

'Orchestra Unwrapped'Wednesday, 5th December 2018

De Montfort Hall, Leicester

Purpose of Visit	To enhance pupils musical experience
Links with School Improvement	Focusing on and extending pupils 'habits for lifelong learning' across the curriculum
Overview:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This was a part day visit, taking classes three and four to De Montfort Hall in Leicester to participate in a concert performed by the Philharmonia Orchestra. • The pupils had done some work in school as preparation for the visit, to allow them to participate. • The audience consisted of school children from in and around the local area. 	

Upon arrival, the pupils were taken to a side room in order to eat lunch and visit the toilets, prior to being escorted into the Hall for the performance.

Upon entering the hall, a display of the pupils artwork was presented on the stage, the children were pleased to identify some of the pieces that they had done.

The compare then introduced himself, the conductor, and the orchestra, and explained how the performance would proceed.

Various pieces of music were played by the orchestra, along with an explanation of what inspired the composer to write the pieces. Some of the pieces were familiar to the pupils, and some were new.

A story was then told, which involved audience participation, which the children had practised prior to the visit, and from which they had used as inspiration for their artwork.

The children were all engaged and well behaved throughout the performance, and upon entering and departing from the venue. Talking to the children afterwards, they had all clearly enjoyed the visit, and, in particular, the more rousing pieces of music. The work that they had done beforehand was clearly of benefit, as they were familiar with the story being told, and enjoyed being able to join in.

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Parent Governor

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