

Primary Music Newsletter January 2008

Primary Music Best Practice Forums

The next meetings are on 28th February (MUS002) and 5th March 2008 (MUS001). Come along and gain some ideas and resources to use back at school. They take place at the Music Service at Little Stoke Primary School in the afternoons 1.15 – 4.00pm

Calling all Teaching Assistants

Sing-along-with-confidence! (SS025)

12th March 2008. Do you want to increase your repertoire? resources? skills? confidence? Come and have a sing song! This half day course is designed to develop the skills of Teaching Assistants who feel singing is an area where they would like to build up their own knowledge and skills. Essentially a practical course, it will give tips and advice for ideas and short activities, warm-ups, chants and songs to help find and develop the voice.

If you are not booked already and would like to attend the above courses, please apply in writing on a CPD booking form quoting the course codes to The CPD Unit, Bowling Hill, Chipping Sodbury, South Gloucestershire, BS37 6JX or Fax: 01454 868651

- **Simon Taylor** (AST- music) is no longer available for supporting music. He has decided to concentrate on his classwork and has resigned from the programme. I would like to thank him for all his contributions to class music over the last few years and wish him success. Sven Rees (AST music) is still available free on TUESDAYS. You will need to fill in the AST request form.
- **Festival 2008.** The Music Service will be leading and celebrating a host of musical events during March. The programme and details will be available in schools later this term.
- **The Indian Music and Gamelan workshops** in October were fully booked and a great success. Andy Warn will be back in March as part of the of the Music Service Festival. Look out for details to be released soon.

Sing Up!

The Sing Up campaign has been launched with £40 million funding over four years. Its aim is to put singing at the heart of every primary school in England by 2011 and get children singing every day. The Sing Up magazine has lots of advice, articles, a song bank of 10 songs with CD backing tracks and tips for learning each song. All of the resources are printable and can be photocopied. To find out more about the programme and register for the magazine you need to visit the website: <http://www.singup.org>

Sing Up Awards

- LAUNCHING IN EARLY 2008 -

Be among the first schools to achieve an award!

The Sing Up Awards recognise, celebrate and promote primary-age schools who put singing at the heart of their lives. If you think your school is a Singing School, or would like to become one, check the website for further developments on how to apply.

The three levels of award are Silver, Gold and Platinum. If you'd like to register your interest for the scheme, email awards@singup.org, quoting 'Sing Up Awards' in the title, and giving your name and contact details in the body text. Sing Up will get in touch when they launch the scheme.

- **Audacity** - The hands on twilight session on 29th January using the recording software Audacity is full. If you require support for any music software programmes please make contact.
- The **vocal** and **instrumental programmes** under **Wider Opportunities** run by the Music Service are receiving good reviews. Whole class ukuleles, string and Samba workshops are available. Check the Music Service website for more information <http://www.southglos.gov.uk/musicservice> or contact Ian Rogers 01454 863147
- **Music Rules OK!** – a day of music making for pupils in Special schools in South Gloucestershire and Bristol took place for the first time last term. Workshops included Sound Beam, drumming, improvisation, craft – sounds, and DJ mixing. Thanks to a generous donation from Aztec West Rotary Club this will be repeated this year in the Autumn term.

For further support and advice please contact

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