

I can't believe that we have reached the Summer Term already!

So much has happened over the past term and we have lots of exciting activities going on this term including DASP Fest, an orchestral workshop and our annual big DASP Music Summer concert at the Weymouth Pavilion.

The past few months have seen DASP Music become heavily involved with Dippy on Tour and we were privileged last week to have been involved with Dippy's Farewell celebrations. A full report can be found below.

Don't forget our DASP Summer concert on 8th July – lots of children from across DASP will be involved, including a massed first schools' choir.

Enjoy the sunshine!

Hanna Trevorrow
DASP Music Coordinator



Children from DASP schools sing at the Dippy Farewell celebrations

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DASP Year 4 concerts



This March, the annual DASP Year 4 concerts took place once again at the St Osmund's sports hall. Mrs Trevorrow visited all of the schools during January and February to deliver vocal workshops to all of the children in year 4 throughout the whole DASP pyramid. This year, the theme of the concert was Peace and Unity. The children learnt five songs, each learning a different part, so that when they were finally put together, they were able to perform in three-part harmony! The songs that they performed altogether were: a medley of War Songs, Dona Nobis Pacem, 'One Voice' by the Wailing Jennies, 'Let it Be' by The Beatles and Ed Sheeran's 'What do I know'. In addition, each school

prepared their own song to perform. The concerts were a huge success with packed out audiences on both evenings. Through generous donations, nearly £800 was raised which will be put towards the year 4 concert next year. Photos and video of the concert can be found on our gallery and audio/video pages on the website. Well done to all involved!

Dippy Farewell Celebrations



Friday 4th May saw students from across the DASP schools involved in the farewell celebrations for Dippy the Dinosaur. Over 250 children from years 1-6 (plus their parents) met at Brewery Square where they were provided with Dippy T-shirts and flags. They

then performed the Dippy the Dinosaur song (written by Mrs Trevorrow for Skylarks choir to perform at Dippy's opening event back in February). After the song, a samba band made up of parents and students, led a procession from Brewery Square, down South Street, to the Dorset County Museum.

At the museum, the children performed the song again and there were speeches by the Director of the Museum and The Mayor of Dorchester. Everyone was treated to lovely drinks and nibbles before going home. The whole event was a lovely send-off for Dippy and encapsulated the spirit of community. Photos and video can be found on our website (and on our Facebook and Twitter feeds).



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DASP Fest 2018



DASP Fest 2018 is coming! We are trying to encourage more student-led music making and would like to provide this platform for students in years 5-9 who perform in a popular music genre. DASP Fest 2018 will take the form of a concert on Thursday 28th June at THS Theatre. The concert will provide a performance platform for bands, small groups and soloists who rehearse together, in or outside of school. It is open to both instrumentalists and singers.

Anyone who would like to play at DASP Fest 2018, needs to submit an audition video of their performance (can be a solo or a group) to htrevorvrow@thomas-hardye.net by **Friday 25th May**. The audition video needs to be of the piece that they would like to perform. Each group may only submit one piece, however, if you as a performer appear in more than one group, that is fine. We are looking for well-rehearsed and well-presented performances.

Applicants will be informed as to whether they have successfully auditioned and will perform at the event, by Friday 8th June. This is not a competition, but an opportunity for students to perform to an audience. We hope that many students will get involved in this new and exciting opportunity!

BBC Ten Pieces Orchestral Workshop – Get Involved!



On Saturday 16th June, we are running another large scale orchestral workshop. We have run these over the past two years, once with members of the BBC Concert Orchestra and once with members of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and they have both been a huge success.

This year we will be running it using various local musicians to support the students. The aim is to give students the experience of playing in a large orchestra and to inspire them to join THS orchestra or a county group, as they progress. The workshop is open to all students who play an orchestral instrument from grade 2 and above and will run from 10am – 4.30pm. (Beginner players of less than grade 2 standard are invited to take part in the afternoon session only).

We will be using BBC Ten Pieces arrangements for the workshop, the scores of which can all be found online. This is such a great resource as there are also recordings of the pieces for you to listen to in advance.
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4lz0vpshsfVvDbD95F3v8xB/ten-pieces-resources>

Sign up online via the DASP Music website. The closing date for applications is **Friday 11th May**.

Endangered Instruments – half price lessons!

How would you like to learn the oboe, the French horn or the trombone?

These three instruments are some that we have labelled as 'endangered' in our area. At the moment, it looks as if we will have no oboists in any of the middle schools and only a couple of French horn and trombone players in September.

We are really keen that this changes. These instruments are fundamental to a whole range of ensembles – an orchestra just doesn't really work without them!

We are offering half priced 20 minute lessons from September for one term (10 lessons). This means it will cost just £52.50 for ten lessons on one of these instruments.

Instruments are available for hire from the Dorset Music Service (Oboes £112.80 and French Horns £48 per year).

We have limited places available for this scheme.

If you are interested in your child learning one of these instruments, please email me directly (htrevorvrow@thomas-hardye.net) by 29th June.

Forthcoming Events...

16th June – Orchestral Workshop 10-4.30pm

28th June – DASP Fest, 6pm @ THS theatre

Sunday 8th July – DASP Music Summer Concert 2018 @ Weymouth Pavilion (All DASP Ensembles)

DASP Music Ensembles – Get involved in September!

DASP Music runs the only weekly music centre for young musicians in West Dorset. We have 14 weekly ensembles, most of which meet at our Wednesday 'Music Night' at The Thomas Hardy School. We have groups, both for complete beginners and those for more advanced players. If you play an instrument, why not come along and give one of our sessions a go? Those who regularly play in a group make quicker progress - and it's fun!

Wednesday 'Music Night'

3.30: **THS Uke Troupe**

4pm: **Stringendos, Clariphones, Brass Ensemble, Flute Choir** (all grade 2+), **Training Windband, Stringalings** (both grade 0-2)

5pm: **DASP Youth Orchestra** (grade 1+), **Uke Troupe Beginners** (suitable for complete beginners)

5.30pm: **Uke Troupe Intermediate**

6.15pm – 7pm: **Jazz Band** (grade 1+)

Other Groups

Treblemakers Boys Vocal Group – Tuesdays, 3.45-4.45pm @ St Mary's First School (boys years 4-8)

Skylarks Choir – Thursdays 3.45-4.30pm @ Manor Park First School (years 2-6)

Guitar Ensemble – Tuesdays 4-5pm @ The Thomas Hardy School (years 5+)

St Mary's Rock Group – Mondays 3.30 – 4.30pm @ St Mary's Middle School, Puddletown.

Want to start learning an instrument/voice in September?

Apply online to DASP Music by Friday 29th June (applications received after this date may not be able to start lessons until October half term).

<http://www.daspmusic.co.uk/apply-for-instrumental-lessons.html>

