



Fischy Music: How to get the best from your visit!

Thank you for inviting the Fischy Music team to work with your school. It's our hope that the songs we use will be enjoyable, memorable and effective for pupils and staff alike, and that they will be a useful resource for assemblies, classroom time and curricular topics long after the Fischy visit is over.

To get the maximum benefit from the Fischy experience, here is a list of recommendations for you that we have compiled from our own experiences of working in hundreds of primary schools across the UK. **Please circulate this information to all teaching staff before the visit.**

BEFORE THE EVENT

- Listen to the CD that is supplied prior to the event with the children who will be involved.
- Information on actions, signs and activities to go with the music can be found either in the songbook that comes with the CD, on our 'Get Moving' DVD, or on our web site www.fischy.com
- Tell the children that Fischy Music will be visiting to teach some songs and put on a concert.
- Encourage them that the experience will be fun and that their participation is vital to the success of the concert.
- If the visit is part of a themed week such as anti-bullying, you could have a brief discussion on how songs might be used to help with issues such as feelings and behaviour.



ON THE DAY

- We find that our most effective school sessions happen when teachers get involved as much as they feel they can during their classes' workshop. This really helps the Fischy team to get children joining in too!
- This also applies to the concert, which works best if the whole school community is present and participating. Parents are very welcome if it is practical to invite them.



AFTER THE EVENT

- Discuss with staff some suitable occasions for using the songs the children have learned, such as whole-school assemblies, class-led assemblies and circle time.
- Encourage some staff members to help lead songs – this does not require much musical skill as you can use the CD to sing with!
- Explore the pack and CD for ideas on how to use the songs. The themes can fit with many different school activities and our aim is for Fischy Music to enhance school life on a long-term basis rather than just being a one-day event.

We also offer **adult training sessions** to help teachers explore the benefits of using songs to develop emotional and spiritual well-being. These are suitable for those of all levels of musical experience, and have been very successful in schools across the UK. This training can count towards Continuing Professional Development for staff. Contact us if this might be of interest.