

LMS 2009

'Exploring Music'



WELCOME TO

LOCHABER MUSIC SCHOOL

Music School has now been in existence for 22 years. Founded in 1987 by eminent cello teacher Audrey Scott, offering the finest quality string tuition in its regular workshops and weekly music centre, Music School in more recent years has also taken great pride in introducing the very youngest of our Lochaber children to the exciting and magical world of music.

We are delighted, therefore, that **Clare Reynolds** who is so experienced in this invaluable field of education, has agreed to lead these new, very special 'Exploring Music' sessions which will complement the excellent work already being done by **Christopher Josey** in his Tuesday evening 'Sound Start' classes with a slightly older age group.



These last few weeks before the summer holidays give us an ideal opportunity to pilot this new initiative in readiness for the coming academic year. We hope that you will do your very best to attend every session and to encourage your child during the week with as many musical experiences as you can manage! Don't be shy - you are sure to be truly inspired by the lively and enjoyable activities of the Exploring Music class.

Exploring Music

with the UNDER 3's

Clare Reynolds is a qualified Music Therapist and Music Teacher with over 12 years of experience working with young children.



Lochaber Music School's very first student and subsequently a Graduate of the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, Clare has for the past 7 years, been working as both therapist and teacher in the British School of Brussels. There she instigated weekly music sessions in the 'Kindercrib'

for 1-3 year olds and because of its success, was asked to create a music programme that would see her working throughout all year groups in the infant school.

Clare has led many workshops on group music making and is a much valued member of the advisory panel of **Music As Therapy**, a charity which offers musical training in Romania.

During our programme of EXPLORING MUSIC there will be the opportunity to experience:

Instrument exploration and ensemble skill development - Your children will explore the physical characteristics and sounds of age-appropriate instruments which will eventually lead them to discover their potential for beat, rhythm, and melodic ensemble playing.

Vocal play: Through vocal play, toddlers learn to form vowels and consonants, say words and phrases, and imitate rhythm and vocal inflection. In 'Exploring Music', vocal play is presented within the context of songs, chants, and activities done in class.

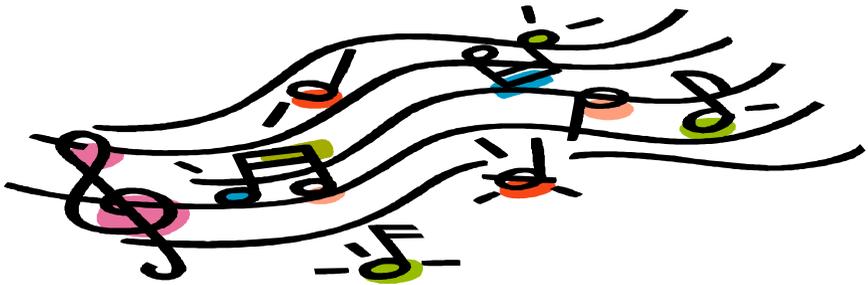
Exploration Time: Your children will love discovering specially designed instruments, textures, sounds and movements.

Story time and early literacy. Listening to stories enhances language and speech development and fosters awareness of sounds, teaches use of language, and sends the message that words and symbols have meaning. The same experiences that help your children learn to read a book also help them learn to read music.

Movement Activities: There will be various opportunities for movement such as synchronised movement, group dances and circle games, and even expressive movement.

Together Time. 'Exploring Music' promotes 'quality time', allowing you to make the most of the fleeting toddler years and giving you the time and the tools to make music and memories together in class and at home.

Clare will always be happy to explain how our musically based activities enhance your child's complete development.



Exploring Music is a new Lochaber Music School initiative being piloted on Monday afternoons until July - but with the intention of being continued after the Summer Holidays.

Fees, presently, are £2 per child, payable to the Hilary, the Administrator, at each session.

The fees and method of payment will be re-assessed before the commencement of the new academic year.

Please spread the word to your friends about Exploring Music.

Parents can register at any stage by contacting Hilary or Peter on the numbers below.

Always feel free to get in touch if you have any queries whatsoever and please do let us know if for any reason you are unable to attend one of the classes.

Hilary Earnshaw (*LMS Administrator*)

01631740322 / 07810812499

hilary.earnshaw@googlemail.com

Peter Rose (*LMS Music Director*)

01397712882 / 07730434654

p.rose82@btinternet.com

Visit the Music School temporary website on www.lochabermusic.co.uk

"Lochaber Music School" is the working title of the Lochaber Music Charitable Trust, founded in 1987 by Audrey Scott, BA, LGSM. Charity Ref. Number: SC015312

Trustees: Michael Beeston, Richard Chester, Alasdair Grant, John Innes and Audrey Scott.

Lochaber Music School gratefully acknowledges core funding from Highland Council.