

There has been lots to cram into this newsletter, with so many events happening during the spring.

We also have several very exciting events coming up this term.

Our first ever DASP Music Fest is being held on 29<sup>th</sup> June and we hope it will be a fun alternative to our usual Summer Concert at the Weymouth Pavilion. It is open to everyone – so please encourage friends who don't usually attend our events to come along!

Many children from across DASP are also involved in the Dorchester Arts project 'Apollo – One Giant Leap' on 19<sup>th</sup> July. This event in Maumbury Rings is free and open to all and we are very much looking forward to being a big part of it!

Hanna Trevorrow  
Head of DASP Music

## DASP Year 4 Concerts



This year's DASP Year 4 concerts took place on 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March at The Thomas Hardy School theatre. This is the first time that we have used this venue, and whilst it meant that we had to run the concerts over three consecutive nights in mini-pyramids, the venue seemed to work much better overall.

There were some fantastic performances from all of the schools in a concert which was made up of songs from stage and screen.

The children were visited over the preceding eight weeks by Mrs Trevorrow, who taught each of the schools five songs. These were then put together on the day, resulting in the children singing in two and three part harmony!

We had three packed out audiences and through kind donations, were able to raise nearly £1200 for DASP Music, which will be put towards repeating the same project in future years.

Well done and thank you to all involved – you should all be very proud!

## DASP Ensembles

Has your child just started to learn an instrument? We have ensembles for all levels of playing, including complete beginners. Playing in an ensemble not only enhances a child's musical development, but it teaches the child that music is a social activity and makes it all more fun! Look at what we have on offer on our website and encourage your child to get involved!

[www.daspmusic.co.uk](http://www.daspmusic.co.uk)



Children from across DASP singing at the Year 4 Concert in March

## Weymouth and Dorset Music Festival



On Saturday 2nd March, several DASP groups and individual students took part in the Weymouth and Dorset Music Festival. The DASP Youth Orchestra performed brilliantly including an excellent rendition of 'Shot Gun' by George Ezra which featured solos by various

members. The DASP Brass group played particularly well, despite having to lead themselves at the last minute. The DASP Flute Choir and Flautissimo also did themselves proud and Flautissimo did particularly well as they were invited back to the evening celebration concert on Friday 8th March and were presented with an ensemble winners cup. Special thanks to our DASP ensemble leaders, Mrs Wolff, Mr Ansell and Mrs Olson.

In addition to our groups, several individuals from DASP entered on their own or in small groups. William Bishop, Ella Trevorrow, Oliver Trevorrow, Orson Marsh and Charlotte Ballard did particularly well as they were invited to perform at the evening celebration concert and Orson, Ella and Charlotte were all presented with cups.

Events such as this are invaluable for the development and inspiration of our young musicians and thanks must go to all involved.

### Julia's House Fundraising Concert



On Sunday 10th February, several DASP ensembles and soloists took part in a fundraising concert for Julia's House Hospice at the Corn Exchange.

Stringalings, Flautissimo, and Uke Troupe all performed along with the following individuals:

India Furness (violin solo)  
 Freya Murray (piano solo)  
 Ella Trevorrow (cello solo)  
 Ella Lakin (vocal solo)

Sophie Sneider (vocal solo)  
 Ross Long (piano solo)  
 Ariane Fabreguettes and Finlay Silk (Brass Duet)  
 Katy Turnbull (vocal solo)  
 Sam Lawson (violin solo)  
 Melissa Garanowako (vocal solo)  
 All performed brilliantly and a whopping £500 was raised for Julia's House. A full report in the Dorset Echo can be read via our website.  
 Well done to all involved!

### DASP Instrumental Roadshow!



Over the last term, the DASP Instrumental Roadshow has been touring the first schools again. The roadshow was a performance tailored for our first school children and introduces them to a range of orchestral instruments – all of which are available for them to potentially learn whilst at a DASP school. This year we had Mrs Pires demonstrating flute, clarinet and bassoon, Mrs Stell demonstrating cello and piano, Mr Penfold demonstrating trumpet and trombone and Mrs Trevorrow demonstrating flute, violin and saxophone. The show had a film music theme and was very interactive! We hope that it might have encouraged some more first school children to take up learning some of these wonderful instruments, either now or in the future!

### Support DASP Music...

We are always on the look-out for people who can support the work that we do. If you think that you might be able to help us in the future, please get in touch.

