



UKELELE PROJECT: PRIMARY YEAR 4 & 5

This year John Talabot has decided to add the ukulele to the music program in 4th and 5th grade. In recent years the ukulele has been used in music programs around the globe to motivate and inspire students to learn to play instruments. Parents often ask why the ukulele and not some other instrument. The ukulele provides students with any easy, fun, and portable instrument to learn that gives them positive results in just a few sessions. This makes it an ideal instrument for school programs looking to expand the musical experience available to their students in an affordable and realistic way.

The John Talabot music department has been looking for a way to link many of the lessons learned in the early years of the students' musical development from P3 until 3rd grade to the final years of grade school. The ukulele provides us with a tangible solution that allows students to express their musical awareness and gives them an opportunity to grow and develop as musicians.

Ukulele Project Outline:

- Each student will have his or her own ukulele: the ukuleles will be provided to parents the day of the Parent's meeting. During these first lessons we will use ukuleles but they will remain at school.
- The Music class will split into two groups this term; therefore classes will be of 14 students.
- 4th grade have their music class on Thursdays and 5th grade on Friday.
- Students need to take their ukuleles home for practice each week on Friday. And they will have to bring them back on Thursday (4th) or Friday (5th)
- Students will need to practice the ukulele on their own at home with guidelines.
- The price of the ukulele is 45€ and it is compulsory to use the one provided by school as we found that this ukulele was the best for the quality vs price and we should all have the same model in order to have successful lessons.
- The ukulele will be charged with the October school receipt.
- Please make sure your child does take care of this instrument as it will be used for two years and hopefully more.
- The school is not responsible for losses or damages.

All this information will be explained in the parents meeting.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me

Mr Nick Tate

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