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What a fantastic start to the Spring term for our Prep School musicians!



Transition and **Lower 1** have been expanding their glockenspiel-playing skills! Lower 1 have particularly enjoyed learning the song 'Rainbows' - you may have heard them singing 'It's a rainbow kind of day' at home!

Upper 1 have been thrilled to begin learning how to play the ukulele and learned about the various parts of the ukulele and their uses.

Lower 2 recently auditioned for their Spring Production – we were so impressed with how many pupils auditioned so confidently for a solo singing part in front of their peers!

Upper 2 were treated to a trumpet demonstration by our talented trumpet teacher, Mr Martin. This half-term, they have been using their knowledge of the keyboard to read and play music with a combination of crotchets, minims and semibreves.

Lower 3 have been learning how to read music. They have been composing and performing tricky rhythmical patterns on the keyboard, and I have been very impressed with their progress so far!

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Ensemble have been working very hard, preparing their repertoire for the Harrogate Competitive Festival, which takes place in March. We are very excited to be competing this year!

In Merit Assembly Sophia, Talia and Willow showed off their singing talents.

The **LKS2 and UKS2 choir** began preparing for one of our favourite events - the Music and Dance showcase which will take place in April this year.

Our Prep musicians who attend a weekly theory club, have been working very hard on their Grades 1-3 theory to support their musical development in their peripatetic instrumental and singing lessons. **Music theory club** is a free music club which takes place after school on a Monday for our advanced musicians. If you are interested in joining, please email me at <u>eleanor.moore@gatewaysschool.co.uk</u>.

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