

On Friday 10th October 2014 The Galliard Ensemble spent the day at Begbrook Primary Academy in Stapleton.



During the course of the day, they performed to every child in the school, from nursery through to year six. They tailored their programme to fit each different audience. When they played to the reception classes, they performed within the children's classroom rather than in the hall, giving the experience a more intimate feel and meaning children could get much closer to the instruments. They adapted their repertoire to include music that would be familiar to the different age groups, for example, utilising the theme tune from Peppa Pig to demonstrate the impact playing at different tempi can have on the character of a piece of music.

In each performance, the ensemble included interactive activities that helped the children to understand how the different elements of music (as explored within the national curriculum) can be used to tell a musical story and build up musical pictures.

Children who experienced the performance: approximately 550

Staff who experienced the performance: approximately 45

Feedback from participants:

Ms Michelle Moxham - Assistant Principal, Begbrook Primary Academy
"The feedback from my colleagues was very positive; the children thought it was wonderful! The group were really great with the children, very engaging. One of the year 1 children came out of the session and said to the head teacher "Oh it was beautiful Mr Crookshanks!" A lot of good links were made to the music curriculum which was very useful. We would definitely be keen to have them again and would recommend them to other schools. The only thing we would have changed would be to shorten the final afternoon session, but considering it was a long time late in the day for students to be sitting, they did really well."

Ava - Pupil, Begbrook Primary Academy

"Dear players I really loved your music. I want you to come back again. I loved it."

Jess Graham - Year 1 Teacher, Begbrook Primary Academy

"The children really enjoyed the performance, maybe slightly long for them to sit through but brilliantly thought through with great added humour pitched to their level."