

Ardoch Strings: Instrumental Opportunities Report for Autumn Term (April - June) 2022

Covid-security measures are now permanent, teaching is recommended to continue to take place in the village hall to allow social distancing, ventilation and good hand hygiene. Lessons were provided for 7 weeks of this term. This is one week down from the designated 8 funded weeks, but it is a short term and it also means that I remain closer to the total annual budget allocated to the project.

Pupils involved in the project

With the loss of last year's P7s and no new P3s yet, numbers are down from 22 to 18:

P4s: 7
P5s: 4
P6s: 3
P7s: 4
Total: 18

Parent contributions are £20 per term per child, covering 43% of the tuition and venue hire cost of the project this term. This percentage is increased from last term as teaching hours were down more than and parental contributions were down.

Ardoch Strings & performances

The seven P6/7s performed excellently at the Harvest Service in the church at the end of term.

Ardoch High Strings Pilot

In addition I ran an individual hour-long pilot Ardoch High Strings session, bringing together learners who had moved on from Braco Primary to Crieff, Auchterarder and Dunblane High Schools. Ten players showed up to the session and enjoyed learning three tunes and re-connecting with each other via the Strings group. They all voted to make this a regular, monthly event. The hall hire for the event was covered by a £1 charge each and I gave my time for free.

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