

Piano lessons - Feedback from Parents

We love that Edith is learning to play the piano. It's rare that she gets to "show off" and doing piano lessons means that she can! It's brilliant that she can do these lessons with a specialist teacher - there's no way we would be able to do this with a "regular" teacher. Thanks also for your persistence at working out how she likes to learn, Meg - the monster book is a big hit.

John's enthusiasm for learning the piano has been a delight and a revelation to us.

When he was offered the opportunity, we weren't convinced he would deal with the concentration required for regular lessons. In fact, he has found the challenge hugely enjoyable, thanks to his teacher, who has tapped into his longstanding love of music.

John doesn't participate in after-school activities and playing the piano has provided him with a new focus outside regular lessons. His progress from one lesson to the next was immediately obvious.

Credit is due to Mrs Cripps, not only for her teaching but also for offering the chance for John to do some trial lessons to assess whether he would have sufficient enthusiasm.

Music has always been a hugely important part of John's life and allows him to express himself in a way he could not otherwise. His experience underlines the vital importance of schools providing access to skills and enriched learning beyond the conventional curriculum – not least in the case of the special needs sector.

I'm very happy with Ethan's progress, and he really looks forward to learning new pieces. It's teaching him a valuable life lesson about having to work hard to develop his skills.