

## How we teach **Music** at Doxey Primary School.

Music is a strength of Doxey Primary School's curriculum.

All pupils learn Violin during year three and Brass during year five, with some pupils continuing their lessons in Years 4, 5 & 6. This means that every child will learn to play two orchestral instruments during their time at Doxey School.

We also have:

- Double Bass lessons in years five and six.
- Guitar lessons available for pupils in Years one to six.

There are regular opportunities for pupils to experience music from outside visitors. Over the last twelve months these have been:

- 1) Autoharp workshop (Mike Fenton) allowing every pupil to learn to play a simple tune on the autoharp and take part in a concert for parents.
- 2) Big Band Concert from Stafford Grammar School Big Band.
- 3) Recycling Music workshop where Year 5 & 6 used recycling materials to make musical instruments and investigated the links between Science and Music.
- 4) Key Strings: An "Olympic themed" concert using the full range of orchestral string instruments (Violin to Double-Bass) with lots of audience participation.
- 5) Violin folk music concert for Years 3 & 4.

KS1 and KS2 have singing time each week and these are often used to practise songs for school performances and assemblies.

This year we are taking part in "Young Voices 2014" at the Birmingham LG Arena (NIA). Children from years 3 - 6 will perform at a concert with thousands of other children.

Each summer we visit Stafford Grammar School to take part in their Choral Day. This is a whole day of professional voice coaching, followed by a concert for parents.

Pupils enjoy working towards various productions to develop confidence, public speaking and drama skills.

So far this year there have been performances:

- "Our First Nativity" by the Reception and Nursery classes.
- "Baboushka" by all classes Year one to Year six.

There were four performances played to packed audiences of parents, carers and friends. They were fun, successful and very popular.

Much of the Music Curriculum is taught as part of the class themes within the International Primary Curriculum that has been adopted by the school. The studies cover the requirements of the National Curriculum.