



Scissett Middle School Performing Arts News July 2022



It has been another busy term for the Performing Arts department. Fresh from the production of *Matilda Jr.* in the week before Easter (photo gallery on the school website) our students have once again shown what a talented and committed bunch they are.



Summer concert

On 7th July, approximately 100 students from across the school showcase their talents at the summer concert. Year 6 and 7 Drama performed a fantastic play *The Wardrobe* which took the audience on a journey following the stories of children who found sanctuary in a wardrobe through five centuries of British history. There were also lots of excellent performances from singers and instrumentalists from all age groups as well as performances by the Wind Band, Pop Choir and String Ensemble. The standard of performances for both the Music and Drama was exceptionally high and the Performing Arts department are extremely proud. A short highlights reel is on the school website and our Facebook page for your enjoyment.



Year 8 Playhouse trip

At the start of this term our future Dramatists from Year 8 were left feeling very inspired after a fantastic trip to Leeds Playhouse. They enjoyed a backstage tour of the building's three performance spaces, learnt about the many careers involved in theatre and took part in a workshop - 'A Day in the Life of an Actor'. Some even managed to observe an initial cast read-through of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory the Musical!*

First school tours

Our String Ensemble and Wind Band (with our mascot Donk) have had some great fun this term, spending three days touring nine of our First Schools to perform for our next generation of musicians. Each group played a number of excellent pieces and introduced the different instruments from the group. We were really welcomed everywhere we visited and hopefully some younger students will be inspired to begin instrument lessons as a result. This was something we did annually pre-pandemic and our students were fantastic role models this time around.



Cinema reward trip

At the end of June, 80 of our performing arts stars joined students from KMS in a trip to Penistone Paramount cinema to watch the film 'Into the Woods' as a reward for their contribution to Music and Drama this year. This trip was predominately for students involved in Matilda Jr. who didn't get the chance to watch that show in the West End in January, with some additional places for those who have attended lots of activities in the department.

Here At Last – 14th June

In June we were lucky enough to be visited by the boy band 'Here At Last'. They are the most followed band on TikTok and have 50 million views and had just finished a UK sell-out tour. As well as performing some fantastic songs they also talked to the students about cyber bullying, mental health and their experience of social media.



Instrument Lessons

Living in Kirklees, we are extremely lucky to have such a fantastic local music service, Musica Kirklees, who offer very high-quality instrumental tuition. If you would like your child to start lessons on (just about!) any instrument in September then you can download an application form from the Musica Kirklees website. If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals then we can assist with the cost – in this instance email mosborne@themast.co.uk

Music Exam Success

Congratulations to the follow students who have taken music exams this term.

Student	Year	Instrument	Grade	Result
Beatrice A.	8	Bassoon	4	Distinction
Noah L.	7	Clarinet	4	Distinction
Ian N.	8	Classical Guitar	4	Distinction
Rory D.	8	Classical Guitar	3	Merit
Gabriel M.	7	Drum Kit	1	Pass
Sam B.	7	Oboe	3	Merit
Caitlin N.	6	Piano	4	Merit
Anna D.	6	Piano	2	Merit
Jed W.	8	Piano	3	Merit
James M.	6	Piano	4	Merit
Holly W.	8	Singing	3	Distinction
Sam T.	7	Trombone	2	Distinction

Congratulations to all students who have been Performing Arts stars this year!