

# MPN NEWSLETTER



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## **MUSIC PARTNERSHIP NORTH WISH YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS**

It's hard to believe we are at the end of the autumn term of 2023, and I know we are all working right up to Christmas so we hope you all manage to have a well earned rest over the festive period.

Our offices will be closed from **Friday 22nd December** through to the **8th January** and MPN music delivery will finish on the 15th December and commence 8th January. Please make a note of these dates in your office diary.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOM

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## AWARD OF THE MONTH

Each month we ask both schools and MPN tutors to nominate both a learner of the month and an MPN staff member of the month.

The scheme is going well with lots of nominations being received so just remember “Could one of your pupils be our next Learner of the Month?” Just email [David.Francis@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:David.Francis@northumberland.gov.uk) with your nomination and why.

This is Ben from Morpeth Newminster Middle School and Dan Lyst from MPN receiving their awards. All our winners are on our website so click [here](#) and check them out!



## WHOLE CLASS TURNTABLISM

The first school turntable project has taken place and it went down a storm.

This amazing resource is being prepared to move onto the next school and so if you would like more information then please email [mpn@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:mpn@northumberland.gov.uk)

Click [here](#) to watch Corbridge Middle School “Scratching the Vinyl”!



## ARTS AWARD IN THE CLASSROOM

Students from Cambo First School stepped up to the mic and told us why they love doing Arts Award. Click [here](#) to watch the [video](#).

As part of the school's whole class music delivery, the students have an opportunity to learn about different art forms and artists as part of their programme. At the end of the year the students receive a Trinity college certificate acknowledging their achievements.

Want to find out more? Email [Fiona.Johnstone@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:Fiona.Johnstone@northumberland.gov.uk)





# WE ARE HERE TO HELP

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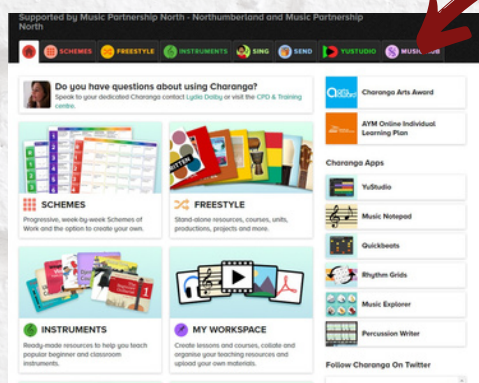
## MPN RESOURCES

We are hard at work creating new resources for both schools and our tutors. You can find the full range at [mpn.resources.co.uk](http://mpn.resources.co.uk)

Here is just a small sample of general music support for schools, but don't forget to click the link above, pin it to your favourites bar, and follow the beat!

[Clapping, Singing, Notation.](#)

[The Beat Goes On](#)



## THERE'S SOMETHING NEW ON CHARANGA

Have you checked out the new tab in Charanga?

All our resources can be found on Charanga in the MPN tab, making it easier for you to find what you need to use in the classroom.

If you were involved in the Big Gig in Newcastle you will find all the resources from that day in the tab.

## MUSIC FOR EYFS

**Monday 12th February 2024, 4 - 5.30pm at Dinnington 1st School, NE13 7JY**

FREE training course for early years teachers, focusing on embedding music into every aspect of the EYFS day.

- Songs for different topics, speech and language development, maths, calming down, cheering up, transition moments and more
- Movement songs to develop gross and fine motor skills
- Rhymes to help learn a sense of pulse and rhythm

For more info or to book a place email:  
[SISMusicHubAdmin@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:SISMusicHubAdmin@newcastle.gov.uk)





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## OPEN DAY FOR NYE

Northumberland Youth Ensemble recently hosted an open day for any students who were thinking of joining the group. Over 20 students came together for a fun interactive day and many have now joined.

There is always time to join the group and full details are on our website. Why not look at our [summer concert](#) video featuring some of our ensembles

For more information on our ensembles email [richard.johnstone@northumberland](mailto:richard.johnstone@northumberland) if you would like more information.

## YOUNG PIPERS' GROUP GO INTERNATIONAL!



Students from the MPN piping ensemble were asked to perform at the Northumbrian Pipers' Society, funders of the ensemble, AGM. Click [here](#) to watch the performance.

Students pre recorded their set and it was played at the online meeting which hosted members from around the world.

Andrew Davison OBE said "That was a most fantastic way to end our Annual General Meeting... So inspiring to hear so many young people playing the pipes so well and so clearly enjoying the music."

Thank you Northumbrian Pipers' Society for your continued support.



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# CREATE & SING

## JOIN THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE TO CELEBRATE CREATIVITY NEXT SPRING!

**In partnership with Music Partnership North, Northumberland and Newcastle Primary Schools are invited to join the Royal Opera House, for a spring term celebration of Mozart's *The Magic Flute*!**

On **19 March 2024 at the Banqueting Suite Civic Centre, Newcastle** participating KS1 or KS2 classes will join Royal Opera House singers to share creative responses to *The Magic Flute*. Schools should prepare by taking part in Create & Sing from the award-winning ROH National Schools Programme, which is **FREE** for all state-funded schools.

**Create & Sing** is an accessible approach that combines singing and drama to build pupils' self-expression, creative collaboration, performance confidence, voice, movement, and memory skills.

Follow 4 simple steps to take part:

- **Teachers attend certified CPD on 11 January 2024 at Civic Centre, Newcastle**

Full day, with ROH professionals. Practical training enabling teachers to confidently implement Create & Sing in the classroom, embed into the curriculum, and map progression. No familiarity with opera is needed. Suitable for class teachers and Music Leads. [Book your free place here](#)

- **What is Opera? On 8 February 2024, 10.45am – 11.45am**

Introduce KS1&2 children to opera in an accessible way by joining our live streamed digital workshop from your classroom. Take part in interactive exercises, ask opera singers questions and discover their creative process.

- **Create & Sing in your classroom**

Put our flexible 5 lesson scheme of work into practice, using our detailed lesson plans and high-quality digital resources. [Explore resources here](#)

- **Share & Celebrate! On 19 March 2024, at the [Banqueting Suite Civic Centre](#)**

Join ROH artists, to share and celebrate creativity through opera. An opportunity to share your learning, and for children to sing alongside ROH artists. We'll even get the whole audience singing opera! *Travel grants available.*

*"When the Royal Opera House say that opera is for everyone, they really walk the talk. Clearly structured lesson plans with all the supporting interactive material easily clickable will make using these resources a fuff-free experience for teachers."* Teach Primary 2022 judging panel

[Find out more on our website](#)