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MUSIC TRAIN HITCHIN NEWS



TAKE A PEEK!

TEACHING RHYTHM

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UP, UP AND AWAY!

BACK AT WOODSIDE HALL

Welcome to the 5th
Volume of this newsletter.

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

Lockdown 3.0 - Spring Term



We have been working on line so far this term and it looks like this will continue until Easter. Yes this restricts some of our activities, but it has also allowed me to explore using powerpoint presentations and some excellent video clips to enhance our topic work.

Transport is always a popular theme. The younger children enjoyed all the horse riding, bouncing on a tractor and bumping up and down in a little red waggon. The weekly focus on a different kind of transport allowed us to enjoy some old favourites (e.g. The Wheels on the Bus), but also introduced new songs to sing whilst exploring ideas of tempo.



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Teaching Rhythm 2-4 years

The children in this age group have been meeting and using our Music Train rhythm characters this term. Everyone has a set of cards at home and their very own rhythm train to make up rhythms on. Using powerpoint presentations shared over zoom has been a great way to load the characters on the train and then clap and say their rhythms together. Each week I have posted a video in the facebook group so that the children can practise this.



Teaching rhythm over zoom has been fun and varied. During the transport topic we were able to use photos of children holding their cars, trains, trucks and planes to tap the rhythms of the items. This half term we are tapping the rhythms for food related objects and the pictures we use also have rhythm notation on.

Half Term Special Class

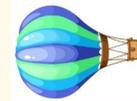


18TH FEBRUARY 2021

UP, UP AND
AWAY!

10am via Zoom

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Families from Hitchin and Letchworth branches joined me for a hot air balloon flight. We used home made binoculars to look down at the ground below and all around us at the other balloons to inspire our music making. It was great fun and lovely to have older brothers and sisters taking a break from home schooling join us.

Christmas 2020

It felt good to be back at Woodside Hall for our Christmas Sessions. All the usual seasonal characters put in an appearance and the school aged class had great fun wearing antlers and playing ukuleles! Somehow Santa still managed to shop and fill present bags with lovely instruments, scarves and puppets.



Looking Forward



THE MUSIC TRAIN IS BACK ON TRACK!

**Classes restart
at Woodside Hall
for ages 0-7
mid April**

**Claim a free
peek-a-boo music scarf
for
every baby
born during lockdown**
signing up for the
summer term

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Music for 0-6's
climb aboard!

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It is exciting to be planning our return with face-to-face classes for the summer term.

I hope you have enjoyed catching up on all things Music Train. Booking for Summer 2021 is open. Many of our clients come to us through personal recommendations - please let your friends know that classes will be back face-to-face after Easter and that booking is open.

Frances and Tuneful Ted x

Coming soon at Woodside Hall . . .



**Woodland
&
Peter and
the Wolf**

