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MUSIC TRAIN HITCHIN NEWS



TAKE A PEEK!

NEW BABY COURSE STARTS IN
HITCHIN

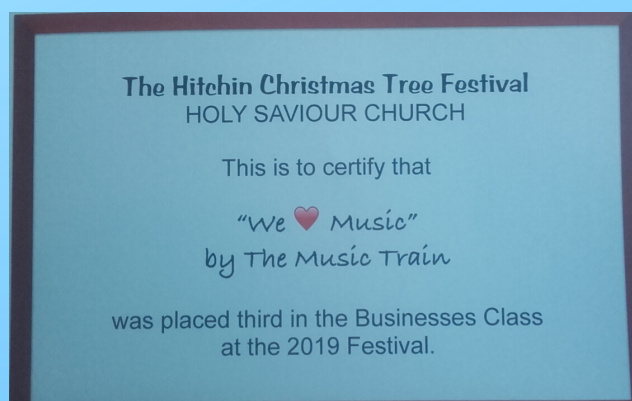
MUSIC TRAIN IS 25 YEARS OLD.

TUNEFUL TED IS PLANNING A
PARTY!

Welcome to the second
edition of this newsletter.

2020 is a special year as we
are celebrating our 25th
anniversary. Read on to find
out more . . .

Hitchin Christmas Tree Festival



Imagine my surprise and delight to find a THIRD PLACE certificate under our Music Train tree at the Hitchin Christmas Tree Festival. Thank you all for sending me the pictures to make the heart decorations with. Our tree looked beautiful.

Christmas Gifts



Christmas sessions are always fun. This year Tuneful Ted had put some lovely instruments in your children's Christmas gift bags – bells, shakers, claves, dancing ribbons and tulip wood blocks. Everyone also received a Music Train 25th anniversary water bottle.

25th Anniversary Competitions



On 25th day of every month this year Tuneful Ted will be giving away a special gift to mark his 25th birthday. To enter go to our facebook page and look for the post pinned at the top.

Here is January's lucky winner of two djembe drums.



Send a Friend – a great scheme!

Did you know that you can let a friend come along to class if you have to miss a week? All you need to do is make sure Frances knows who is coming and when, and also that your friend knows how to find us at Woodside Hall.

New Mugs!

We have used compostable paper cups for years. I have decided that 2020 is the year to make a change and try having mugs for refreshments in class and also to encourage you to bring a water bottle or cup for your child to use.



Each child was given a water bottle at Christmas and the first 30 new families of the year will also be given a 25th anniversary water bottle. Thank you all for your support with this.

Resources

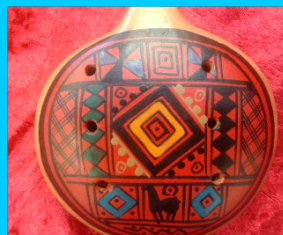
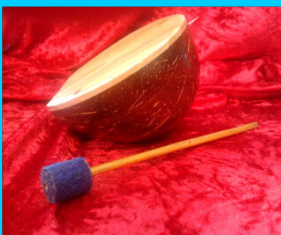
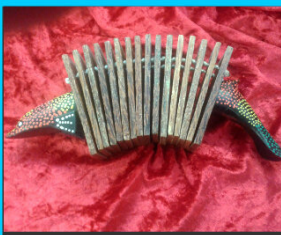


Have you clicked on the resources carriage at the top of our website page yet? There is a wealth of information there to help you support your child's Music Train journey. Just enter the passcode that you will have been given for access to this term's topic information.

Spring Term Topics

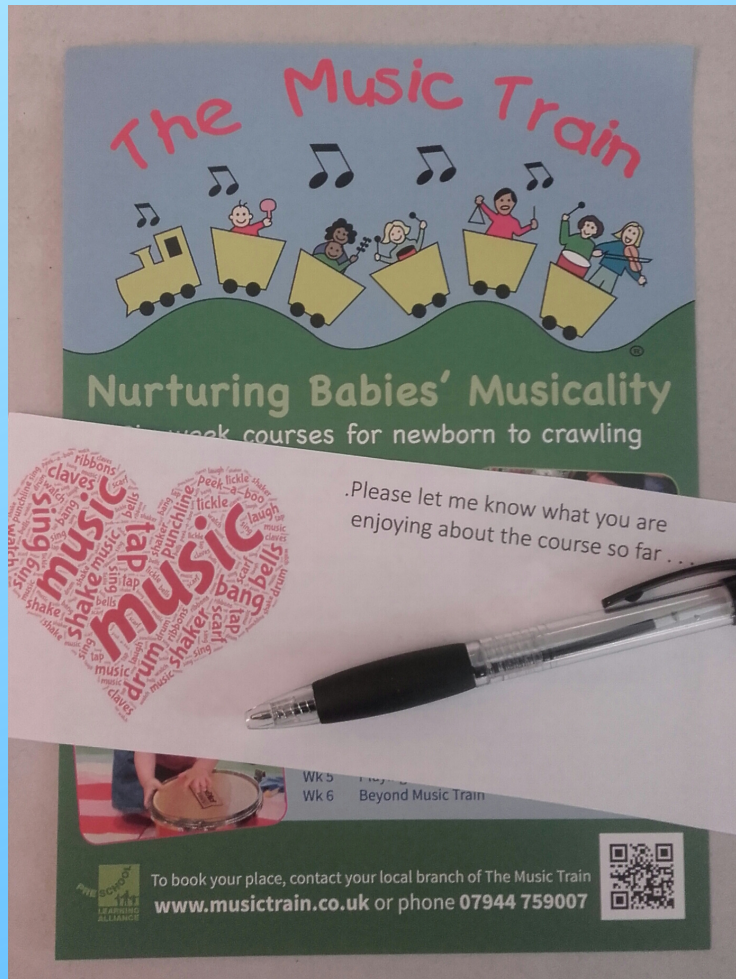


This half term Hitchin Branch has been following our popular Sea and Instruments from around the World topics. I love the Sea topic - particularly all the fish to have fun with!



After the February half term break we will be moving on to two new topics - Animals and Carnival of the Animals.

New Baby Course is a success!



The new Hlitchin course 'Nurturing Babies' Musicality' is now in the 4th week and the feedback is very positive. The group is friendly, supportive and great fun to work with.

Each week we have a focus theme which guides the songs, rhymes and activities we do. There is plenty of time for child led play, refreshments and chat at the end of the session. So far we have covered:

- What can a baby do musically?
- Musical Peek-a-boos
- Punchlines and their importance
- How will I know my baby is benefiting?

A new course will start after Easter on Thursdays at 11:30. If you know anyone with a baby 0 - 12 months please encourage them to come along.

I hope you have enjoyed catching up on all things Music Train. Booking for summer 2020 will be open soon. Our topics will be Nursery Rhymes and Chime Bars followed by Teddies and Keyboards. Booking information and forms will be with you all after half term. Please check through the classes carefully and respond by the deadline date to be sure of your place. There will be special birthday party classes taking place in June to mark Tuneful Ted's 25th birthday. Watch out for more information in the next newsletter.

Frances and Tuneful Ted x

Coming Soon ...

