

How can the school benefit from using the junk band?

The junk band will be in your school for one term. You are welcome to use it anytime during the week. Staff will need to be aware that they can use the junk for their music lessons, class assemblies, concerts, events etc. Staff are welcome to pop in or stay at the junk band club and learn alongside the pupils.

The pupils in the club could be used to guide others by demonstrating their skills and music. They could be used as peer tutors. They will have been trained in assembling and packing up and will have experienced any 'problems' and will be able to advise and assist.

How can we use the junk band in school?

- The most obvious units of work from the National Curriculum for music would be based on rhythm. Every class could have a session making up rhythm patterns –
- One class could devote every week on the junk band learning about rhythm, cyclic patterns etc. (Remember that space is needed and the noise factor. The band/hall may need to be timetabled.)
- The band can be played outside.
- The National Curriculum for Science has a unit based on sound – and encourages making homemade instruments.

The club works best when:

- The school fully supports the club
- The money is collected as soon as possible.
- Someone from school monitors the club – particularly the beginnings and ends of the session – taking responsibility for pupils going home/being collected. Staff could take turns each week and are welcome to join in.
- There is a register of pupil's attending/emergency numbers available for easy access if necessary.
- The equipment is respected and stored safely.
- All pupils help each other with the setting up and dismantling of equipment.
- The pupils in the club have an opportunity to perform to peers/parents.



Pupils from Kings Court Primary performing at the Yate Community Music Day in June 2006.

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