



11th May 2020

Welcome

We hope our weekly newsletters enable you to share musical activities and tasks with your pupils, staff, parents and carers, to keep music alive in these difficult times. Please get in touch, if you find these suggestions useful, or you have some ideas of what you would like to see in this newsletter.

Schools will be contacted this week about music provision and their requests for autumn term. Please find our brochure [here](#).

Why not take this opportunity to discuss your school music education plan? Or your provision request for the next academic year?

Email: music.arts@sips.co.uk

Telephone: 0121 296 2997

Singing

[Out of The Ark](#): This collection of songs for everyday of the week - including Saturday and Sunday - is a positive and easy resource to share with your pupils.

Song of the Week from Sing Up - [It's Getting Too Hot for Monkeys](#)

A fun topical song delivering a serious message about global warming liberally sprinkled with 'in jokes'.

Young Voices

[Power in Me](#) - 'to say thank you to all our teachers'

Join with the Young Voices International Choir for free. Sign up for the resources and be part of the largest children's choir at home!

Details are as follows:

- Tuesday 2nd June 2020 at 2.30pm (local time wherever you are)
- Be part of the World's Largest Children's Choir at home, and say thank you to our unsung heroes: Teachers **#ThankYouTeachers**
- Young Voices, the largest children's choir in the world, and the Guinness World Record holders for the world's largest simultaneous sing, invite you to join together with children, teachers and parents all over the world to sing *The Power in Me*
- Whether it is singing from your balcony or simply out of your back door - you are invited to sing along to a special online broadcast of *The Power in Me* on 2nd June
- Before the big day - take part in the **#PowerinMe** Singing Challenge, and film yourself singing the song's lyrics "I've got the Power In Me." Post it online with the hashtag to see who responds completing the song's chorus "You've got the Power in You!" (Please make sure that this is with the permission of the parent/ legal guardian)

#PowerinMe #ThankyouTeachers #YVatHome

Sing From Your Sofa

The People Orchestra – Supportive Hub Partners of Sandwell Music Hub

Bored at home? Join 'Sing From Your Sofa', an online choral course with members of The People's Show Choirs. Learn some brand new arrangements of classic pop songs and join online Sing-Alongs with our Choral Director, Ula Weber. She would like to offer you the option to you upload your songs to our virtual choirs. No auditions or prior musical experience needed.

Sing From Your Sofa tool kit includes:

- Vocal tracks for all voice parts
- Backing tracks & Demo Tracks so you can sing along with us
- Sheet music
- Song lyrics
- Rehearsal notes with hints and tips, to help you get the most out of the experience

Weekly Sing-Alongs with Ula Weber: Every Monday evening from 7:30pm

Special Offer: We're offering you a saving of **£28** per month with our new student subscription, which now includes all siblings and a parent or guardian. 'Sing From Your Sofa' is an easy and fun way to sing together as a family.

<https://thepeoplesorchestra.com/join-sing-from-your-sofa/>

Your invitation: Once restrictions are lifted we would love to invite you to join any of our local choirs in person and to join The People's Orchestra on stage to perform pieces from 'Sing From Your Sofa.'

Creative Listening

[BBC Ten Pieces](#) has weekly activities for primary schools, home educators and parents to share with their students. Each includes a Ten Pieces film to watch and enjoy and a linked creative activity that can be completed by children at home without any special materials or preparation. A perfect, simple and easy way to keep listening, enjoying and creating music at this time.

This [listening activity](#), with the lovely Mrs Shaikh, will have you joining in with the movement routine - have some fun!

Orchestra of the Swan

Check out the brilliant online performances from [Orchestra of the Swan](#).

Instrumental & Music Making



Below are some video tutorials to share with your young musicians, featuring SIPS's Music Tutors.

For Instrumental Students

If any of your pupils/students play an instrument, there are tutorials being uploaded each day with suggestions for home practice, backing tracks and activities on our [YouTube](#) channel. For example:

- **Drum Kit**

If you're lucky enough to have a drum kit at home, check out Mr. White demonstrating an easy [introduction to drum kit playing](#). If you haven't a drum kit, why not use some saucepans, buckets and cardboard!

- **Reading Rhythms**

Practice [reading rhythms](#) with Mrs. Matthews

- **Ukulele**

Mr. Cockshott has a selection of ukulele activities, and is offering a livestreaming session this week - [Ukulele Rocks!](#)

- **Ukulele vs. Guitar**

Learn about [the difference between a guitar and ukulele](#) with Mr Brennan

- **Flute**

Mrs Bye has put together [this tutorial](#) for flautists

Logic – Free Trial

Logic X are offering a free trial of their recording software. Many of you will use this in school, but pupils won't always have access to it out of school. Below, we also have a link to our Music Technology resources, to use with the software.

- [Logic X - Free Trial](#)
- [Our Music Technology Resources](#)

CPD Music for Your Staff

We are offering the following courses for your school. Each course is 2 hours long and presented via Zoom. Fee: £160 (exc. VAT) per candidate.

For more information on course content, and enrolment please contact tanya.derham@sips.co.uk

Becoming a Singing School – Monday 8th June @ 1.00pm

Practical Ideas on Classroom Music Making for The Non-Music Specialist – Thursday 4th June @ 10.00am

Redesigning Your Music Curriculum Offer In Line with The New Ofsted Framework – Thursday 11th June @ 10.00am

Music and Wellbeing in Your School – Tuesday 16th June @ 1.00pm

Whole School Listening Programme – Monday 18th May @ 1.00pm



Keeping In Touch

Continue to look out for this weekly newsletter, which is also available through our website. We'd also love to get your feedback on its content, and hope to tailor it to your needs, as the weeks progress.

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