of charming pieces and even those children performing on instruments for the very first time played with confidence and pleasure,

much to everyone's delight! The children from the audience enthusiastically joined in the singing too, which was lovely to see and hear! Well done to one and all!

Spring Term Concert

Venue: St Mary the Virgin Church, Goudhurst TN17 1BL

Date: Sunday 17th March

Time: 3.30pm

Do put this date in your diaries and come along and listen, even if your child is still in kindergarten.

Experiencing live music-making can make a great impression on children and help them decide what instrument they might like to play one day and there will be an opportunity to have a little go on an instrument if think they might like to play it one day. The concert will be very informal and will last for about an hour. Everyone will have a chance to join in with some singing at the end and the concert will be followed

by some well-deserved refreshments.

Music to listen to...

Each week the children listen to a piece of classical music for a short period.

This term's listening music:

Corelli:

Concerto Grosso in D major
4th+5th mvts: Allegro + Vivace

Mozart:

Piano concerto No 27 K595
in B flat major
3rd mvt: Allegro

Poulenc:

Sonata for Flute
1st mvt: Allegro Malincolio

Make time to sit or lie down and listen to music with your children as often as possible! It's wonderfully relaxing!

Classic FM is a good source of varied music, often playing short pieces or single movements from longer works. Let me know how you get on and what music seems to appeal to your child the most!

Music Kindergarten Repertoire

The 'Singing Rascal' series of books and CDs are EXCLUSIVE to Colourstrings and make up

the core repertoire of our music kindergarten and instrumental programmes. I **strongly** encourage you to buy the set of book, CDs and audio downloads. They are exceptionally well presented, musically, and will give hours of pleasure to child and parent alike. Children get to know the songs really thoroughly, which benefits them in the class and parents are able to sing along and enjoy the songs with them too.

As the children progress through the classes, we revisit all the songs, and our activities get increasingly sophisticated as the children develop their listening, pitching, reading and fine and gross motor skills, so you will find that these materials will last right through the music kindergarten years and into the instrumental years too. As such, I think you will agree that they represent incredible value.

You can buy books, CDs and audio files online at **colourstringsbooks.com** at £7.50 each.

Spreading the word...

There's nothing quite like recommendations via word of mouth, so if you know anyone who might be interested in joining our Colourstrings family, do encourage them to come

along! (The best way for them to get in touch with me is to give me a ring or send me an email – see contact details below.)

Term Dates

Spring term: Ends on Thursday 28th March

Summer term:

Tuesday 16th April - Saturday 6th July
(Half term: Mon 27th May – Sun 2nd June)

Have an enjoyable remainder of term!

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