



Welcome to the Music page for the newsletter. I am Laura Ramsay and have been leading this area of the curriculum for the past few years. I am passionate that music should be an integral part of the curriculum and available to all children.

At Northmead, we are extremely lucky to have a varied and interesting music curriculum which has adapted recently in readiness for the 'new model curriculum'. We use a wonderful scheme called Charanga which gives all teachers the confidence to teach a range of skills, genres and styles of music through weekly well sequenced lessons. This is supported by music theory knowledge, something we have worked on as a school recently, particularly the vocabulary understanding. Each year group also incorporates music in other areas of the curriculum to support times tables knowledge, history content etc. This alongside the curriculum creates a broad offer to the children.

In Year 3 the children all have the opportunity to learn the recorder, which they have thoroughly enjoyed. They have learnt to sing 'Let your spirit fly', 'Three Little Birds' and 'The Dragon Song' as well as many topic songs.

Year 6 love to sing together and have enjoyed 'Fresh Prince of Bell Air', 'Make you feel my love' and 'Livin on a Prayer'.

Year 4 enjoy learning how to sing 'Mamma Mia' and 'Sing'. 4R even learnt how to sing in Spanish this year! Children have tested out the glockenspiel or keyboard in their instrument lessons.



During **Year 5** children continue their note reading skills making use of a Surrey Arts specialist who teaches each class a term of Clarinet and the children work very hard to develop throughout the term.



We have many extracurricular opportunities, including G Live, Young Voices, Peripatetic Lessons, Music Club, Orchestra and Recorder Club. Check our website for how to sign up and keep an eye on ParentMail in September for the after-school clubs.

