

Ardoch Strings: Instrumental Opportunities Report for Spring Term (Jan-Mar) 2023

With funding based on 8 weeks' tuition per term, I was able to teach for 9 weeks this term, making up for the fact that I could only offer 7 weeks last term. Ardoch High Strings met a monthly basis three times.

Pupil numbers

Numbers remain at 20 pupils. One P3 left for another Primary, but we were also joined by a P6 who came over from Ukraine halfway through term. The figures therefore look as follows:

P3s: 1

P4s: 7

P5s: 4

P6s: 4

P7s: 4

Parent contributions also remain at £20 per term per child. The total parent contributions of £380 covered 33% of the tuition and venue hire cost of the project this term.

Ardoch Strings & performances

Ardoch Strings afterschool club does not run in the summer months, but most of the violinists were all able to perform in their year groups at Braco & Greenloaning's Community Open Day.



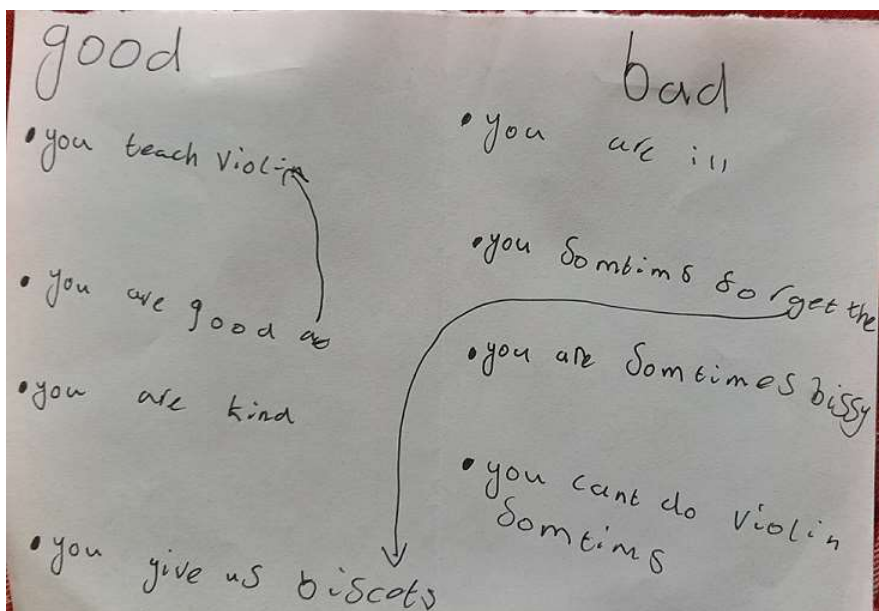
P7s also performed a popular sea shanty at the Leaver's Service on the last day of term.

Ardoch High Strings

The high school students continue to enjoy their monthly drop-in sessions, where we rehearse a new tune or two every time. Average attendance is around 8 violinists out of a total pool of 10. They range from S1 to S4 at the three different local High Schools. For the last session I invited the four current P7s to join as part of their transition experience, as they won't have Ardoch Strings to attend to any more as it winds up for the summer months. The practice of providing biscuits continues to be popular!

A last word from the pupils

I received this spontaneous get well soon card from the primary school children, when I had to miss a week's teaching, which I will put here in lieu of a client feedback!



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