

# Music development plan summary: Griffin Park Primary School

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Jeannine Astley
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Bolton Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

## Curriculum music

This year we were extremely proud to be nominated and to receive the Music Mark.

Bolton Music Hub nominated us for our;

- evidence of a willingness to engage in development conversations related to improving music provision
- recognition of the value of music education as part of a broad and balanced curriculum
- a strategy for music in place which provides for all children

Our school curriculum can be found on the school website here <https://www.griffinparkprimary.co.uk/music/> please take a look online to see how we develop music throughout our school. SEND children are included in all aspects of our music curriculum and provisions are put into place on an individual basis due to needs. The SENCo is often involved to ensure we are giving all of our children the best.

At Griffin Park, our children in Year 4 take part in whole class learning of the trombone with our specialist music teacher as part of the wider opportunities programme. Music is taught for an hour a week in each class and progresses in line with the Model Music Curriculum.

Our music curriculum is tailored specifically to our children, ensuring that they are exposed to a number of instruments, musicians and opportunities throughout their time

at Griffin. We work closely with Bolton Music Hub to offer our children a variety of music. Our children have the opportunity to learn both the recorder and ukulele in our specially designed curriculum which is outside of the wider opportunities sessions.

## Co-curricular music

At Griffin Park our junior children are offered the opportunity for free music tuition in guitar and brass instruments. These small group sessions are paid for by school and take place outside of standard music lessons. These sessions are ran by music specialists from our local hub.

We also offer our children the opportunity to join the school band which takes place before the start of school to ensure inclusivity for our children who attend Mosque and cannot commit to an afterschool club. This band is led by a music specialist from our local hub and once again paid for by school.

Children are able to practice their instruments during lunch times under the supervision of our teaching assistants. This enables them to spend much needed time honing their skills.

Our school choir is an afterschool club that performs for the school and also takes part in performances such as Young Voices. We have singing assemblies weekly for the whole school which starts with listening to composers from around the world and then leads into singing and performing.

## Musical experiences

Our children have the opportunity this year to take part in many musical experiences. Each year our choir takes part in the Young Voices at Manchester. In order to ensure as many children as possible can attend we pay for the travel, t-shirts, torches and lunches for the children. It is really important that our children are able to have the same experiences as their peers.

Our children have been lucky to get involved in some events with Bolton Music Hub, this year we took part in a performance with the Halle Orchestra in Bridgewater Hall Manchester, singing and performing instrumentally with the acclaimed musicians.

Each year we celebrate the arts and have an Arts week. This year we were joined by Outreach Opera who performed for us and taught some workshops to the children. We also had an exciting visit from Travelling by Tuba who performed and taught us some facts about music around the world.

We have weekly class assemblies which are great opportunities for our children to showcase their singing and performing. Every year group also takes part in plays either

at Christmas or at the end of the school year. This is an amazing opportunity to invite our parents into school to celebrate with us.

Twice yearly we invite parents and the rest of the school to watch our instrument performances. These are a great way to involve our families in school life.

To end our school year we host a 'Griffin's Got Talent' show which allows for our children to show off the work that they have done over the year both in music and in performing.

## **In the future**

In the future, we would like to apply for the ARTs mark so we have begun to gather and collate evidence to support our application. It is on our agenda to try and hold more performances throughout the year for the school to watch our progression and give the children more chances to celebrate their musical achievements.

At Griffin we review our curriculum yearly to ensure that it is relevant and the best that we can offer our children. This will continue to happen and any necessary changes will be made as appropriate.

## **Further information**

A copy of our schools music action plan can be found online and shows how we are aiming to improve our children's cultural capital with music.

The Department for Education publishes a guide for parents and young people on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, here is the link to view this <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/music-education-information-for-parents-and-young-people>

If you would like to view Bolton Music Hub's plan for schools then please use the following link

<https://boltonmusicservice.com/music-for-schools/#:~:text=Primary%20schools%20can%20buy%20in,the%20end%20of%20each%20term.>

For any enquires please ask to speak to the music lead who will be happy to help.