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Clarinet lessons

Dear Parents



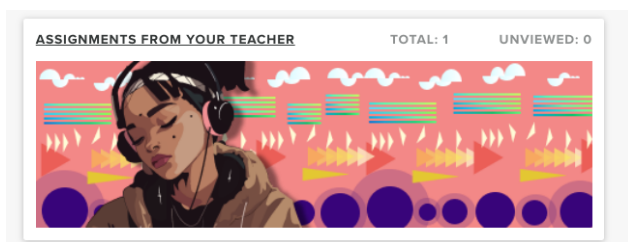
This Tuesday was the last clarinet lesson of 2023. The next lesson with EMS tutor Elliot Thomas will be on Tuesday 16 January 2024. This is a long time to go without playing so I am writing to encourage you to ask your child to play what they have learnt so far. All children have learnt the notes, G, F, E, D and C, and one class has also learnt the note A. They have all been given a sheet with the first 6 notes on to refer to at home.

They can also use the music website **Charanga** and have been given a login. A general non-personalised login is also on the homework sheet on the Google Classroom stream. I will go over this with them next week on their Chromebooks.

There are links and instructions for practice on the stream section of Google classroom too.

Regular weekly practice and opportunity to perform to family members builds the children's confidence as they work towards their concert in April.

Once they login, they should see this:



They should click on this and they will see all the songs they are learning, which they can play to you with a backing track. If they make a squeaking sound when they play, please remind them to take the mouthpiece slightly out of their mouth and if they are not getting a sound at all, they put the mouthpiece a bit more in. It's about finding just the right place! They should also always have their left hand at the top.

All the children have been making progress but as some children find it harder than others it would help to practise a bit more at home. Any children who would like to perform a solo next week after practising a piece at home are welcome to bring their clarinet in next Tuesday.

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Thank you for your support with this.

Best wishes for a relaxing Christmas break when it comes.

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