

We have hit the ground running since coming back after Christmas, with so many projects happening or about to start.

Our Christmas Concert was a huge success and all of the students performed brilliantly – more about that below.

We are running most of our Singing Strategy projects this term, with the Year 4 Concert, Musical Theatre workshop and Reception Music classes all happening or about to start. In addition we have a charity concert for Julia's House and the Weymouth Music Festival in the pipeline.

I hope to see some of you at the forthcoming events!

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Stringalings at the DASP Christmas Concert 2016

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## News...

### Imperial College Concert



In November, students from The Thomas Hardy School, St Mary's and St Osmund's Middle Schools joined forces with Imperial College Symphony Orchestra (ICSO) from London to perform a fabulous concert at St Mary's Church in Dorchester. This collaboration between ICSO and The Thomas Hardy School music department started in 2001 and has been an annual event ever since. The event has grown so that this year there were over 160 performers involved.

The Dorset Echo had this to say of the concert:

"Much loved musical favourites were on the programme, starting with Mozart's Requiem and literally finishing with a bang with Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, all of which were performed with love and dedication by the young singers and instrumentalists.

With three conductors to help things along, the standard was, as always, extremely high in all the works as the Requiem's emotionally charged movements got the evening off to a fine start. Faure's ever popular Cantique brought a joyous atmosphere to the church after the interval along with the Farandole from Bizet's Arlesienne Girl. The supply of paper bags to every member of the audience provided everyone with the opportunity to put them to good use during the finale of the rousing 1812 Overture and loud

noises duly followed as the bags were blown up and exploded with enthusiasm and a sense of fun.

Thus a superb evening of first class music was rounded off in roistering style but the lasting memory will almost certainly be of favourite melodies played with energy and dedication by young students from all over the world who come together to create something beautiful."

Please visit our website to hear an extract of the concert.

#### Instruments for Hire

We are starting to build up a collection of instruments for hire and now have a few cellos, trumpets and clarinets available for a very reasonable price. Please contact us if you interested in hiring instruments.

## Musical Pirates on the road!...

The DASP Instrumental Roadshow has just finished visiting all of the DASP First schools. Four DASP Music teachers toured the schools, demonstrating a variety of musical instruments and playing a range of music, combined with a fun pirate-themed story. The hope was to encourage the next generation of potential musicians! You can see clips of the instrumental roadshow on the DASP Music website.

## DASP Christmas Concert



On 7<sup>th</sup> December, over 200 children came together to perform at the DASP Christmas concerts at the Thomas Hardy School theatre. There were performances from all of the DASP Ensembles, several Thomas Hardy School groups and also a few select soloists. All students performed excellently and the concert got everyone firmly in the Christmas spirit. Video clips of the concert can be found on the DASP Music website.

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**Over £180 raised so far through  
Easyfundraising.org!**

Our supporters have been busy shopping to support DASP Music – thank you! It's easy to support us in this way and doesn't cost you a penny. Just visit [easyfundraising.org](http://easyfundraising.org) and sign up for an account. Every time you shop online and access the websites that you want (e.g. Amazon) through [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising), they donate 1-5% of whatever you spend to us. You can even earn us funds by buying your summer holiday this way!

**Please sign up now!**

### Forthcoming Events...

4<sup>th</sup> March – Weymouth Music Festival (DASP Youth Orchestra, Training Windband, Brass Ensemble)

13<sup>th</sup> March – THS and Middle Schools musical theatre workshop @ Weymouth Pavilion.

15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Singing Concerts.

19<sup>th</sup> March – Julia's House Fundraising Concert (Stringalings, Uke Troupe, Flute Choir, Classics, Harmony)

24<sup>th</sup> June – BSO Orchestral Workshop day.

8<sup>th</sup> July – DASP Music Summer Concert @ Weymouth Pavilion (All DASP Ensembles)

## Year 4 Singing Workshops

All of Year 4 across the DASP pyramid are currently busy practising songs for the forthcoming Year 4 Singing Concerts. Mrs Trevorrow has been visiting all of the schools delivering workshop to help them to prepare for the concert and the children are doing a fantastic job at learning all of the pieces. This promises to be a fantastic event!

## Reception Music Sessions

Through our singing strategy funding this year, we have been fortunate enough to be able to provide all reception classes throughout the pyramid with some specialist music sessions. These are starting this term and will run until the summer. The hope is that the class teachers can also be left with some resources which can be used after the sessions have finished.

## Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Workshop Day

We are excited to be able to announce, that following the success of our BBC Concert Orchestra Workshop last year, we are going to host a workshop this year with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. The workshop will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> June and will involve students from various DASP Ensembles as well as other students who learn instruments within DASP. More information to follow shortly!...

## **DASP Music Ensembles – get involved!**

DASP Music runs the only weekly music centre for young musicians in West Dorset. We have 15 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? **We are particularly keen to recruit new members in our Orchestra and Jazz Band!**

### Wednesday 'Music Night'

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

5pm: **DASP Youth Orchestra** (grade 2+), **Uke Troupe Beginners**

5.30pm: **Uke Troupe Intermediate**

6.15pm – **Jazz Band** (grade 2+)

### Other Groups

**Treblemakers Boys Vocal Group** – Tuesdays, 3.45-4.45pm @ Dorchester Middle School (boys years 4-8)

**Classics Choir** – Fridays 4-4.30pm @ The Thomas Hardy School (years 5-8)

**Harmony Pop Choir** – Various times/days/venues (years 5-13)

**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+)



## **Thank you to our Friends!**

Through our generous supporters, over the last year we were able to fund Minority Instrument lessons, the BBC Concert Orchestra workshop, new sheet music for ensembles, Come and Try event, service our instruments for hire, and ensure that our ensembles were viable for the year. We are really grateful for all of the support that we receive and it is through this extra support that we are able to provide these extra opportunities for our young people.

If you feel able to support us, or know someone else who may wish to support us, in any way (financial support, volunteer helping at concerts, volunteer helping with ensembles, donating instruments), please do get in touch.