

Year 1: Galaxy Parade

The students had so many diverse ideas of galactic things to parade that they needed an extensive voting process to narrow the field of sixteen suggestions to six. Sadly, the Galactic Ice-cream Truck missed out by 1 vote even though it's soundscape of multiple music boxes, playing different tunes simultaneously, was a winner! How the students arrived at their galactic item was through thinking about the different sounds they were making in their explorations, and what that sound made them think of. The students were excited to make props to parade as other students performed the corresponding sound.

Galaxy Parade and instrumentation:

Space Whales: 2 Rio Drums and African Kpmanlogo Drums with super-ball mallets. (The rubber lip-edge of half a super-ball dragged across a drum membrane creates a deep groaning/undulating sound like whale song!)

Meteors: One large surfaced sturdy cardboard box to be hit with mallets: representing the rocky mass of the meteor, and shaking tambourines illustrated the fiery tail of the meteor.

Milky Way: a collection of brass objects chosen for their resonant 'tinging star sound' quality when played with a metal mallet, and a brass tubes bell tree.

Mars: 6 of the largest and lowest pitched Fed Bels played simultaneously with hard mallets in a repeated tremolo roll.

Space Junk: Clanking random stainless-steel objects.

Space Dancing Chickens: Several big Fed Bells upside down on the gym floor. Students tapped repeatedly the bell stalk with the wooden thick end of the bell mallets.

At the end of the Galaxy Parade, the whole school was invited to participate in a movement/wriggle break by dancing the 'Chicken Dance'



Super-ball mallets are made by cutting a super-ball in half, drilling a hole and then threading them onto a fine knitting needle. Most ball halves crumble but some survive! Elissa introduces the super-ball mallet. The Space Whale and Milky Way in performance. Practising the Space Whale sound, testing out different ways to sound Space Junk, hitting bell stems for the Space Chicken sound, and the Space Dancing Chickens!