

# Music and Art Notes



## Instrument and singing lessons

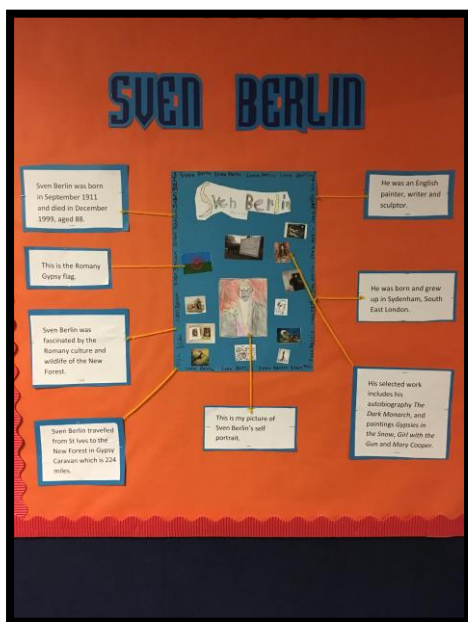
If your child has been receiving instrument lessons through Berkshire Maestro's, please reply to the letter I sent last week as a matter of urgency, as we are trying to put a plan together for September. We also have a fabulous singing teacher that will be coming into school on Wednesday afternoon's to deliver private singing lessons. He has space for a couple more students, so if you would like to find out more about these, please get in touch with us in the music department. A **big** congratulation to Christopher Pullinger and Marcus Eade for passing their copper and bronze music medals. This is the first time we have tried these awards, and look forward to more student successes in the future.

## Artsaward

We have several students working towards different levels of Artsaward at the moment, and we are planning to hold a moderation event at the end of the Summer term.

The students have all taken part in arts activities that interest them, including attending a silk banner making session at Greenham Common, as part of a forthcoming event which will be taking place on the common at the beginning of September.

Here is a piece of work by one student:



Hi everyone my name is Stephanie James in Donnington Class. I have been learning about an artist called Sven Berlin for my Bronze Arts Award. My dad bought me a book from a charity shop on Sven Berlin. I was interested to learn about him because he once painted my great, great, grandmother. I researched information off the internet and from my book and made a poster about him. I also drew a picture of Sven's self portrait because I love to draw and I love art.

## Guitar Club

This term we are saying a fond farewell to Ken Cornhill, who has been running student guitar sessions for some 10 years now. Hopefully he will have a lovely relaxing retirement. We have a little gift for Ken, so if you wish to add your thanks and farewells, please see me before Tuesday. We are trying a new format this term with Luke Ralph from Post 16 helping to lead the session. We are hoping to hire a professional guitar teacher in September.

## Choir News

With so many classes out on residential this week, a reduced choir of 20 students took part in the Singing Superstar event at the Addington school in Woodley yesterday (25<sup>th</sup>). They sang a variety of popular songs with their own version of a Robbie Williams Song 'I love my life'. The event was amazing, with every student making a real effort, despite the extreme heat.

## Drama

A big thanks to Anna Scholls for working so hard with the students on preparing them for their recent Lamda exams. We look forward to their results.

## Forthcoming event

Picnic in the Park June 16<sup>th</sup> lunchtime Victoria Park Bandstand

If we have any talented friends and parents out there who would be willing to come along and sing, dance or do a magic trick, please get in touch; We would love you to join us!

Ali and the Arts Team