

Autumn Music - 2019



SoundStorm 'Live and Inspired Tour' AFGHAN FUSION with Chris Woods and Ruben Monteiro 02/10/2019

St Mary's Catholic Primary School is proud to be an active member of the SoundStorm Music Education Hub. Recently, we were pleased to welcome Chris Woods and Ruben Monteiro to the school as part of SoundStorm's Live and Inspired Tour. Throughout the afternoon, all children in Years 1 to 6 attended a concert showcase with Chris and Ruben where they heard and learnt about the music of Afghanistan. We really enjoyed exploring music from another culture and finding out about the Rubab instrument that Ruben plays. It plays in a very similar way to a guitar but has extra vertical strings called 'sympathetic strings'. This creates a resonating sound that is very different to the usual instruments that we play and hear.

During the afternoon, we also became film stars. You can see the video on our school website here:

https://www.st-marys.poole.sch.uk/website/october_2019/430006



Year 3 concert— George Hinchliffe's Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain 13/12/2019

Year 3 were invited down to Poole Lighthouse as part of SoundStorm membership to watch a special children's concert by George Hinchliffe's Ukulele Orchestra.

We saw and heard many different sized ukuleles and enjoyed songs by Lady Gaga, the Clash as well as the Christmas classic, Jingle Bells. What a brilliant afternoon!



The Choir sings at Poole Hospital to raise money for the Elf Service—18/12/2019

Once again, we were honoured to be invited back to sing at Poole Hospital to spread cheer and joy as well as raising vital funds for Poole Hospital Charity. Our choir of 56 sang a range of traditional and modern Christmas songs and carols in the wonderful acoustics of The Dome. We even had ward staff coming down to tell us how much their patients were enjoying the music. We were also able to donate funds raised at our Christmas concert. We can't wait to return next year!



Jumbie Jams—Autumn Term 2019

As part of further funding from SoundStorm, we have been fortunate to have a set of Jumbie Jam steel pans on loan this term. The pupils have had a wonderful time playing a range of melodies on these. You'll be able to hear lots of our work on our Twitter page [@musicalstmarys](#) very soon!



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Poole Schools' Music Association Concert 05/12/19

32 excited members of the Choir represented St. Mary's at Poole Lighthouse to celebrate the beginning of the festive season. The Choir had been learning the songs since September and wowed a packed out concert hall with their rendition of Away in a Manger, Glory RAP and A New Boy Born amongst others. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet and sing with other children in schools across Poole. We were so proud to spot many ex-pupils representing their secondary schools in the choir and orchestra.



KS1 Choir Christmas Performances—06/12/2019

Once again, the Key Stage 1 Choir was invited back to Horizons Assisted Living Facility to sing some Christmas songs. They wowed the audience with songs and carols such as Jingle Bells, Away in a Manger and Santa Shark!

We then opened the Christmas Sparkle with our first stage performance this year. The children greatly enjoyed singing to such a packed and enthusiastic audience!



Y6 visit to Kingland Care Home—19/12/19

Our Year 6 musicians and singer made the final visit of the festive season to Kingland Carehome. We took Father John with us and sang and played for the residents.



Christmas Celebration Concert 12/12/19

Last week, many pupils from both Key Stages 1 and 2 took part in our annual Christmas Celebration Concert at St. Mary's Catholic Church. All musical groups were involved with performances from the KS2 Choir, KS1 Choir, Orchestra, Improver Recorders, Beginner Recorders, Guitars, Woodwind, Violins and Keyboards! Our Staff Choir returned with another great performance. With readings to focus our minds on the coming of Christ, it was a festive and prayerful evening for the school community. The concert ended with an acapella performance of White Winter Hymnal which was beautiful.



A HUGE thank you to the many parents who have accompanied us on Music trips and rehearsals!