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## SONGS

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## ABOUT THE CD

The CD included in this product is enhanced and contains both audio tracks and digital files to assist you in presenting these songs to your students.

The CD will play audio files like any regular CD in your CD player. To access the digital files, you will need a PDF reader, such as Adobe Reader, which you can download for free at https://get.adobe.com/reader/. Once you have installed a PDF reader, simply insert your CD into your computer’s CD drive. When prompted, click on **View Files** to see all of the amazing resources available to you.
This collection of songs has been especially written for young children to capture their imaginations and encourage them to sing. I’ve found that young people enjoy and are more engaged when the topic is relevant to them. Many an adult will agree that messy situations are certainly a part of every child’s day!

My hope is that young people enjoy music through singing. I want to encourage those who are shy or reluctant to sing to join in the fun. This collection provides comical, modern songs that are simple and repetitive so that children can easily absorb the lyrics.

All of these songs can fit within the national curriculum and can link music to other topics and subjects in the framework. For instance, other cross-curricular work could include:

- Asking the children to write their own messy poetry based on the topics covered in the songbook.
- Writing stories about anything messy, disgusting, or gruesome.
- Drawing pictures or making models of something messy or gruesome.

More importantly, these songs inspire children to explore singing in an enjoyable way while promoting creativity and imaginative thinking that can have a positive impact on other areas of their school work.

When teaching these pieces, I suggest that you begin with simple warm-up games including: clapping rhythms, tongue twisters, exploring the vocal range, and making different vowel sounds while singing up and down a scale. These warm-ups will mentally prepare the children, making them more receptive to learning music. I’ve included some of my favourite warm-up activities to get you started.

I typically teach these songs by rote, one line at a time. We have included lyrics sheets and student vocal scores to aid your students. You can find these resources in the data files on the CD.

Additionally, as you teach the songs, make up (or ask the children to make up) actions to highlight lyrics. This will not only bring the music to life but also make the song easier to learn, and the songs lend themselves to lots of simple movement, facial expression, and general hilarity!

I hope you and your students enjoy these songs and embrace the mess!

Darren Fellows
Messes are the Best!

Darren Fellows

Cool swing \( \frac{1}{4} = 100 \)

Mess! Mess! There's nothing quite like mess.
Clean! Clean? We don't know what you mean.

Mud-dy shoes and scruff-y hair,
Smell of soap and sham-poo, too,

dirt-y knees, but we don't care!
Mess! Mess! It sim-ply is the best!

ti-dy rooms, not like a zoo!
Clean! Clean? We don't like be-ing clean!
Chorus

Yuck-y, slim-y, dirty, icky;

mess-y, gooey, gross, and sticky. Long green bogies and feet that pong,*

so we sing this messy song!

*Pong is a British term for “stinky.” If you prefer, you can use these alternate lyrics for the phrase: “Big green bogies that stretch out long.”
Mess! Mess! There's nothing quite like mess.

Leaving toys out, snot-ty sneeze, eating worms and squishing bees!

Mess! Mess! It simply is the best!
MESSES ARE THE BEST

Mess! Mess! There’s nothing quite like mess.
  Muddy shoes and scruffy hair,
  Dirty knees, but we don’t care!
Mess! Mess! It simply is the best!

  Yucky, slimy, dirty, icky;
  Messy, gooey, gross, and sticky.
Long green bogies and feet that pong,*
  So we sing this messy song!

Clean! Clean? We don’t know what you mean.
  Smell of soap and shampoo too,
  Tidy rooms, not like a zoo!
Clean! Clean? We don’t like being clean!

  Yucky, slimy, dirty, icky;
  Messy, gooey, gross, and sticky.
Long green bogies and feet that pong,*
  So we sing this messy song!

Mess! Mess! There’s nothing quite like mess.
  Leaving toys out, snotty sneeze,
  Eating worms and squishing bees!
Mess! Mess! It simply is the best!

  Yucky, slimy, dirty, icky;
  Messy, gooey, gross, and sticky.
Long green bogies and feet that pong,*
  So we sing this messy song!

* Pong is a British term for “stinky” or “smell bad.” If you prefer, you can substitute “Big green bogies that stretch out long.”