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SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our schools newsletter, the first of 2022 which we are hopeful will be full of making music!
Please read on for all our exciting updates!

NEW SCHOOLS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Thank you all for being so welcoming in my first half term as the Schools Development Manager for East Berkshire. It has been wonderful to meet many of you either face to face or on Zoom over the last half term. For those who perhaps don't know me, my name's Mark Bassett and I have taken on this role in January. Following graduation and becoming a fully trained primary school teacher, I have worked at Berkshire Maestros since 2016. Since beginning my work at Berkshire Maestros I have been passionate about delivering high-quality music lessons in curriculum, singing and choirs of all age groups.



If you happen to hear me singing down a corridor (apparently it isn't very subtle) or see me at event in the future, please do come and say hello. Please always feel free to email to let me know how your school is getting on, set up a meeting or if you would simply like to talk all things music.



SUPPORTING
CONNECTING
INFLUENCING

MAKING MUSIC POST COVID

Music Mark have updated their guidance supplements for music education providers and in England and Wales you can carry out all musical activities normally both in the classroom and outside of school hours. This includes singing and playing blown instruments. To read the full information, please click [here](#). If you need any support with resuming music activity in your school, then please do reach out. We want to ensure music is not being missed out of the curriculum for all children and young people.

MUSIC NETWORK MEETINGS

We are delighted to be running whole county network meetings this term as follows:

Middle & Secondary School Meeting Tuesday 1st March 4pm-5pm
First & Primary School Meeting Wednesday 2nd March 4pm-5pm

The meetings will run online so that they are more accessible for teachers and there will be lots of opportunity to interact and contribute! Suitable for music teachers and subject leaders at all key stages. Please email @Mark Bassett to receive the zoom log in.



CPD TRAINING IDEAS

We would like to know what you would like to see in CPD training from us! As part of the National Plan for Music, we are here to offer CPD to school staff, particularly in supporting schools to deliver music in the curriculum. We would like to know therefore, what you are interested in/would like support in and we can tailor our training packages accordingly.

Please reach out to @Mark Bassett if you have any ideas.





FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS

Did you know that we have several ways of financially supporting students to learn a musical instrument? Schools can play a vital role in identifying students that they know have a desire to learn/show talent but cannot afford the lesson fees. Please see below for more information and do get in touch with our finance team if you have any questions.

Supporting pupil premium students

We provide a discount of 75% on our standard group lessons which means a full term of lessons only cost £27.50. All we need is confirmation from you that a student is in receipt of PPG and the discount will be applied. We can then invoice the parent or guardian or if you would like to support the pupil with their music lessons we can invoice school directly.

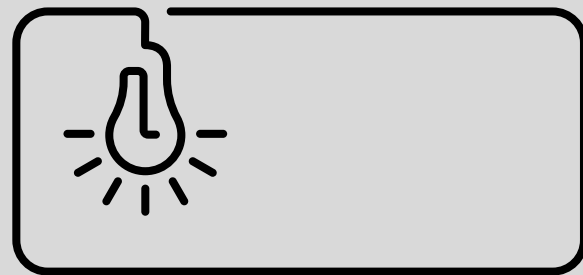
Supporting families on low income

We encourage families on a low income to apply for fee assistance. This would provide the same discount as for pupil premium students.

Greenham Trust

This is a termly bursary currently set at £60 for pupils living in and attending a West Berks primary school. To qualify the student must not be in receipt of pupil premium and gross monthly household income should be below £3900. For more information contact gtbursary@berkshiremaestros.org.uk

Email finance@berkshiremaestros.org.uk for further information



Did you know?

Berkshire Maestros will be 40 later on this year, watch this space for what we are going to do to celebrate!



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We hope you have found this newsletter useful and have enjoyed reading about the activities Berkshire Maestros is offering to help you bring music back into your school. If you have any feedback for us please email marketing@berkshiremaestros.org.uk - we would love to hear from you!

