

Dear parents and carers,

The children and staff had a lovely time last Friday morning at a musical concert performed by HOGAN MUSIC. Hogan Music are passionate about students receiving the best possible musical experiences and education and we are proud that our school works with them. It was wonderful to see one of our pupils, Eilidh (Y4) who has been having music lessons playing with the band. Primarily focussing on contemporary instruments, Hogan MUSIC instrumental lessons offer:

- Weekly personalised lessons led by visiting specialist teachers
- Skills Based Learning with clear progression routes
- Lessons linked to ensemble playing
- Performance opportunities in and out of school
- Pathways to gain qualifications



We hope the ensemble performance may have inspired more pupils to consider learning a musical instrument. This Tuesday we were also treated to an ensemble performance by Berkshire Maestros, please see the newsletter produced by Berkshire Maestros on the following pages and information about the music lessons that they offer.

With best wishes

Maria

Miss Maria Cupit

SAFER INTERNET DAY

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. We are asking parents to take time to listen to children and young people and make positive change together. **What issues really matter to children and young people? What changes do they want to see? And how can we all work together to advocate for them moving forward?** Safer Internet Day 2023 is on 7th February. In the UK, Safer Internet Day is organised by the **UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC)**, a partnership of three charities– **Childnet International**, the **Internet Watch Foundation (IWF)** and the **South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL)**.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?>



Safer Internet Day

3rd February 2023

Dates for your Diary

**Children's Mental Health
Week 2023**

6th-12th February 2023

Theme — Let's Connect

SAFER INTERNET DAY

7th February 2023

**Eat Them to Defeat
Them 2023**

Starts 20th February

**International Mother
Tongue Day**

21st February

Earth Hour

25th March

(Easter Holidays)

Parish Matters Newsletter

Howard Wollaston—West Berkshire Council Conservative member for Lambourn Ward & Executive Member for Housing , Leisure and Culture

Thank you to Howard Wollaston for his article about Lambourn school in 'Parish Matters' January/February Edition.



Lambourn Primary School

I was delighted to be invited to attend the assembly for Years 5 and 6 last week to explain the role of a District Councillor followed by a Q&A session. I was meant to be there for 15 minutes, but it went on for nearly a half hour. What a delightful bunch of well-behaved and confident young people - the school should be proud of themselves, as should their parents.

Not surprisingly the things that most concerned or pleased them were: -

- Lack of Scouts and Cubs in Lambourn
- Excitement over the new Lido in Newbury which will be open in July.
- For those going to JOG in September, the new 3G pitch will be open at the start of term.
- Wish for a new hard area and basketball net at Mill Lane
- Annoyance at anti-social behaviour by teenagers damaging play equipment.



Lambourn School Year 5 doing their bit for nature



On Wednesday 1st February Lambourn School Year 5's planted a hedgerow of 60 native sapling species on Bockhampton Meadow, at the eastern end of the village. After a question-and-answer session on why hedgerows are important to wildlife and livestock all the children set to with boundless energy and finished planting in less than 45 minutes.

The plants, canes and guards were all provided free as part of a set of 420 by the Woodland Trust, to Lambourn Environmental Group. LEG has planted the other 360 there, as well as 25 larger trees provided by West Berks Council as part of the late Queen's Green Canopy project.

This is the second year in which LEG and the School have collaborated and they have every intention of making it an annual event. Permission to plant and help planting the larger trees was graciously provided by the landowner, Rooksnest Estate.

Principal's Awards

Congratulations to all the children who received Principal's Awards this week. We are all very impressed with the following children's quality of work and commitment to their learning.



Everyone else, remember never, never, never give up!

F2 Isla & Florence

Year 1 Flynn & Liam

Year 2 Olivis & Louis

Year 3 Logan & Phoebe

Year 4 Shinade & Sophia

Year 5 Hugo & Izzy

Year 6 Claire & Lucas

Living the Christian Values Medals

F2 Leo

Year 1 Julian

Year 2 Lilly

Year 3 Freddy

Year 4 Daniel

Year 5 Riley

Year 6 Lidia

LOVE, INTEGRITY, GRIT, HOPE and TRUST

READ, WRITE INC IN ACTION

Sounds + blending = word reading



Please join us to see how we teach Phonics. Pop into your child's classroom just before pick up to see how your child learns Phonic sounds.

WHEN:

7th and 8th February at 3:00-3:15pm

WHERE:

In the F2 or Year 1 classroom

WHO:

Parents of children in F2 and Year 1 and any other parents who are interested.



COME AND
LEARN ABOUT
HOW WE
TEACH
PHONICS AND
READING HERE
AT
LAMBOURN.





Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our staff band had a great time visiting Lambourn Primary School. As you can imagine, the students made them feel very welcome!

We hope that many, many students felt inspired after this experience and would like to learn to sing or play an instrument with our team of teachers who already regularly visit your school. Read more about our tutors [here](#).

