Dear Parent/Carer

We are pleased to let you know that your school has arranged for your child to learn a musical instrument this term. The lessons will be led by a Peterborough Music Hub associated music teacher alongside school staff.

If you have any questions, please contact us at:
musichub@peterborough.gov.uk

Whole Class Instrumental Tuition (WCIT) aims to ensure that every child is given an opportunity to play a musical instrument for at least one term at primary school. The National Plan for Music Education highlights the important role of music in a young person's education and lists just some of the benefits of learning an instrument.

Music Improves Learning Skills

Research undertaken by the University of London has clearly demonstrated the cognitive benefits that music gives young children, suggesting music can support the development of literacy, numeracy and listening skills.

Hallam (2015, p. 72) notes that 'overall, the evidence from correlation studies suggests that children who experience musical training have advantages across all school subjects except sport even after general intelligence is controlled for'. The weight of evidence suggests a positive relationship between overall attainment and active music making.

What's Next?
Peterborough Music Hub is committed to providing clear and affordable progression routes for young people who wish to continue with their musical journey.

Continuation may be provided at your child's school in small groups or individual lessons. Alternatively, you may wish to consider lessons at PeterboroughCentre for Young Musicians (PCYM) which is a term time Saturday Music School held at Ormiston Bushfield Academy.

PCYM has a means tested bursary scheme which means that every child can join regardless of financial situations. We can also provide FREE instrument loan.

Please visit PCYM at:- **https://pcym.org.uk** for more information.

Benefits of learning to play an instrument

- Supports learning in numeracy and literacy
- Teaches perseverance
- Teaches discipline
- Fosters Self-Expression
- Relives Stress
- Promotes Social Skills
- Boosts Self-Confidence
- Promotes Happiness

And it's fun!

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