



10th June 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

**WORLD MUSIC DAY -
TUESDAY 21st JUNE 2022**



I am very pleased to tell you that next Tuesday is World Music Day!

The power of music

Music is all around us. It is the soundtrack to our lives. It connects us through people and places. It is creative, collaborative, celebratory and challenging. In our schools, music can bring communities together through the shared endeavour of whole-school singing, ensemble playing, experimenting with the creative process and, through the love of listening to friends and fellow pupils, performing.

History of World Music Day

The 'Fête de la Musique', also known in English as 'Music Day', 'Make Music Day' or 'World Music Day', is an annual music celebration that takes place on the 21st June. On Music Day, citizens and residents are urged to play music outside in their neighbourhoods or in public spaces and parks.

Free concerts are also organised, where musicians play for fun and not for payment.

The first all-day musical celebration on the day of the summer solstice was celebrated in Paris in 1982. Music Day celebrations have now spread to 120 countries around the world!

How can we get involved?

At Barrow Hedges we are all musicians, even if we don't know it yet! Perhaps you learn an instrument, perhaps you like to sing, perhaps you have an idea about an instrument you would like to try or maybe you have ideas for a song you would like to write!



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You can celebrate World Music Day however you would like to, but in case you need a helping hand here are some fun suggestions to get you started:

Important:

These suggestions contain links to websites, please make sure that you are supervised by an adult when using the internet and thinking of our E-safety rules.

Listening Activities

1. Ask someone from your family what their favourite song is, listen to it together.
2. Swap music suggestions with a friend.
3. Listen to a piece of music and create an artwork to show how the music made you feel or what you thought it might have been about.
4. Write a review of a song, artist or band that you enjoy.
5. Go to a concert or watch live music.
6. Ask someone you know to show you an instrument that they play and listen to how it sounds.
7. Dance to your favourite song or one that you have never heard before.
8. Make up a dance to perform to your favourite song.
9. Listen to a record, cassette or CD to see how music has changed over time.
10. Listen to a song from every decade.

Singing Activities

1. Sing your favourite song to your friends or family.
2. Look into joining a choir. Sutton Music Service run Sutton Songbirds for ages 6 – 8: <https://suttonmusicservice.org.uk/singing/sutton-songbirds/>
3. Record yourself singing and share it with friends, family or school.
4. Organise a karaoke event with friends or family.
5. Learn a song in another language: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XuOCaOFumNs&list=PL_1gwbx4Jv17Z2Xfk-7KVVK10MAw0qkz1
6. Learn to sing a song using British Sign Language. <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL26F918F280D50EAD>

Performing Activities

1. Perform on your own by singing or playing an instrument.
2. Perform as a group by singing or playing an instrument.
3. Record your performance to share with family and friends – you could send one to school too.

Composing Activities

1. Explore Chrome Music Lab. <https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/>

2. Write a song from your imagination.
3. Write a new verse for a song.
4. Create a melody (tune) on an instrument that you have at home and record it.
5. Make a rhythm or body percussion grid.
6. Create a melody on song maker.

<https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/Song-Maker>

7. Create a melody on Mario Paint Composer

<https://danielx.net/composer/>

Investigation Activities

1. Learn about a composer or musician and make a poster.
2. Go to the library and take out a book on a composer or musician.
3. Use the internet to find out about a musician, composer or music genre.
4. Make a music timeline showing music through the ages.
5. Find out about an unusual instrument.
6. Draw and label an instrument.
7. Find out about the instruments of the orchestra.

Get crafty

1. Make your own musical instrument – some ideas have been attached to help you.

Please share anything you have had a go at with us at school and you will receive a World Music Day certificate!



Blue Peter Music Badge

In addition to these wonderful activities, you could also apply for your Blue Peter Music Badge – As designed by the wonderful Ed Sheeran! To apply you need to be 6 or older. Entries submitted through school will be sent off together on Friday 1st July. Blue Peter aims to get badges back to you within 4-6 weeks. Last time we offered this opportunity we were really proud to have more than 60 pupils apply for their music badges which is a real achievement for everyone involved.

All you have to do is fill in the form below and send it back to the school office by **Friday 1st July**.

https://childrens-binary.files.bbci.co.uk/childrens-binarystore/cbbc/2021_Music-Badge-Form.pdf

If you need a printed copy there will be copies in the school office or in your classrooms.

The questions you will need to answer are:

- *How do you enjoy making music?*
- *What kind of music would you love to see performed on Blue Peter and why?*

- *Talk to a parent, guardian, teacher or grandparent about the music they love and what it means to them.*

You will need to attach a photo with you doing something musical – singing, playing an instrument or performing.

Any activities from World Music Day that you would like to share with us at Barrow Hedges would be very welcome. I hope to make a display and scrapbook of all the wonderful ways that you are celebrating music.

All pupils who send something in will receive a World Music Day certificate for their efforts. Please hand your World Music Day activities to your class teachers. On the back please add your full name, class and the title 'World Music Day'.

Thank you and happy singing

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