Students at Lambourn Primary can pick between:

- Ukulele (Year 1+)
- Keyboard (Year 1+)
- Acoustic Guitar (Year 1+)
- Electric Guitar (Year 3+)
- Bass Guitar (Year 5+)
- Drums (Year 3+)

How much does it cost? We currently offer our school membership which is paid by monthly direct debit, starting from £31 per month. Included in all memberships are up to 36 lessons per school year (min. 33 lessons) as well as a yearly workshop benefit available in the school holidays at our centre in Newbury. When we confirm your child's start date, we'll also make a recommendation of an instrument to purchase so your child can practice at home – an essential part of learning a musical instrument.

Are there any discounts available? We also offer a 10% discount for children in receipt of pupil premium, siblings and children that learn more than one instrument with Hogan Music.

Why Hogan Music?

1. Specialist, expert teachers and musicians
2. Affordable fees and accessible for all
3. Supporting schools to provide them with the very best resources

What next? Lambourn Primary have their own dedicated Hogan Music webpage. [Here](#) you can find more detail about each of our memberships, view our terms and conditions and complete our sign-up form, so your child can start on their musical journey with Hogan Music.

Have a question? Just email tuition@hoganmusic.co.uk and one of our team will get back to you as soon as possible.

Hogan Music

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Newbury RG14 5BN



Listen up week!



We are a registered charity providing musical opportunities to all in Berkshire.

We teach in schools and in our music centres which are located in Bracknell, Newbury, Reading, Windsor and Wokingham.

WHO WE ARE

LISTEN UP WEEK

Your child recently took part in Berkshire Maestros Listen Up Week where our teachers came into their school and performed. If your child was inspired and would like to learn an instrument then we currently teach these instruments in your school: Percussion.

If there is an instrument your child is interested in and we don't currently teach in the school, then please get in touch with us admissions@berkshiremaestros.org.uk



If you sign your child up by 13th February you can receive 10% off their first term of lessons by using the code: LISTENUPWEEK in the comments box. To register for lessons please click [here](#).

If you would like a FREE taster session for any instrument please email admissions@berkshiremaestros.org.uk

We also have two Have a Go evenings coming up this term at our Reading and Bracknell music centre. You can turn up and try as many instruments as you'd like! This is also a great chance to ask any questions to our teachers, to read more click [here](#).

INFORMATION



SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2023

Welcome to our school parent newsletter, in this issue we are very excited to share details of our upcoming events and information!

BERKSHIRE MAESTROS

We are a registered charity providing high quality music opportunities and education in schools and centres to all across Berkshire. We teach in schools and in our music centres which are located in Bracknell, Newbury, Reading, Windsor and Wokingham. We have great opportunities including individual and group lessons, activities and ensembles. If your child is interested in learning an instrument or singing then please feel free to get in touch with us for a free taster session admissions@berkshiremaestros.org.uk. If your child already learns an instrument then we have lots of ensembles they can join. Playing in a group ensemble develops skills such as communication, coordination, perseverance and teamwork, and is highly recommended by music teachers to enhance learning.

LISTEN UP WEEK

This week we are visiting lots of schools across Berkshire for our Listen Up Week! Our teachers will be taking part in performances across the schools to introduce music to the students. These will vary from Brass, Woodwind, Strings instruments and singing! We can't wait to meet everyone and we hope the students enjoy the performances! If we visited your school then please keep an eye out for an email from the schools for more details.



JUNIOR MUSIC FESTIVAL

Berkshire Maestros Junior Music Festival takes place three times every year which will bring hundreds of children together from local primary schools to celebrate the joy of singing! We have spoken word entwined into this year's 'The Show Must Go On!' Junior Music Festival, which has been inspired by the voices of pupils performing. We're looking forward to our upcoming rehearsals taking place in the coming weeks for our West Berkshire Festival coming up on the 21st and 22nd of March at The Anvil in Basingstoke.



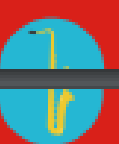
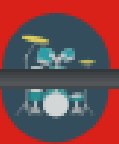
THE RETURN OF OUR FREE HAVE A GO EVENINGS!

Our fantastic event for children and families to try as many different instruments as they'd like and to chat to our teachers at our music centres. There is no appointment necessary, just turn up! If you sign up within 24 hours of the event taking place you will get 10% off your first term of lessons. Feel free to share this with family and friends, we can't wait to see you there!

