

Ceolfhoireann Scoil San Treasa

Returning to rehearsals on 23rd March 2022 – please see details below on how to register your child.

Scoil San Treasa Orchestra:

- Our school orchestra began in 2010 with 18 children. Numbers increased substantially over the years and by March 2020 we had over 50 children participating. At that time the SST orchestra was preparing to play onstage in the National Concert Hall, as part of the Primary Ensemble project - which had to be postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Two years later we are delighted to be in a position to start the recommencement of orchestra again for children from 1st to 6th class, and we are really looking forward to all the fantastic music to come. Many thanks to Scoil San Treasa Management and Staff for facilitating and supporting the running of the school orchestra.

Where and when do rehearsals take place?

The Orchestra is run voluntarily by parents and is open to children from **1st class to 6th class**. Practices are at 8.10am on Wednesday mornings in the school Halla.

What music do we play?

We play a variety of pieces ranging from classical to Irish traditional, jazz, popular and church music. We collaborate with the school choir for Communion and Confirmation Masses. We also hold some fun sessions where children may try different instruments.

Haven't started playing an Instrument yet?

Most children who join the orchestra are already attending music lessons outside of school. That said, not playing an instrument is not a barrier to joining. Some children start with recorder which they learn in class and some children start with percussion instruments but may move on to a different instrument after a while.

Can I borrow an instrument?

We have a limited number of instruments (mainly string) available on short term loan if a child wants to try out an instrument before committing to buying one. We can also recommend local music schools or teachers to give lessons.

Instruments included in Orchestra:

To date, children in the orchestra have played a wide variety of instruments including violins, violas, cellos, double bass, harps, recorders, flutes, clarinets, classical guitars, ukuleles, glockenspiels and percussion instruments.

Our Events:

The Orchestra has played at school and community events, such as the Friendship Club Christmas Concert, the First Holy Communion Mass, Confirmation and our Annual Summer Concert at the end of the year. We look forward to resuming these events when appropriate.

Contact Us: Ceolfhoireannsst@gmail.com to register your interest in joining.

The Orchestra will return to rehearsals **Wednesday March 23rd 2022 at 8:10am**. If you are interested in joining the Orchestra or just becoming involved, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Please register your interest using the above email address. We will try to accommodate as many children as we can in the Orchestra. Children are welcome to come along to observe on Wednesday mornings if they wish, but you must register your interest by email in advance of visiting the practices.

Parent volunteers are always welcome as we require assistance setting up the hall and tidying away music stands every Wednesday.

Up to date Garda Vetting is a requirement for all volunteers - please contact Ms.Mullin regarding the vetting process. principal@sstreasa.ie

Christine Gallagher - Orchestra Conductor

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(The above content was provided by parent volunteers from SST Orchestra).

