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Dear Families,

Here at Oxbridge Lane, we pride ourselves in offering a rich and varied music curriculum. This term, the main focus has been singing and children across the school have learnt and practised songs for performance. In addition to this, all music lessons have included activities to develop beat awareness and musicianship skills as well as listening and appraising skills. The children in KS2 have also worked hard to develop their ability in reading musical notation. What fun we have had!



Foundation Stage have been busy singing nursery rhymes and learning new songs. They have tried really hard to remember the lyrics and change the pitch of their voices. They have also listened carefully to rhythm patterns and tried to copy them back. They have had fun playing games to tune into the sounds of different classroom percussion instruments.



Year 1 learnt a song called Hey You which included some rap, actions and a glockenspiel part. They also worked hard to learn all the lyrics for the songs in the Christmas performance. They have learnt about timbre, tuning into the sounds of these instruments: drum, maracas, claves, sleigh bells and tambourine. Lastly, they have practised finding the beat and copying rhythms and melodies.



The children in Y2 have worked a lot on performance. In Autumn 1, they learnt a song called Hands, Feet, Heart which had a glockenspiel part to play too. This term, they worked hard learning the songs for their Nativity performance which was a huge success. They have also developed their skills in beat keeping and copying back rhythms and melodies as well as tuning into the timbres of different musical instruments.



Music club welcomed new starters this year and they have been working hard to learn to play the recorder with the help of Mrs Joblin. The children practised lots of Christmas songs in preparation for the TVMS Snappy Christmas Sing and their performance at the Mayor's Carol Service. They also entertained the residents at Park House care home. Our older members even visited the Globe to help write a Christmas song. They sang on the stage and were recorded. It was a great day!



In Key Stage Two, the children have continued to develop their skills in musicianship, notation reading, beat keeping and performance. They have been listening to lots of different musical styles and discussing their opinions about them. Y4 loved learning Mamma Mia by Abba and finding out about the timbre and dynamics in music and Y3 enjoyed learning Let Your Spirit Fly as well as all the songs for the Christingle service. Year 5 and 6 had fun this term learning Christmas songs to sing at the park and also their class songs of Livin' on a Prayer and Happy.

