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**BBC TEN PIECES
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**STRING DAY
SUNDAY 22
NOVEMBER**

The Manuscript Paper

Stockport Music Service Fun Day

Saturday 3rd October saw the successful return of Stockport Music Service's Family Fun Day. For the second year parents and children of all ages (literally) blew us away by trying a selection of wind, brass, percussion and string instruments.

Stockport families were invited to join us for the day to have a look around the building, try out instruments and have loads of fun including having their face painted and playing on the bouncy castle. There were many workshops and activities taking place throughout the day including Samba, play-



along sessions with bands and choirs for all ages, and instrument tasters to name but a few. This year also included fantastic performances by Stockport Schools' Brass Band and Stockport Recorder College.

Children were once again invited to sign up for the hugely popular 'be a recording star' where they sang a selection of songs from Amy Winehouse's "Valerie" to

Frozen's "Do you want to build a snowman?" for a packed audience. They were even recorded live on stage.

The day finished with everyone in the building joining together to perform a fantastic version of "Connect It" from the BBC's Ten Pieces project.

Please contact the office for further information about ensembles,
music.service@stockport.gov.uk
or ring 0161 483 7636.



Charity Partnership

In order to make stronger links with the community Stockport Music Service has forged links with two Stockport charities; Beechwood Cancer Care and St Ann's Hospice. We plan to support them by sending our music centre groups to perform at their events. In return our players gain some new performance opportunities in our local community.



Our senior choir Vox Box will be performing at Beechwood's Festival of Lights on Monday the 7th of December and we are sending a number of groups to Sainsburys in

Cheadle on the 21st November to play while they are bag packing. It would be lovely to see lots of support for these events. We also have a number of events in the pipeline with St Ann's.

We held a music centre Open Day in October and Beechwood set up a stall in the main hall. It was great to see them and they were delighted to raise over £150 for their charity.

String Day

On the 22nd of November Stockport Music Service will host its first String Day in conjunction with Stockport Youth Orchestra (SYO).

Children of all abilities are invited to join on the day where they will take part in a fun filled day of different activities. These will include

movement and music workshops, chamber groups and will culminate in a

performance involving all players.

String players have been sent details. However, if you need any further information please contact the Music Service or Stockport Youth Orchestra.



BBC Ten Pieces Secondary

Building on the success of Ten Pieces, which has already engaged nearly half of UK primary schools, the BBC is extending the ground-breaking initiative to secondary schools. The aim is to open up the

- dance
- animation or digital art
- performance poetry
- composition (jazz, world music, folk, classical, pop or coded)

Pupils are also encouraged to produce their own videos of all, or a combination of, these



world of classical music to children aged 11 and above and to inspire them to respond creatively to the repertoire.

The project is now in its Phase 2: Exploration and Creativity.

Pupils can explore the music further and develop their own creative responses inspired by one or all of the pieces in a variety of ways:

creative responses.

Upload pupils' creative responses to the Ten Pieces website for possible inclusion in the online showcase (deadline: Friday 18th March 2016).

Head to the BBC Ten Pieces website to claim a free DVD and find loads of inspiration.

www.bbc.co.uk/tenpieces

Excellent Exam Results

Back in the Summer a large number of our students took ABRSM graded exams and several of them did so well that they were invited to perform in an ABRSM high scorers concert, which took place just before the half term.

Congratulations to all those pupils for their successes and many thanks to the Music Service teachers and families that supported them in their practice and lessons. Well done to you all!

Ensembles & Progression Coordinator

Mr. Haslam is now our Ensembles and Progression Coordinator. He will be coordinating the majority of our music centre ensembles and performances from now on and is always looking for new ideas so if you have any suggestions to improve the music centre or how we can collaborate with outside groups or organisations please get in touch.

Foodie Friday

You may be aware that on the last Friday of each month, Foodie Friday takes place in our Marketplace, Stockport Old Town. Over the last few months some smaller groups of students have been playing. This month will be the Christmas lights switch on and VoxBox will be performing for the first time. Why not head down to support VoxBox and enjoy some great food?

Music Centre Groups

We are always recruiting for our music centre groups and we have something for all ages and abilities. For further information on groups please see our website or contact the office.

Monday

Young Voices 4:00 - 4:50
Upbeat (SEND) 4:00 - 4:45
Junior Voices 5:00 - 6:15
Beginner Guitar 5:45 - 6:45
KG Beats (Keyboard & Guitar)
5:45 - 7:00
VoxBox 6:30 - 7:45

Tuesday

Samba Squad 4:30 - 5:30
Jazz Club 5:15 - 6:15
Percussion Ensemble 5:30 -
6:30

Wednesday

Junior Wind Band 5:45 - 7:15
Youth Wind Orchestra 5:45 -
7:30
Electric Strings 6:00 - 7:00

Friday

Beginner Cellos 4:00 - 4:50
Junior Strings 5:00 - 6:30
Intermediate Strings 5:15 -
6:45
Stockport Youth Orchestra
7:00 - 9:30

Saturday

Stockport Schools' Brass
Band 9:30 - 12:00

Calendar

November 14

Brass and Percussion WOW Day (Wider Opportunities Workshop) - Stockport Music Service

November 22

String Day - Stockport Music Service

December 7

KGBeats, UpBeats, Beginner Guitar, Percussion Ensemble, Jazz Club - Stockport Music Service

December 7

VoxBox - Beechwood's Festival of Lights

December 7 & 8

Primary Carol Festival - St George's

December 9

Wind Bands, Electric Strings, Junior Voices - Stockport Music Service

December 13

Junior & Intermediate Strings, SYO - Stockport Town Hall

Please visit our website for up to date information on events.

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