

Primary school students put on a performance of The



Scarlett Orsai PHOTOS: MIKE SWIFT 160154 Musical performance at Langley Hall Primary School.



Teacher Rachel Cooper tunes Grace Hopkins's violin PHOTOS: MIKE SWIFT 160154

School's tunes of success

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ELEPHANTS, frogs and lions are an unusual but central part of an arts school's ethos of teaching 'music for all'.

Langley Hall Primary Academy, in Langley, proudly presented a musical medley to *The Observer* on Tuesday, showcasing pupils' talents ranging from trombone playing to reenacting its latest theatrical performance, *The Lion King*.

Pupils at the school, presenting their string skills, drawing

bows across violins and cellos to the rhythm of ELE-PHANT, the violinists making sure to use the tip of their bows rather than the opposite 'frog' end, before members of the Concert Band found 'a lot of puff' to deliver some brass notes.

Sally Eaton, executive head teacher, said: "We try to set ourselves apart because of our music - we are an arts school."

John Halsey, head of music, and a member of staff at the Station Road school for the past three years, said: "I was asked to come in and play piano for an assembly and then once thing led to another and I had an op-

portunity to shape the curriculum here.

"I think [what the school is offering] is quite unique."

The pupils learn both the recorder and the violin with the chance to then progress onto other instruments if they wish.

Mr Halsey said this concept did not think introducing the violin as a part of the curriculum would work because it was not seen as 'the norm'.

However, he said the children and parents have embraced it and every day a sea of violin cases can be seen making their way through the school gates.

Lion King, and hit all of the right notes



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Cello with Lakhan Sembhi and Gobind Raj PHOTOS: MIKE SWIFT 160154



Robbie Rookenbauer-Edmonds and Tiffany Dewa on flutes

