



Early Years
Wales
Blynyddoedd
Cynnar Cymru

Welsh
Language
Music
Day



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Welsh people are stereotypically known by their musicality due to a number of infamous choirs and singers, such as Tom Jones, Shirley Bassey Katherine Jenkins, Charlotte Church and Cerys Mathews etc. who have aided in putting Wales on the map and highlighting Welsh Language.

Welsh Language Music Day is a celebration of all the great music that has been created and is still being produced today.



Alffa



The band, Alffa, which is Welsh for “Alpha” are a duo from Llanrug, near Caernarfon. The band formed in 2015 and consists of Dion Wyn Jones and Sion Eifion Land. Their sound is Blues-rock and sing through the medium of Welsh.

Spotify stated that the band had become the “most streamed Welsh language act ever” with over 1 million streams for their song, “Gwenwyn” (Welsh for Poison.)

We are fortunate enough to chat with Dion from Alffa about their success.



Q. Are there any Welsh bands that have influenced you or continue to influence you today?

A. Many welsh bands e.e Candelas, Palenco, Kim Hon, Gwilym, Adwaith, Thallo. Loads of different acts.

Q. How old were you when you started to learn to play an instrument?

A. I was 14 when I first played the Guitar.

Q. Do you have a favourite area or place in Wales where you feel 'Cynefin'?

A. Home - North Wales, Llanrug which is in Caernarfon area.

Q. Where is your dream venue to perform in?

A. Albert Hall in Manchester

Q. What is your favourite childhood memory?

A. Probably just playing outside with friends.

Interpretive Dance Session

Allowing the children to feel the songs and the freedom to express their emotions through movement, without imitating an adult or mimicking a dance sequence.

Using lights, twirling sticks and ribbons could further develop this activity, turning it into a more sensory experience.

This may be a great opportunity for children to hear and experience cultural beats, rhythms and learn about new Instruments, such as a the Sitar, Windpipes, Bagpipes and the Balafon.





Small Concert

Creating a raised stage area for children to make mini solo performances or as a band so they can sing a Welsh Nursery rhyme or playing instruments. This can help the children develop confidence and feel valued, whilst learning to turn take and to respect each others' performance.

For example: Singing "Sosban Fach" whilst playing on Kitchen utensils for St. David's Day.



Rain Makers:

Putting coloured rice or lentils inside of recycled clean bottles by using funnels and measuring scoops.

(Counting each Scoops in Welsh, to incorporate Welsh numeracy)



Make Mini Guitars

Using small empty boxes like tissue boxes or jar lids, we can put elastic bands over them to pluck and strum.



Paper Straw Panpipes

Arranging pre-cut paper straws in a row starting from largest to smallest, then taping them down to secure.





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Mi Welais Jac y Do

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Yn eistedd ar y to
Het wen ar ei ben a dwy goes bren
Ho-ho, ho-ho,ho-ho

Yn canu ho-ho-ho,
Yn canu ho-ho-ho,
Het wen ar ei ben a dwy goes bren
Ho-ho, ho-ho,ho-ho

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Bore da, bore da

to the tune of:
Frère Jacques

Bore da, bore da,
Sut wyt ti? Sut wyt ti?
Da iawn diolch,
Da iawn diolch,
Sut wyt ti? Sut wyt ti?

P'nawn da, p'nawn da
Sut wyt ti? Sut wyt ti?
Da iawn diolch,
Da iawn diolch,
Sut wyt ti? Sut wyt ti?



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Lliwiau's enfys

to the tune of:
I can sing a rainbow

Coch a melyn, glas tywyll, gwyrdd,
Porffor ac oren a glas,
Dyma lliwiau'r enfys, lliwiau'r enfys
Lliwiau'r enfys hardd.



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Dau gi bach

Dau gi bach yn mynd i'r coed,
Esgid newydd am bob troed,
Dai gi bach yn dwad adre,
Wedi colli un o'u sgidie,
Dau gi bach.

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Un bys, dau fys, tri bys yn
dawnsio

to the tune of:
Ten little Indians

Un bys,
Dau fys,
Tri bys yn dawnsio,
Pedwar bys,
Pum bys,
Chwe bys yn dawnsio,
Saith bys,
Wyth Bys,
Naw bys yn dawnsio,
Deg bys yn dawnsio'n llon.



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Adeiladu tŷ bach

Adeiladu tŷ bach,
Un, dau, tri,
Tô ar ei ben ef a dyna ni;
Sbio trwy y ffenest,
Be welwn ni?
Llygoden fach yn cysgu,
Yn y tŷ
Llygoden fach yn cysgu yn y tŷ,
Llygoden fach yn deffro!
I ffwrdd â hi!



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