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Dear Councillor Macdonald

Thank you to Didcot Town Council for the generous donation of £1920 in July, which has allowed All Saints Primary School to purchase a class set of keyboards and headphones. This has provided an incredible opportunity for all learners to have access to a high-quality music curriculum and all learners will have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument. Looking to the future, more of our students will be able to consider GCSE, A-level, FE or University Music as an option and students have a life-long skill and passion that they can share with the next generation.

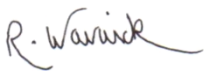
We have a new exciting music curriculum which is currently being rolled out to two year 3 classes this academic year and this is due to follow through into other year groups soon. The Sing Up curriculum offers a high-quality music curriculum which is rich in musical progression and offers a wide variety of musical experiences for students to develop skills and musical knowledge and musicianship. This will utilise the recently purchased keyboards in the KS2 Classes to support the curriculum learning through performing and composing. This is an exciting new opportunity for all learners to be able to learn a musical instrument at a young age and develop a love of music making. Through the Sing Up curriculum, students will also be able to sing regularly, increasing confidence and learning about their own vocal development and technique, alongside learning keyboard technique and how sound is organised in a wide variety of styles.

Musical progress in year 3

Students have improved their keyboard skill by learning about Pitch, Texture, learning the notes of the keyboard, how to warm up, playing simple melodies, composing their own melodies and accompaniments in a variety of styles from traditional songs, folk songs thus far. They are focussing on developing excellent keyboard technique using the 5-finger position and improving fluency of their motor skills to control the sound. Students have also developed musicianship skills by following musical cues in a performance using a musical structure, improving awareness of timing and pulse by performing along to a backing, using voices and keyboards, and finally developing a love of music making.

With thanks again for your generosity.

Yours sincerely



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