

GOOD SHEPHERD
PRIMARY SCHOOL



CRESCENDO at The Good Shepherd P.S.

Belfast Healthy Cities

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The Crescendo Project works in partnership with The Ulster Orchestra, Shankill Children's Zone, Colin Neighbourhood Partnership, and the Centre for Evidence and Social Innovation at Queen's University, Belfast to deliver musicianship and instrumental workshops to around 1000 children across 4 Belfast Primary Schools.

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- Activity is led by Ulster Orchestra musicians, associates and peripatetic tutors.
- The P1, P2 and P3 workshops link in with Personal Development and Mutual Understanding aspects of the NI curriculum.
- The P4~7 pupils are engaged in small group tuition in violin, viola, double bass, cello, flute and clarinet.





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The culmination of the season is an event in June which sees the children perform alongside the full Ulster Orchestra for their families and local community.





Benefits for the Children...

- The Crescendo Project has presented our children with a tremendous opportunity to develop a lifelong love of music. The enthusiasm and energy that the musicians and associates bring into our school serves to motivate the children to perform to the best of their ability and is a joy to watch.

School Principal

- The work that the Crescendo team do within the foundation classrooms is essential for the development of language and vocabulary. The children are introduced to rhythm and rhyme which are the building blocks for phonological development. In these sessions, language is wrapped around rhythm and the children are exposed to intonation and beat. These are the precursors to reading, as the ability to hear a pattern is the first step in seeing patterns within words.

Vice Principal & SENCO

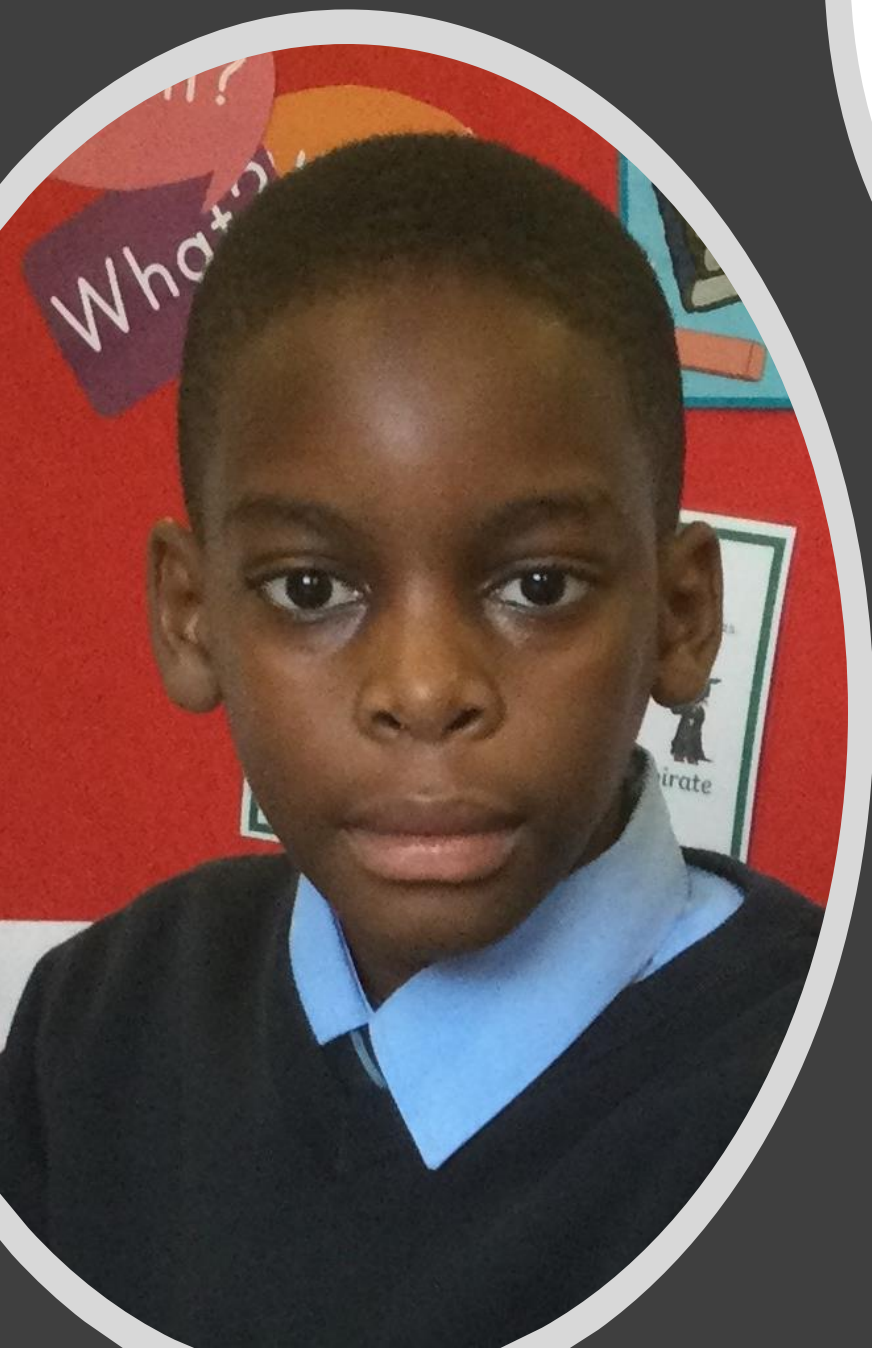
Benefits for the Community...

- As a parent of children taking part in the project I can see a love of music developing in my children. They are being provided with a creative outlet and are keen to take part and build upon the skills they have already developed through their work with the associates and tutors.
- Parent of a P4 and a P7 child



Parents report to me the wonderful boost they feel the community derives from the close working relationship with an organisation as prestigious as The Ulster Orchestra and the immeasurable benefits this brings to the school at a time when positive life experiences are so sought after.

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A Short Case Study

Meet Hershelle...

Confidence built as a result of the Crescendo activities.

Improvements evident in classroom work

Ability to showcase his talents in the midst of his peers in a way he previously didn't realise.

Parents delighted with the way their shown has grown and developed



The Future for Crescendo...

Improving Academic Outcomes
Building Inclusive Communities
Post Primary Follow Up
Funding Uncertainty



Thanks for your time

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