



## MUSIC FROM BRNO



Dear friends, in this issue of the school newspaper you can read about Music in our partner countries.

1. ZŠ Masarova, Brno, ČR



2. Valley View Community Primary School, Leeds, UK



3. Szkoła Podstawowa w Dobranowicach, Poland



4. 'St. Constantine Cyril Phylosopher', Pernik, Bulgaria



During December we were interested in music, carols, performance and concerts.

First of all we must say that we love music very much. Our children listen to music during the day at school, at home, on the train or bus, they love singing and some of them can play musical instrument.

And Christmas was coming ☺

So what to do? We think that the best way how to say that music is regular part of our lives is to go and show it.

In December we visited for example the Brno senior house or the city center where we sang some Czech famous carols and Christmas songs. Pupils from our school made many presents that we gave to the grandmothers and grandfathers.

We think that everyone enjoyed this Christmas very much!









## Famous Czech composers

### Bedřich Smetana

Unable to earn much money from his music (or from his school of music), Smetana's life was overshadowed by the deaths of three of his four daughters within the space of two years, then the death of his wife three years later. It was not until 1866 when fortune smiled upon 42-year-old Smetana with the enthusiastic response to his opera *The Brandenburgers in Bohemia*. His next work, *The Bartered Bride*, was also successful. Smetana is also famous, of course, as the composer of *Má Vlast*. Like Beethoven, he suffered from deafness later in life, but continued to compose music. He died of syphilis-related complications in 1884, and was buried in the cemetery at Vyšehrad.

### Antonín Dvořák

moved to Prague at the age of 16, where he studied music. He became a member of the National Theatre's orchestra in 1861, remaining there for ten years (under the occasional leadership of Smetana). His work was admired by none other than Johannes Brahms, leading to a close friendship between the two musicians. Dvořák went from strength to strength, becoming a professor of composition at the Prague Conservatory, traveling to London to conduct his music, receiving an honorary degree from Cambridge University and serving as the director of the National Conservatory of Music in New York City. It was here that he wrote his most famous work, *From the New World*. After his return to Prague and the Conservatory, he composed the beloved *Rusalka*. He is also buried in the cemetery at Vyšehrad.

### Leoš Janáček

studied not only in Prague, but in Vienna and Leipzig. He was a native of Moravia, and spent most of his life in Brno, founding a college for organists there in 1881; he ran this college until 1920. Like Smetana, Janáček experienced more than one tragedy. His son Vladimír died at the age of two, and his daughter Olga died shortly after her father completed the score to his opera *Jenůfa* (which he played for her just four days before her death). His operas premiered in Brno before being performed in Prague; *Jenůfa* didn't win wide acclaim until it was shown in Prague in 1915, eleven years after its Brno premiere. Janáček himself - now in his 50s - became famous as a result. He died in 1928.

# VALLEY VIEW TIMES

## Music in Yorkshire

Music is a popular subject all over the world.

In Valley View Primary School we sing all sorts of songs, including:-

- Magic Penny
- This little light of mine
- If I were .....

When we leave Year 6 we will sing two songs:-

1. One more step along the road we go
2. Good Bye Valley View Good Bye.
- 3.

In our school we also play instruments, each class plays a different instrument. At the end of each year the school has an assembly where every class can show their talents.

In Year6 we play cornets; in Year5, keyboards; in Year4, violins; clarinets in Year3; violins and clarinets in Year2; recorders in Year1 and ocarinas in Reception Class.

Our school is very talented!

## Best known music in the U.K

POP BANDS ARE WELL KNOWN IN THE UK AND THESE ARE SOME OF THE BEST SONGS:

The Wanted: GLAD YOU CAME  
One Direction: MORE THAN THIS  
Union j: CARRY ME  
Little Mix; CHANGE YOUR LIFE



ONE DIRECTION

**One direction is storming their way through the charts but that has all stopped now that band member Harry Styles has decided that he could become a single artist! No-one knows if he will come back.**

**Little Mix are flying through their concerts after coming 1st on X factor 2012. With the new release Change Your Life they have won the hearts of their fans. Little Mix has also produced other songs that have won millions of viewers on You Tube and earned millions of downloads.**

Little Mix



Reporters: Jodie and Olivia.



# **COMENIUS MUSIC INFORMATION NEWS SHEET**



ROBIN THICKE



DAFT PUNK



MACKLEMORE

**This is the music we are into in England!**

**Number one in the charts at the moment is blurred lines by Robin Thicke [SEE ABOVE PICTURE!].**



PSY SINGS GANGNAM STYLE



DISCLOSURE SING WHITE NOISE



LMFAO



**Try Googling the acts above and you will be able to listen online to some of these great tracks!**

**Good Luck!**

Reporter: Josh.

# music in leads



**In England there is a lot of excellent music and very good singers such as: One Direction, Taylor Swift, Stooche, The Saturdays, Demi Lovato, Jessie J, The script, Will.i.am, Justin Bieber and many more awesome artists. Some of them went on a singing show called X Factor to get a record deal.**

**There are songs at our school like Tiny Ant, This Little Light of Mine and many more. Some of the classes have an instrument to play:**

- **Year 6 play the cornet**
- **Year 5 play the keyboard**
- **Year 4 play violins; so do Year 3**
- **Year 2 play recorder**
- **Year 1 play ocarina**

**As you can see there is a lot of musical talent at our school.**



**There are concerts and festivals where artists sing or play their songs.**

