

Lesson Plan

Introduction to Tin Whistle

Summary

1. Subject(s): Music
2. Topic or Unit of Study: Performing
3. Grade/Level: 11/12 years old
4. Objective: To introduce to the class the tin whistle and how to play the notes from the scale.
Introduce some simple tunes that the children can play on this traditional Irish instrument.
5. Time Allotment: 40 minutes

Implementation

Learning Context

Children have had no experience of playing the tin whistle before but may have experience of some similar instruments.

Procedure

- a. Demonstration.

Begin the lesson by playing for the children some traditional band tunes that we play in Scoil San Phroinsias

- b. Direct Instruction

We will then proceed to introducing the notes and playing the scale. When children are competent in playing the scale we will play simple tunes - Twinkle Twinkle, Hot Cross Buns

- c. Guided Practice

Along with the other teachers we will circle the classroom and help children who need extra practice. As a group we will then play simple tunes. We will then introduce and play Britches full of Stitches, Camptown Races

d. Check for Understanding

We will get the children to play in smaller groups of 3 to check to see if they understand how to play the notes.

e. Independent Practice

Practice the tunes by repeating 2 lines at a time. These tunes are ideal for this as a lot of repetition occur in the tunes

f. Closing

Class will attempt to play both tunes one after the other as we would with our school band at home playing first verse twice and second verse twice

Differentiated Instruction

- a. Visual Learners: Sheets demonstrating how to play
- b. Auditory Learners: Teacher demonstration on how to play music with the Tin whistle

Materials & Resources

- a. Instructional Materials: Sheet with how to play scale, Sheets with simple tunes
- b. Resources: Tin Whistles

Camptown Races

s s m s l s m
m r r d m r r
s s m s l s m
r f m r d- d-

d d m s d'- d'
l l d' l s- s
l s m s l s m
r f m r d- d

Britches full of Stitches

f s l f s f l f
f s l f s f r-
f s l f s f l d'
f s f r r d d

d' r' d' l s f s l
d' r' d' l s f r
d' r' d' l s f s l
f s f r r d d



Assessment

- Children's ability to hold the whistle properly and play the scale
- Children's ability to perform simple tunes
- Children's enjoyment of the lesson and engagement with playing the tin whistle.

