**KS2 Home Learning Music Activities**

**Summer Term - Week 6**

**HELLO MUSIC MAESTROS! Welcome to another fabulous week of MUSIC 😊**

Have you noticed how music has the power to change our mood? If we’re feeling a low, music can lift our spirits; feeling sad, music can cheer us up. This week’s focus is a song that will definitely put a smile on our faces!

We would love to see video clips of you taking part in any of this week’s activities and to share them on our social media channels. Remember, you must get permission from whoever looks after you first! Send to info@encore-enterprises.com

**Year 3**

**Listening – Happy - Vanilla Flute Ensemble**

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* Did the tempo stay the same all the way through the song?
* How would you describe the dynamics in this song?

Answers at the end of these notes. No peeking until you’ve given your answer!

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**Composing – Living Room Music**

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* Can you identify the different instruments/voices that you heard?
* Did all the instruments and voices play and sing throughout the song?

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**Composing – Living Room Music – Birmingham Contemporary Music Group**

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* Did you hear a hook, riff or solo in this song? (A hook is a short catchy bit of tune that we can’t stop singing. A riff is a short, repeated phrase).
* What is the style of the music?

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**All Years**

**Song – I Just Gotta Sing! – Ex Cathedra**

You can’t stay glum when you’re singing a great song and this one’s brilliant! Join in with our friends from Ex Cathedra. Make sure to follow the on screen singing tips.

First, the warm-up…

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=whcbXQIve3c>

And now the main event!

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0_YKmk43AnU>

**Performance** - Our colleagues at Entrust Music Service are very ‘Happy’. How many instruments can you name? If you’re feeling inspired to learn, get in touch with us at Encore: info@encore-enterprises.com

 <https://www.facebook.com/emsstaffs/videos/235493281215061>

*Note to parents, carers and teaching colleagues:*

*We recommend that YouTube videos are reviewed before children access them as, occasionally, inappropriate comments may be posted after we’ve viewed them.*

Answers:

Years 3 and 4

* Yes the tempo stayed the same all
* The music is louder in the chorus when all the instruments play together.

Year 5:

* A solo male voice and backing vocals. Keyboard, bass and drums. The clapping in this song sounds like another instrument.
* No Pharrell the male vocalist sings throughout the song but the backing singers don’t. The instrumentalists, apart from the bass player, drop out in some sections.

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* The hook is in the sections ‘Happy, happy, happy, happy…’ The chorus also has a hook too: ‘Because I’m happy…’ and ‘Clap along if…’
* Pop music with a Soul influence. The song uses classic soul instruments, keyboard, bass and drums. The modern way it has been produced gives it a timeless Soul feel with a contemporary edge.

Source: Charanga ‘Musical School’