Here are some ways that you can support us:

- Volunteer to help with an ensemble (it's really helpful having musical adults around who can help to support various groups).
- Volunteer to help at a concert.
- Donate towards an event.
- Sign up to [Easyfundraising.org](http://Easyfundraising.org) and donate every time you shop online.
- Donate any old (working) instruments that you have at home – we can always find children who can make use of them.
- Spread the word about the DASP Music Ensembles – they are open to anyone in the local area, not just those who attend a DASP school.



### Bags of Help

From 1<sup>st</sup> May – 30<sup>th</sup> June, DASP Music are one of the organisations being supported by the Tesco Bags of Help scheme. The money raised will go straight towards the DASP Music Fest and ensuring that this event is free for all to attend. If you are in tesco, please put your blue tokens in our bucket!

If your child learns an instrument through DASP Music, but is changing schools in September, your child's lessons should continue automatically, once you have notified us of which school they will be attending in September 2019.

If you would like your child to start new instrumental/vocal lessons in September, please apply online via the DASP Music website by 14<sup>th</sup> June.



## Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June All day family music festival

This event is instead of our usual annual DASP Summer Concert at the Weymouth Pavilion. The festival will take place at The Thomas Hardy School and will run from 10am – 4pm. It will involve all of the DASP Ensembles, plus ensembles from various schools. There will be opportunities for soloists, buskers, and other groups. There will also be workshops for adults and children (percussion, ukulele, jazz and improvisation, DO RE MI Time), a 'come and try' instrument session, a barn dance, a Big Sing, food, drink, stalls and much more! For a full timetable, please see our website.

**This festival is FREE and open to everyone. Please put the date in your diaries and come along to support young musicians in Dorchester and have fun!**

## Workshops at DASP Music Fest

In addition to all of the performances at DASP Music Fest, there will also be various workshops which are free to attend for **both adults and children**. Full details can be found below. If you would like to take part in a workshop, please complete the online sign-up form on our website.

### Percussion Workshop with Glyn Bush:

Glyn works with Magic Drum, which have been providing drumming workshops since 2005. They work with groups to create music in the moment as a "drum circle". This involves warm up games, rhythmic exercises and opportunities to take the lead, in order to create some amazing grooves, all facilitated by Glyn. They have a range of African, Brazilian and Middle Eastern drums and hand percussion. The workshops are suitable for all and all percussion equipment is provided.

### Ukulele Workshop with Lucy Hackett:

Lucy runs Ukebox and regularly runs ukulele workshops and classes for adults and children as well as often performing at weddings and festivals. This workshop is suitable for all who already know at least a few basics on the ukulele. Please bring your own ukulele

**Improvisation Workshop** with Lucy Hackett and Steve Wilson: Lucy studied jazz flute at university and both her and Steve regularly perform with bands in the local area. This workshop is suitable for all instrumentalists of grade 1+ who want to have a go at learning the basics about improvising or improve their skills.

### DO RE MI Time session with Rachel Greenwood:

Rachel runs DO RE MI Time classes for pre-school children. These sessions are going to be suitable for all pre-school and Key Stage 1 children. They will use songs, rhymes and rhythm to learn about some fundamental musical concepts in a fun and stimulating way.

## Apollo Project



DASP Music are really proud to be heavily involved in the Dorchester Arts project 'Moonbury Rings' in the summer term, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of one of the great events in human history. DASP Music are working with Dorchester Arts to deliver workshops to children across DASP – with focused work being held with year 5 students. This performance will be held on **19<sup>th</sup> July** and will be free to attend. A massed group made of all year 5 students plus the Thomas Hardy Singers, will perform 'Apollo - One Giant Leap' - a cantata for children's voices that describes the dramatic events of the Apollo 11 space mission in July 1969. The students will be joined by professional musicians to create a truly memorable experience. The performance will be the centrepiece of a weekend of moon-related celebrations at Maumbury Rings entitled 'Moonbury Rings', and will include Luke Jerram's Museum of The Moon, a 7m diameter suspended, internally illuminated sculpture of the moon. Please put the date in your diaries and come along to what will be one of the highlights of the Dorchester calendar this year!

A celebration of youth music



**The Thomas Hardy School**

**JUNE 29th**

**10am - 4pm**

**FREE ENTRY**

Performances, workshops, 'Come and Try' instrument sessions, open mic, barn dance, Big Sing, music stalls, refreshments and more!