



## **Newton Burgoland Primary School**

### **Governor Visit - Turntablism**

**Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Today I spent some time in class three, who have been spending the last few weeks learning about turntablism in their music lessons. Mr Murray and Mrs Ward had undertaken a training course a few weeks previously.

At the outset of the session, the pupils were keen to acquaint me with the equipment, and explain how it works. The children were enthusiastic but respectful, and also demonstrated respect for the boundaries they had been taught, e.g. explaining the importance of not turning over the discs. I spoke with a few of the pupils about their learning, which they all said that they had enjoyed – ‘yes, it’s really cool’, ‘before this we did singing’. Some of the children showed me the notation work within the wall presentation, and were also able to ‘play’ their music using this. They demonstrated pride in their learning.

Mr Murray reviewed with the children what had been learnt to date, and discussed any problems the children had. A video was shown of a DJ doing a ‘Hip Hop Mash Up’, which was then discussed afterwards. A lot of contributions were made by the pupils (who raised their hands), who made observations and raised questions, e.g. ‘why were the turntables different?’ (they were digital), ‘what do the buttons do?’, ‘can we do that?’. Throughout the session, the pupils were focused and keen to develop their skills and knowledge further.

Volunteers were requested for which many pupils raised their hands. They contributed by marking notations on the board, and showing examples of ‘air scratching’ which the others were asked to critique (which was done in a supportive, respectful, and constructive manner).

It was clear that the children were enjoying this aspect of their learning. They demonstrated exemplary behaviour in the classroom, and have clearly learnt a lot. Photographs of the pupils enjoying their learning are available on the school blog.

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