



Jo May Drumming

Jo May's Drumming Workshops are very popular and the children become very involved in learning new ways to make music. As an experienced percussionist, Jo's sessions focus on learning to play instruments such as African djembes and dun duns, or how to make music using wooden and metal spoons. There's a real feel-good factor involved, and it's a great way for children to develop rhythm, co-ordination, teamwork, creativity and self-confidence.

The programme at Christ Church C of E includes children from Year 2 up to Year 6. At the end of the course, the children had the opportunity to show off their skills to an audience including guests from their partner school in Durban, South Africa. One Year 5 girl, who had originally been very reluctant to participate, ended up performing a solo during the concert – pretty fantastic!

Following the huge success and popularity of the programme at Christ Church, TSF is extending the project to other schools and organisations. By Christmas 2011, the Foundation had funded 12 drumming courses at 10 different locations – six in Fulham, four in Battersea and two in Clapham. The aim is to reach 20 by the end of the academic year.