

Bushey Heath Primary School

January 2023 Newsletter

OUR SURVEYS

Thank you to those of you that replied to our recent surveys. We take your responses very seriously and endeavour to address any concerns that you raise. We also ensure praise is passed onto the relevant member of staff and, in this case, I am delighted to know that the Enrichment Team are so appreciated by you and by our children.

OUR LATEST PROJECT

Those of you who have been with us for a few years will remember our Digital Hub project, where, thanks to the generous support from the community, we were able to transform a tired computer suite into an exciting technical hub for our children.

We are now starting another fantastic, forward thinking project. The school is creating a working music studio to further develop our children's music education. The Rainbow Room will be completely transformed into an environment where children will not only learn music theory and how to play instruments but also how to engineer and produce their own music.

A variety of instruments (guitars, keyboards, drums, pianos, etc.) alongside microphones and a mixing desk will enable children to form a band, perform solo and produce music. Linking the project to our Digital Hub, the children will write, perform, film, edit and produce music. They will be able to create mini-movies, dance videos and music tracks. QR codes will link their productions to our Twitter feed and YouTube channel.

Inclusivity will be at the heart of the project. Children with autism will benefit from ukuleles (strumming strings on this instrument helps develop motor control) recorders, xylophone/glockenspiels, trumpets, and bongos. Instruments will be chosen from different cultures to reflect the diversity within our school. ADHD-friendly instruments which allow a child to stand and move, such as string bass, woodwinds and percussion instruments will be available.

Anxiety and stress will be reduced as pupils, staff, and parents relax and make music in a calm environment. Children will be given the opportunity to express their feelings and reach their potential through music and performance.

Our current music facility is very limited (a piano in the hall and a cupboard for storing instruments). We are determined to build a facility unlike any other in a primary school and give our children an opportunity to learn skills that will open a whole new world of opportunities for them. With your help, we can go a little bit further, be a little more adventurous and be a little more creative.

Working with the community, parents and local businesses, we think we can create something special and different but we need financial help so, working alongside The Friends of the School, we have some fun fundraising activities lined up. One of the first activities, created by Mr Hirons, is detailed below.

I would like to state clearly that there is absolutely no obligation or expectation for parents and carers to pay any money towards the studio. We are very aware that times are hard and the school certainly does not wish to add to parents' financial demands. If, however, you are able to help in any way we would be very grateful.

Kind regards Penny Barefoot, Headteacher





Fender Squire Stratocaster
£150



Jackson JS1X
£150



Yamaha APXT2 3/4 Acoustic/Electric
£220

SPONSOR AN ELECTRIC GUITAR

Mr Hirons will teach you how to play it!

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We are looking to source instruments for the studio and we would like to offer parents the opportunity to sponsor an electric guitar for our studio. But before the instrument reaches its new home, Mr Hirons will give each individual who is sponsoring an instrument three, thirty minute lessons on how to play it!

- This will include: how to solo along to ANY song.
- How to play the main chords that make up the majority of songs.
- Show you how to play any song of your choice.

Yes, ALL of the above can be taught in just three lessons!



Squire Bullet Mustang
£150

Our Curriculum

Want to find out more about what your children are learning? Visit our website here:

[Curriculum - Bushey Heath Primary School \(busheyheathjm.herts.sch.uk\)](http://busheyheathjm.herts.sch.uk)

Nursery

We have a morning Nursery place available please contact nurseryadmissions@busheyheathjm.herts.sch.uk

Twitter

Want to see how your children are learning? Follow us on Twitter:

@BusheyHeathjm

Diary Dates

Please remember to check our website for additions to the School Calendar

[Calendar - Bushey Heath Primary School \(busheyheathjm.herts.sch.uk\)](http://busheyheathjm.herts.sch.uk)