

YOUTH MUSIC INITIATIVE



Children in P5 are taking part in YMI funded music making

Moray's Council's YMI programme provides weekly ukulele or recorder lessons for children in Primary 5, as well as guitar lessons for young people in S3-6 attending Elgin High School.

- **Sessions are delivered by professional and experienced musicians; take place on a weekly basis, during school time; and include the use of classroom percussion, singing and learning to read music.**
 - **Young musicians will have access to additional learning resources via Microsoft Teams (through Glow);**
 - **There may be the opportunities for young musicians to take part in extra-curricular groups and/or performances at school, ASG or regional level throughout the year;**
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In 2003, the Scottish Government's Youth Music Initiative (YMI) was launched to put music at the heart of young people's lives and learning. Funding is awarded to local authorities to ensure every school pupil in Scotland is offered a year of free music tuition in primary school. In addition to providing an equal and inclusive opportunity, the YMI offers primary children the chance to benefit from the widely recognised benefits music tuition has across the curriculum.

The Youth Music Initiative (YMI) Formula Fund aims to create access to high quality music making opportunities for young people, offer young people the chance to achieve their potential in or through music making and support the development of the youth music sector for the benefit of young people.

Not only does learning an instrument benefit literacy, numeracy, listening and team working skills, but it can enhance confidence, self-esteem, critical thinking and our ability to express ourselves.

This year marks the 23rd anniversary of the Youth Music Initiative - we are excited to be celebrating the significant reach and impact of the programme with this year's P5 pupils.

Moray's Council's YMI programme is managed and delivered by the Music Instruction & Performance team, part of the Sport & Culture Service.

Follow the Music Instruction & Performance team on Facebook (@MorayMusicCentre) for regular updates and media.

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