



North Tyneside Brass in Schools
www.ntbis.org.uk
at Balliol Primary School

in conjunction with:
North Tyneside Music Education Hub
Backworth Colliery Band

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Dear Parent/Guardian

We hope your child has enjoyed their first 6 weeks with the after-school Brass Group. We've certainly enjoyed working with all the children, teachers and parents, and we've made amazing progress in a very short time!

They have learnt how to hold the instrument and buzz into the mouthpiece to make a musical sound. They've practiced listening, breathing and starting notes with a "te" or "de" sound.

They've learnt several notes: C, D, E, F, G and A and started to play 2 pieces of music with them: "Get On Up, Get On Down" and "Frere Jacques". We'll come back to these in January along with some other music and you'll have a chance to hear them later!

Meanwhile, next half term, we'll be learning some Christmas music and performing it in School towards the end of term. We'll let you know when that is and hope you'll be able to come into school to hear the performance and maybe join in singing some carols?

Many of the children keep asking us "when will we be able to take the instruments home?" We're going to see how many children come back after the half-term break. At the moment we have 36 instruments and 48 children between 3 Schools. Hopefully all of them will come back and we'll order the additional instruments we'll need before they can take one home.

A date for your diary: we have been asked to take part in North Tyneside's Christmas Lights switch-on in Whitley Bay on Friday 18th November at 4pm. We'd love your child to come along and take part, but we will need your help to get them there and look after them. We'll send out a reminder with more details nearer the time.

There are more details about the North Tyneside Brass in Schools project on their website at: www.ntbis.org.uk and their Facebook page, where you can find news updates and photos.

Yours sincerely

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