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MUSIC TRAIN HITCHIN NEWS



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CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Welcome to the 4th
Volume of this newsletter.

Read on to find out what
has been happening at
Hitchin Branch this term

Back at Woodside Hall!



Classes were able to resume face to face at Woodside Hall in September, running until Lockdown 2.0 began. We soon got used to wearing our face coverings and everyone was very responsive and thoughtful of others when it came to trying to maintain our distancing. Classes are smaller to allow for more space between families and we have a new route in and out of the building. The management team at Woodside have been very supportive and flexible. They have arranged to have the whole building 'fogged' with an antiviral substance which gives us all extra protection against Covid. Thank you Woodside Hall!



New Music Train Bags



Our new Music Train bags are a hit! The children really enjoy searching through them to find the instruments and equipment they will need during the session.

The bags are packed 72 hours before class as an extra precaution over more regular washing and cleaning of the instruments and props.

The new twizzlers are particularly popular with the older groups, but everyone enjoys watching the liquid timers as we listen to music together.



Lockdown 2.0

We have been back online during this period. Once again I have been amazed at how well the children have coped. The older children have joined in well and enjoyed the interaction possible via zoom. It isn't easy for the younger ones to be focused on a screen for long (and nor would I want them to be!), but by thinking of me as a friend sitting alongside you in the room it has been possible to enjoy some fun music making together.

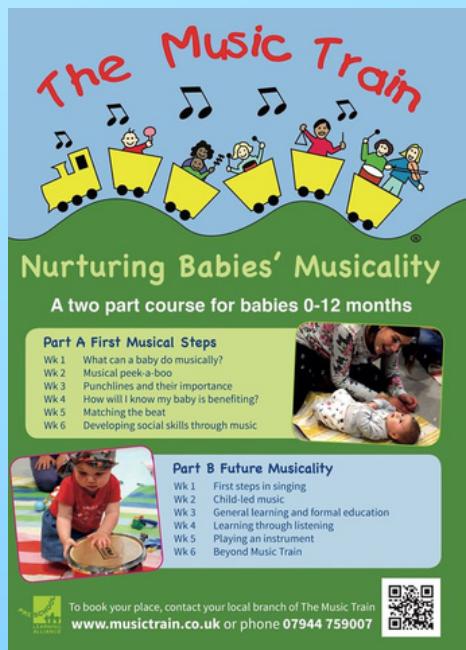


Facebook Group



The private group for current clients is full of mini Music Train videos to support your music making between classes. Don't forget to use it!

Nurturing Babies' Musicality



This popular course has been running again. We take a theme each week and I explain the reasoning behind our songs and activities.

I will be running another similar group in January. This time it will be called "**Nurturing Well-being and Musicality**" and will be a support group for parents and babies 0-12months. The sessions will allow time for sharing concerns, provide opportunities to see how music can support our well-being as adults as well as covering the topics about developing musicality from the previous course.

Looking Forward

When we resume at Woodside I am looking forward to using my new digital projector to enhance our sessions. I will be introducing some of the elements from our online sessions that you have enjoyed such as images to look at as we listen to music and video clips linked to our topic instruments.

Christmas



We are planning to run face to face Christmas sessions when lockdown ends. Watch out for our advent calendar on facebook, starting 1st December.

Here are a few of last year's pictures.



I hope you have enjoyed catching up on all things Music Train. Priority booking for Spring 2021 is open. General booking will begin from 25th November.

Frances and Tuneful Ted x

Coming soon . . .



Transport & Tempo

