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Pup Idol

Pup idol is a fun, interactive game for Infants to Sixth Class pupils. Rosie our 'pup idol' dog invites children to compose and record their own simple tunes on line using her Rosiephone – an interactive xylophone. Children who are more musically literate can play simple tunes that they know. Using the two-octave Rosiephone, complete with sharps and flats, there is plenty of scope for making music.

The activity is designed to be used by individual pupils or pupils working in pairs or groups to investigate making musical patterns. It would also be possible to use Pup Idol as a class activity using a class computer or interactive whiteboard. As an extension activity, children can use a real xylophone to compose and perform.

To use the Rosiephone, pupils should hit the 'record' button and play their tune. They can then play back the tune by hitting the 'play' button. Please note that tunes will not be stored once the pop-up window has been closed. Pupils can alter the type of sound the Rosiephone makes by clicking on the symbols in the top right hand corner of the screen. Using this they can select standard notes, 'barks', or 'howls'.

Curriculum Links

Arts Education: Music Strand

Infants, First and Second Classes

Musical Concept Development

Strand Unit: Performing – Playing instruments

Strand Unit: Composing – Improvising and creating

Third to Sixth Classes

Musical Concept Development – Using sounds to create a picture

Strand Unit: Performing – Playing instruments, increasing awareness and control of musical elements

Strand Unit: Composing – Improvising and creating, talking about analysing and comparing sounds and recording composition.