Our Vision
The world’s greatest musicians of the future will start their musical journey with us.

just play!

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Warwick Music Group
pBuzz for the Texas Elementary Music Classroom

- Why are we here today?
  - Company background
  - pBuzz the instrument

- Applications for the Classroom
  - How to get started
  - Integrated and/or Independent usage
  - Ideally suited for beginners
  - Practical Tips

- TMEA 2017 Elementary Music Instructional Support Program
  - Preparation – What can you do today?
  - Tips for Grant writing
  - Steps in the Process What to expect?
Why plastic instruments began?

- Trombone officially an “endangered-species” (UK Government)
- A generation of musicians was being lost
- Plastic offered unique opportunities to make things easier

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**The Guardian**

**Youngsters in the mood to spurn the trombone**

Musicians and teachers say the future of several instruments is at risk as pupils choose cheaper options

Nicholas Pyke
Monday 26 August 2002 02.01 BST

Its most famous exponent disappeared in mysterious circumstances. Now the trombone itself could go the same way, according to teachers and musicians. More than half a century after Glenn Miller lost radio contact over the English Channel, youngsters are abandoning the instrument he helped to popularise.
Creating Life Changing Experiences
Nurturing the next generation
What we wanted to solve?

- Beginner instruments are often limited to recorder and harmonica, traditional and restrictive choices
- Effortless creation of the first sound
- Focus on buzzing
- Ability to learn and play notes
- Design suitable for young children
- Increase the number of Musicians and potential of future Brass Players
Here is what we gave them

- Accessible instrument
- Very tough and robust
- Rests effortlessly in your hand – large or small
- Maintenance free
- Clear hand positions
- Patented technology delivers unbeatable sound quality
- Industry leading product quality
- Low cost
- Colorful and fun!
What is pBuzz?

- Easy & Fun way to learn Music

A musical instrument:

- Introduce buzzing to make a musical sound
- Ability to play six notes
- Slide the bell towards you to create a high note and away from you to create a low note
What is pBuzz?

A new and unique beginner instrument:

- 5 inch Bell
- Lightweight
- Range of F-C in concert pitch
- Single harmonic
- Notes, numbers and colours for pitch
- Plastic Material
- Our unique beginner mouthpiece
- Bio-cote in mouthpiece
Let's look at one Video

Combining Play, Learn And Fun
Education Resources

World class Knowledge

Welcome

Latest Education Blog Posts:
- pBuzz project with primary school children
- 10 week pBuzz Program
- 14 easy Color Coded pBuzz Tunes (examples below)

Library

pBuzz

These materials are aimed at 6-7 years old but are suitable for children from 5-8 years old. The four-lesson plan creates a beginning in brass knowledge along with a concert performance. The key learning objectives include art from right, pulse and pitch along with performance skills.

The scheme is largely informal in that no written material is used from the pupil's perspective and most skills are developed through a listening activity.

Below is a link to a 10 minute film explaining the plan alongside a film of the performance and reactions from parents, teachers and pupils.

- NEW! Feel Good (Sheet Music, down 4 steps) by Melanie A. Hilden, Music Department Coordinator, Colegio Veron San Francisco de Quito, Ecuador [PDF]
- NEW! Introduction and Resources Guide (USA) by Keith Oye, Jenny Doss and Analise Byrd [PDF]
- NEW! Learn to play pBuzz Interactive powerpoint with backing tracks for the primary classroom by Martin Yates [Powerpoint]
- NEW! Learn to play pBuzz (Teacher Handbook) lesson plans to support interactive powerpoint for the primary classroom by Martin Yates [PDF]
- NEW! Scheme of Work, Lesson Plans, WCET Places and Backing Tracks currently supporting the delivery of KS1 and early KS2 whole class learning on pBuzz in H instituted Primary School [Dropbox]
- NEW! 8-week Programme on pBuzz at KS1, shared by Antonietta Paresi, Music Coordinator at Histon Primary School, Derby [Word]
- TMEA 2017 pBuzz Handout [PDF] | Low Res Version
- Watch the pBuzz Product Showcase at TMEA2017
- Four Session Plan [PDF]
- 10 week pBuzz Program [PDF]
- 14 easy Colour coded pBuzz Tunes [PDF]
- Backing Tracks to pBuzz Tunes: Inky Winky Spider | Mary Had a Little Lamb | Ode to Joy | When the Saints "I Feel Good" [MP3]
- YouTube Playlist "How to make a Buzz" [Video]
- pBuzz project with primary school children [Video]
- pBuzz project with primary school children "full performance" [Video]

Resource Guides

- TNETS E X

- Mary Had A Little Lamb

- Hot Cross Buns

- How to Hold a pCircle
- Four Class Lesson Plans
- 10 Week pBuzz Program
- 14 easy Color Coded pBuzz Tunes (examples below)

Sound Files
- Many @ http://education.warwickmusicgroup.com/teaching-resources/

World class
Knowledge

Videos
Websites

pbone.co.uk

education.warwickmusicgroup.com

ptrumpet.com

pbuzz.co.uk
Applications for the Classroom

Singing, pBuzz, Ukeleles & Percussion (8-9 years)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rmVi4yu0-mU&list=PLm2MS258i451cWd-WFmvJ1ptJ93Mi3pqu

pBuzz, music games, marching (6-7 years)
https://youtu.be/J1wal4VVaQY

Contemporary Popular Music (7-10 years)
https://youtu.be/SgThWCorRMg
Practical Tips

- Begin warm up in playful by showing “horse sound” video
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r74l_b4pDJa

- Prompt and reflect on lips vibration

- Work with Mouthpiece alone

- Discover positions on pBuzz with “I spy/I hear”

- Color compose
What Teachers Are Saying

"The use of PBuzz with older students is an exciting journey as I watch them make connections to recorder, reading music notation, and singing! I am excited to listen to their ear training develop even further as the students match pitch with other instruments! One of my students said "this instrument is so cool to learn, it's hard to figure out at first, but once the sound comes out it's so awesome". That's the excitement I love seeing in children when they learn to make music."

- Analisa Byrd, San Antonio, NISD

“The pBuzz is the updated recorder for modeling the trombone. The colorful plastic pBuzz makes learning fun which encourages young students to play a brass instrument.”

- Dawn M. Forsythe, Director of Bands, Jefferson ITS

“The pBuzz! Finally, a way to help my elementary students experience the brass family in a hands-on way. Most elementary music teachers have examples of the percussion, woodwind, and string families in their classrooms in forms that allow the students to actually play and learn. But brass instruments are rarely part of the elementary”

- Peggy Turner, Oakhurst Elementary, FWISD
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- Preparation – What can you do today?
  Familiarize with TMEA webpage:
  - [https://www.tmea.org/programs/emisp](https://www.tmea.org/programs/emisp)
  Check out:
  - [http://www.westmusic.com/tmeaelementarygrant](http://www.westmusic.com/tmeaelementarygrant)

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