



MUSIC CLUB WINTER 2015

Music Club ran on Monday's for 4 weeks after the 2015 October Holidays. We have a lot of equipment, from previous years, to do with making music so this was useful for this club.

We were able to work with young people in 4 separate groups, firstly, young people could have a shot on drums with our electric drum sets. Secondly there were child-sized guitars available and they were taught the basics around how to strum and how to form chords. Also, there were electric keyboards with many different options to play around with. Finally, young people were given the opportunity to sing along to songs as the staff and young people played them. We focused mainly on nursery rhymes as these were simple to learn for beginners on all these instruments and gave the young people taking part a sense of great achievement when they had learnt these songs.

"Abbey enjoyed herself very much in Music Club playing the electric drum set. Initially she was happy just to hit the various drums and cymbals and hear the noise that they made but then she became interested in playing in time and learning more. At the end of Music Club she was able to play a couple of different beats, keeping time which allowed others playing on the

guitar and keyboard to play along with her"

"Colin really enjoyed playing and singing along to nursery rhymes at this club. He was able to pick up quite easily on the keyboard a couple of songs and play them while others sang along. Then he was happy to swap over and sing along himself. Colin can sometimes struggle with engaging with the task at hand so it was great to see him so involved throughout the sessions."

We will be exploring the possibility of running Music Club again in 2016 and we will be looking at working with musical instruments with both this age group again (5-9 years olds) and older young people.

There is the opportunity in 2016 with different clubs running for those aged 10+ to focus on music more often. It is a great theme because it provides such great levels of accomplishment and with different instruments available there is always something for everyone.

