



Re: Music Beyond the Classroom at St Nicholas

Dear Families,

I am writing to inform you about our continued investment in your child's learning in Music at St Nicholas, and in particular the on-going opportunity for your child to engage in Music beyond the classroom. In school, we adopt a hybrid approach to teaching and learning in Music through the use of Entrust Music specialist teachers, and the Charanga scheme facilitated by school staff, which adopts the principles and expectations of the [Department for Education's Model Music Curriculum](#).

In Autumn Term, all Key Stage 2 children had access to a weekly session provided by an Entrust music specialist, where they learnt to play the recorder (Y3) and glockenspiel (Y4). This access to a music specialist will now move to Key Stage 1 during the Spring Term with a focus on the basic skills of Music – listening and appraising, performing, improvising etc. Children in Key Stage 2 will now move towards using the Charanga platform for their music lessons; details of what they will be learning can be [found here](#).

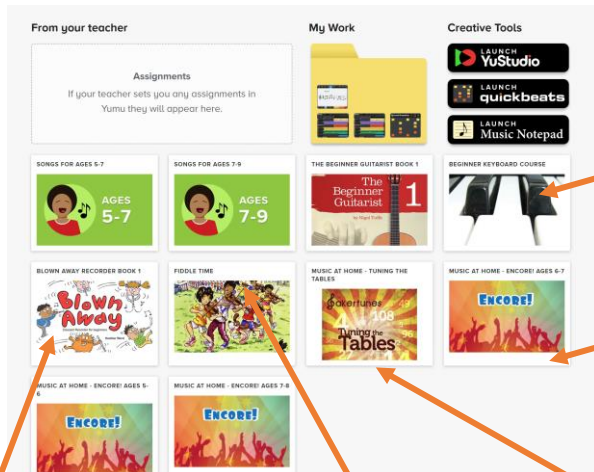
Further to this, we also continue to invest in Charanga Yumu; this is a package that enables your child to access Music beyond the classroom on any device. For example, it has beginner guides to playing the keyboard and guitar, and is a free, accessible way of beginning to learn an instrument. Alongside these beginner courses and access to different songs, there are also creative tools. These include Quickbeats, a drum machine helping you create drum patterns and beats, and YuStudio, Charanga's online music studio - a digital audio workstation (DAW) helping you to record complete tracks.

How do I access the Yumu platform?

- Step 1: Please go to <https://charanga.com/yumu/login> or type into Google: 'Charanga Yumu Login'.
- Step 2: Enter your child's year group details, as per below:

Year Group	Username	Password
EYFS	p914263	plum
Year 1	p914261	fern
Year 2	p914236	rain
Year 3	p914214	violet
Year 4	p1885749	strawberry

- Step 3: You will see a screen like this below. Here, you can access lots of different resources to support your child's Music learning and knowledge beyond the classroom.



Beginner Courses for keyboard and guitar

These activities revisit and celebrate the learning your child has been doing in school.

Songs to help children learn their times tables.

Beginner course for the recorder

Beginner course for the violin

For the beginner courses, there are also music sheets for children to download and print to support their knowledge of reading and applying musical notation (please see some examples below):

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Count-in: 1 2 3 4, 2 2 3 4
Intro: 1 2 3 4, 2 2 3 4

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Gone For A While
© 2008 Lancashire Music Service
Count in: 1 2 3 4 1 2 2 3 4

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We would love to hear how you use this platform at school, so please do let us know!

If you have any questions or require any support, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

Mr R Gough