

Cordwalles Junior School Brazilian Samba Event



Organisation

Cordwalles Junior School

Target Group(s)

Pupils in years 3, 4 & 5

Context

To run a Brazilian Samba event for Lower School and Year 5 pupils. The event aimed to achieve the following outcomes: support for pupils who are experiencing some difficulty in their current setting, and for G & T pupils who excel academically but sometimes find social interaction and team work challenging.

Action planned

The event was held on a Tuesday during school time in June, and 77 Lower School and 55 Year 5 pupils were invited. From a total of 132 invited, 132 children participated in the workshop. The event was held from 9.00 – 3.15. The event was compulsory as part of the school day.

Below are some quotes from the children about their workshop:

- It was fun because we got to use all of the instruments
- I really liked the instruments especially the big drums
- I absolutely loved it because the drums were massive and loud
- It was really interesting because we found out the different names for the instruments in Portuguese
- Rawal was really quick at playing the drums.
- The very beginning was fun when he got us to sit down by following him
- It was funny saying "I would like a cup of tea" to help us stay in rhythm
- It was very enjoyable because he taught us Brazilian Portuguese.
- It was really excellent playing all the different instruments.
- My favourite bit was playing the instruments really fast.
- After whistling 5 times we had to make a funny noise, it was great.
- It was great to hear the melody to our backing music.
- It was fun guessing the different animal noises that were played with the trumpet
- I enjoyed playing the tambourine
- I enjoyed playing different instruments
- I liked learning the new words in Portuguese
- It was good finding out about Brazil and the fruits that come from there
- I liked making funny noises and movements at the end!
- When we arrived we danced round the chairs it was fun
- I liked making the music with my class
- I liked listening to the trombone and listening to the music we played
- It was fun learning how to play the drums and shouting 1 2 3 Samba!

The day included:

- A 10 minute introduction session led by the Class Teacher
- A 1 hour workshop led by the company

Outcomes and Impact

The Brazilian Samba event was a great success. Children gained the confidence to work as a team and to try something new to them. In addition the children had learnt a traditional Brazilian piece of music using Samba percussion instruments; enhance rhythmic and improvisational skills, developed listening skills and the ability to work in an ensemble. They also developed confidence through performing to other children.

Next Steps

Following the success of the workshop, the children performed their pieces of music.