



"I liked making the tune"

"I learnt about ostinatos and how to fit different sounds together"

"The best bit was when everyone played their music"

"I learned about ABA Form"

"I enjoyed mixing tracks on the computer and burning it onto a CD"

"We liked the whole morning and wanted to stay longer"



Music & ICT



Department for Children and Young People

Pupils from primary schools in South Gloucestershire have been given the opportunity of creating music as part of a Music and ICT enrichment programme held at Sir Bernard Lovell School.



They have been using an Apple Mac based programme called **GarageBand**. Pupils have combined a drum loop of their choice with a bass line and additional instrumental parts. They have also thought about musical structure and other important musical elements such as dynamics and tempo. This software comes free with the Mac platform but similar software is available for PC's.

Dance eJay is an exciting software programme for PC's similar to GarageBand. It consists of choosing (or creating) samples (different sounds) and dragging and dropping them onto a grid. There are more than 5,000 samples to choose from and each can be changed in a variety of ways, allowing you to explore and develop your own sounds. eJay comes in different styles, from Dance, Hip-Hop to Techno. There is a special version especially for schools called 'Dance eJay for Schools' but you can also purchase Dance eJay from most CD shops for use at home. Good Luck!

Useful Music Websites.

Free opportunities to create and learn about music at home or school.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk.radio3/makingtracks>- (Music games)

<http://www.playmusic.org/stage.html> (An insight into orchestral instruments)

<http://www.paythepiper.co.uk> (Advice regarding learning instruments and good links)

<http://www.vanbasco.com> (Karaoke player)

<http://www.metronimo.com/uk> (Learn to read music)

<http://www.misterrmatt.com> (Paint & compose at the same time!)

<http://www.ababasoft.com/music> (Online music games)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/music/parents> (A parents music room – support for motivating children through music)

<http://www.apple.com/education/garageband> (Information)

<http://www.ejay.com> (Information)

