

## Prep individual music competition



On Tuesday morning, we were treated to a fantastic morning of music making by the music pupils of the Prep School, and I was completely blown away by the standard of the performances. We had 54 entries across six different classes and the children really did themselves proud.

Ms. Heaton was our adjudicator, so a massive thank you to her for giving up her time to be so thoughtful and fair with her comments. There could only be one winner selected in each class so choosing just one winner a very difficult task.

We heard singers, pianists, violinists, guitarists (acoustic and bass), drummers, clarinettists, flautists and were lucky enough to have a saxophonist and cellist too. It really was a varied programme and such a pleasure to listen to and experience. I was particularly struck by the enjoyment of the performers, which was fabulous to see. And they all earned house points for taking part also. The winning house on the day was Harewood, as they had the most entries.

The winners were as follows:

Class 1 vocal and instrumental: **Hester**, singing 'My grandfather's clock'

Class 1 piano: **Mia**, playing the fabulously titled 'The very vicious Velocertaptor'

Class 2: **Samaya** singing 'Let him go, let him tarry'

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Class 3: **Kiran** playing 'Castle on a Cloud' on her violin

Class 4: **Haley** playing 'Indigo Moon' on the piano

Class 5: **Willow** singing 'Part of your World'

The highly commended students were **Elsa** (drums), **Pavan** (piano), **Macy** (piano), **Rina** (violin and piano), and **Imogen** (singing).

A massive congratulations to all the children who took part. It is not all about winning - taking part is so important as a musician and we all make up the whole. It really is a feat to stand up in front of an audience on your own, and I was so impressed with everyone's courage and confidence. It was a wonderful day to be a music teacher. All of the children's music teachers are extremely proud of them, their progress and commitment.

Thank you to all our parents who attended. You made the day such an event for the children so I am very grateful to you all. I am looking forward to next year's competition already.

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