

# Culture and Arts Week

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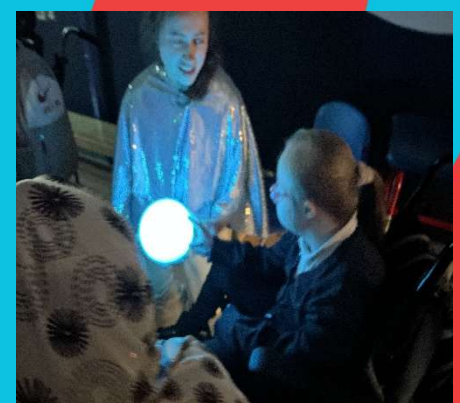
## A WEEK OF CREATIVITY AND CELEBRATION!

Over the past week, our school was transformed by a vibrant celebration of music, creativity and sensory exploration as we hosted our Culture & Arts Days under the theme “A Symphony of Colour.” Pupils across all pathways took part in a rich programme of activities that brought classical music, opera and dramatic storytelling to life in ways that were accessible, engaging and deeply meaningful.

Pupils with PMLD and complex needs began the week with an interactive Symphony of Colour workshop delivered by the Big Top Musical Theatre Company. This gentle and joyful session introduced pupils to classical music and opera through soundmaking, colourful sensory props and highly responsive musical play. The workshop provided many pupils with the chance to communicate through movement, gesture and vocalisation, creating moments of real connection and delight.



Pupils also experienced Welsh National Opera’s Opera Tutti multisensory concert. Performed in an intimate setting by a small ensemble, the concert guided pupils through the seasons of the year using live singing, atmospheric music, tactile props and visual elements. Many pupils responded to the changing moods of the performance—calming during winter, animated during summer—and staff commented on how engaged, settled and expressive they were throughout. Pupils across our ASC, SLD and MLD pathways took part in a second Opera Tutti performance tailored to their needs. This concert offered an accessible introduction to opera, blending mood, tempo and seasonal imagery in a way that encouraged participation and curiosity.



Drama based opera workshops further extended the experience, giving pupils the opportunity to explore character, movement and storytelling. These sessions supported confidence, communication and musicality, with pupils enthusiastically experimenting with voices, gestures and expressive play.

### Arts Project (Open University)

- Pupils shared multi-arts work based on the theme of Peter Pan developed through the Arts Access Project, promoting inclusion and creativity in partnership with the Open University.



## CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

Throughout the week, the Big Top Musical Theatre Company's touring musicians visited classes across the school, performing well-known classical pieces. Pupils were able to see instruments up close, feel vibrations, and interact with the musicians in a relaxed and familiar environment. These spontaneous performances created a sense of excitement around the school and gave pupils repeated opportunities to enjoy live music at their own pace.

The aim of our Culture & Arts Days was to broaden pupils' cultural experiences and provide enriching moments of expression, creativity and sensory engagement. The programme was thoughtfully adapted to meet the diverse needs of our learners, ensuring that all pupils could take part and benefit—whether through active participation, sensory interaction or the simple pleasure of listening.

We are incredibly proud of how our pupils responded and grateful to the visiting artists who helped create such memorable experiences. The school was filled with colour, sound and joy—truly living up to the theme A Symphony of Colour.

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