

Hangleton Junior School Brass Band



This school is situated on the outskirts of Hove, Sussex and has boys and girls from the age of seven to eleven.

Throughout its fourteen years existence the school has enjoyed a good musical reputation. There have been violin classes, recorder groups and choirs. During November 1965, the children were shown some Brass Band instruments and given a lesson on Brass Bands, illustrated with suitable recordings.

At the end of the lesson half a dozen children asked if they could try the instruments. They were told that if they worked hard they could play a carol in the Christmas Concert. Four weeks after their first lesson they accompanied the hymn for morning Assembly and during the fifth week played three items in the Concert.

January saw the small group expand to its present size as more instruments were borrowed. The only time for rehearsals was during the lunch break. This meant three twenty minute practices a week. In June the band took part in the Hove Schools Music Festival held in the Dome, Brighton, and played

in front of an audience exceeding 1,500 people. The applause for their item was loud and long and many compliments were paid. The Band later appeared at the School Fete and finally at an end of term concert in which they combined for a programme with the Patcham Church Band, and the Hangleton School Choir.

Having reached the age of eleven the children must now pass on to Senior schools in the area, but the Band is to be kept together and will rehearse on Saturday mornings. Several engagements have already been booked and the band looks forward to a bright future.

The Deputy Headmaster of Hangleton School, Mr. H. A. J. Osgood, who has formed this band is also the conductor of the Patcham Parish Church band.

The Headmaster of the School, Mr. Idris Evans, told parents that he has been amazed at the response made by the children to this form of music making.