

September 2019

Music Workshops for school pupils



Move to the Beat!

with LIMELIGHT MUSIC

Move to the Beat! is a project opportunity to work with a multi award winning company *Limelight Music*. *Move to the Beat!* is a fully inclusive and accessible music targeting ASN pupils and upper primary school pupils. The project will offer an exciting opportunity for young people to work a professional music company. Participating pupils will be given the opportunity to create their own musical revue which will incorporate rock, pop and rap music, set to their own story board and narrative themes. The pupils will have the chance to write original melodies and lyrics.

A key element of the project will be to introduce dance techniques which will be developed to compliment the music created by the pupils. *Limelight Music* will employ a professional dance and body movement specialist to oversee this element of the project. This will include learning dance sequences and creating original choreographed routines. The project will end with a shared performance for family and friends.

What's involved?

Suitable for pupils P4-P7 avg 10-15 pupils per group per school. Groups can participate in each school for 15 weeks for 1.5 hours per week.

Workshops

The project will explore basis beats and rhythms introducing techniques of body percussion and vocal sounds for a non-academic exploration of vibrations, tones and rhythms of sound.

Through this work participants will be encouraged to create new pieces through learning individual phrases that can be played and sung simultaneously to create unique choral and orchestral simulation.

The project takes place over 15 x 1.5 hour sessions, culminating in a final session featuring a sharing of all the pieces developed throughout the project to peers and invited guests during school time.

Benefits

Participation in musical activities is motivating and exciting for children and is proven to enhance self-esteem, self-discipline and self-expression which in turn have been shown to increase academic achievement and social development.

Aim & Outcomes

- ★ to create fully inclusive percussion groups
- ★ to introduce an opportunity for learning multiple skills in adapting household objects and using them in a musical context
- ★ to awaken and nurture latent artistic skills and potential
- ★ to promote the development of confidence and improvement in communication skills
- ★ to encourage and develop autonomy and creativity in young people leading to positive life choices

Curriculum for Excellence

Through music learners have rich opportunities to be creative and to experience inspiration and enjoyment. This project encourages children to make music and develop rhythmic and listening skills which help to reinforce literacy across the curriculum.

The project meets specific expressive arts outcomes for music, including:-

- ★ EXAO-1A - Participation in performances and presentations
- ★ EXAO-16A - Experiencing a range of styles and cultures
- ★ EXAO-17A - Using voice and musical instruments for sound, pitch, rhythm and dynamics
- ★ EXAO-18A - Working individually and with others to express and communicate thoughts, ideas and feelings through musical activity
- ★ EXAO-19A - Respond through discussion with thoughts and feelings from listening to music

The above is enhanced and enriched through partnerships with professional arts companies, creative adults and cultural organisations.

To book

Workshop dates available:-

Block one:	Move to the Beat (Thursdays) Block 1	Block Two:	Move to the Beat (Thursdays) Block 2
October	3 rd , 10 th , 24 th & 31 st	February	6 th , 13 th , 20 th & 27 th
November	7 th , 14 th , 21 st & 28 th	April	5 th , 12 th , 19 th & 26 th
December	5 th , 12 th & 19 th	May	2 nd , 23 rd & 30 th
January	9 th , 19 th , 23 rd & 30 th	June	7 th , 14 th , 21 st & 28 th

This project is offered free to West Lothian school pupils and is supported by Creative Scotland, Youth Music Initiative. Projects are available on a first come first serve basis, if you are interested in getting involved or would like more information about this project please contact **Community Arts:**

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