Upcoming Have a Go events:

Reading: Tuesday 28th March 5pm-7pm at our Reading Music Centre, Stoneham Court, 100 Cockney Hill, Tilehurst, Reading, RG30 4EZ

Bracknell: Thursday 30th March 4.30pm-6.30pm at our Bracknell Music Centre, Ranelagh School, Ranelagh Drive, Bracknell, RG12 9DA





THE MUSIC LOUNGE

We have a space adjacent to the Waterside Youth & Community Centre in Newbury called The Music Lounge at Waterside Centre, Waldegrave Place, Northbrook Street, Newbury RG14 1DS. The Music Lounge is a multi-purpose area that can be used for a variety of music making initiatives. We have installed contemporary musical instruments, and a music tech suite to support this and have sought views from young people on what kind of music activity they want in this space. Please keep an eye out on our social media and website for upcoming activities. We do also currently offer band rehearsal space which is available on Mondays and Tuesdays at The Music Lounge which is a safe, supervised space for young people to rehearse. The area is set with keyboard, drum kit, mic & amps for bands, groups and singers to collaborate. This is not a session that is taught or lead but there will be someone on hand to assist with tech. Any questions regarding The Music Lounge please email emilyfreeman@berkshiremaestros.org.uk.



MINI MAESTROS

You are never too young to develop a love of music, and singing with babies and young children! Our Mini Maestros sessions help nurture a love of music right from the start! They take place across Berkshire for ages 0 - 7 years old, why not come along for a FREE taster session so you can find out first-hand what our classes are all about! When you sign up you will receive 50% off your first term! We also have a SEND Family Beats session at our Reading Music Centre for ages 1 - 5 years with additional needs and when you sign up your first term is FREE! Please email admissions@berkshiremaestros.org.uk to find out more!

WEST BERKSHIRE GREENHAM TRUST BURSARY

The Greenham Trust Bursary itself contributes £70 per term towards the cost of music activities with Berkshire Maestros (lessons/ensembles). £60 of the bursary comes from the Greenham Trust and £10 is from Berkshire Maestros. This can also now be used in conjunction with our Music Lounge activities. But you must meet the criteria to be eligible. Please see more information [here](#) to find out more.

BERKSHIRE YOUNG MUSICIANS COUNCIL

The Berkshire Young Musicians Council is looking to appoint new Council members for 2023. The Berkshire Young Musicians Council (previously the Berkshire Maestros Youth Advisory Board) was launched in September 2020 as a new platform to enable young people to be involved in influencing strategic decisions and in driving change within their local music hub. To find out more and if you would like to express your interest to join please click [here](#) and fill out the form.

DONATE

Give the gift of music, if you would like to donate to Berkshire Maestros to help us to help others then please visit our website and click Support Us/Donate in top right corner to see the different options available. We have also set up a FUTURE40 fund! We're raising money to fund free places to help students start or continue their musical journey with us. Text 5FUTURE for £5 donation, 10FUTURE for £10 donation or 20FUTURE for £20 donation to 70450 Your support is much appreciated.

We hope you have found this newsletter useful and have enjoyed reading about our exciting opportunities we have. Feel free to get in touch contact@berkshiremaestros.org.uk and follow us on social media: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

Online Safety & Gaming

Gaming refers to playing electronic games, whether through consoles, computers, tablets, smartphones or other devices. Gaming remains one of the most popular forms of entertainment, attracting a wide range of age groups from all across the world. Gaming is always looking to develop, often improving on graphical features, accessibility and user engagement as years go by.



Unlike many other forms of media, gaming brings a sense of challenge to the player. Usually there is a degree of skill involved that players need to develop in order to progress. Depending on the type of game, it can also offer players a platform where they can be imaginative and explore their own creativity.

Some games have rich storylines and characters that are engaging and memorable. Many players also use it as an opportunity to compete and socialise with other users whether it be in person or online. More often than not though, people game, because it is fun!

Benefits of Gaming

- 1 Can develop critical and creative skills
- 2 Can bring educational benefit and awareness
- 3 Is available to most audiences and family members
- 4 Is an easy and accessible way to socialise with others



Considerations for Gaming

- 1 Have awareness of appropriate age restrictions
- 2 Parental awareness around purchasing
- 3 Active discussions around socialising safely
- 4 Reporting harmful or offensive content online

Socialising Online

A staple of gaming is the community that surrounds it. Groups and audiences can gather around a specific game, character or theme to build specific fan bases that can interact with each other. Young people may like to socialise online because:

- 1 It gives them a platform to be with friends outside of school
- 2 There is usually a competitive element at play, which can feel rewarding
- 3 It can build confidence and social skills which may not be attainable physically
- 4 It gives opportunity to young people who have difficulty socialising with friends and others



Reporting and Blocking

Gaming communities can range from supportive and educational, to toxic and harmful. In some instances, it can even lead towards more radical content being promoted. When faced with something or someone being harmful online, make sure young people know how to:

- 1 Report the player or piece of content
- 2 Mute or block the player
- 3 Manage their privacy settings or communication options
- 4 Speak with a trusted adult for support



To find out more about Gaming visit the SWGfL hub:
swgfl.org.uk/topics/gaming/

or scan the QR code



Further Support

Professionals Online Safety Helpline: saferinternet.org.uk/professionals-online-safety-helpline

Harmful Sexual Behaviour Support Service: swgfl.org.uk/harmful-sexual-behaviour-support-service/

Report Harmful Content:
reportharmfulcontent.com



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