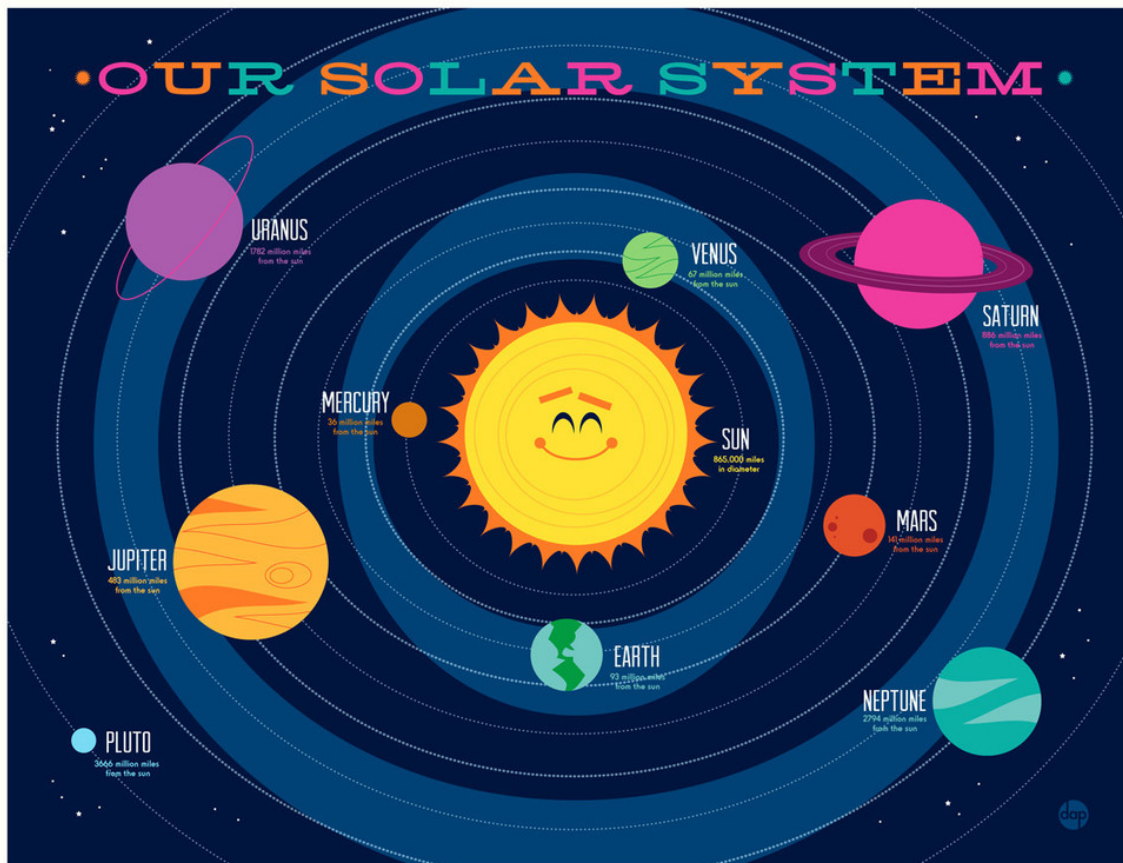


Playstage

Junior

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A fun class assembly or presentation



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OUR SOLAR SYSTEM

PRODUCTION NOTES

This school assembly has been written for a class of approximately 30, however, the assembly can easily be adapted for a class of 15-45 by reallocating the lines between the children. It last approximately 30 minutes but can be shortened. It includes factual comments, a small acting element, and songs.

VISUALS are essential to this presentation. Depending on what equipment available to you, or how much you want the class to have an input to producing the visuals, these images can either be hi-tech or low tech. In other words, you could source images to your computer and display them remotely on a display unit on the stage or you could have a flipchart that displays artwork the children have done, which is flipped over by one of the children to reveal the next image to illustrate the presentation. Or you could have a mixture of both. Most of the images we have used as examples in this text are freely available on the internet. Simply type "Images of (your subject matter)" into your search engine and you will be presented with a dazzling choice!

PROPS are required to illustrate the assembly. A short sketch is included which shows the difference in size of the planets. For this, each child carries a ball to represent a planet's size. Props would include:

Marbles – various sizes

Tennis ball

Cricket Ball

Football – various sizes

Beach ball

Pilates ball

If these cannot be obtained, then cardboard cut outs could be used to show the difference sizes of the planets.

SONGS and INCIDENTAL MUSIC feature in this assembly. Below we give the suggested piece of music or song and the link to obtain either a download of the full music or a backing track.

The Planets Suite by Gustav Holst (choose a section for the opening)

MP3 downloads are available from Amazon.

Walking On The Moon by Police.

MP3 downloads are available from Amazon.

The Sun is in the Sky (*sung unaccompanied to the tune of The Farmer's In His Den*)

A Sky Full of Stars by Coldplay. *MP3 downloads are available from Amazon.*

OUR SOLAR SYSTEM

A Key Stage 1 Assembly.

The children are seated on stage in rows. There is a display board or easel to one side showing a picture of the solar system. We suggest that a movement from "The Planets" suite is playing as the school assembles in the hall. When everyone is seated, the music finishes and two children stand up on stage and come forward.

CHILD 1

Welcome to our assembly. The music you have been listening to as you walked in the hall, is from 'The Planets' written by Gustav Holst. The music was written by Holst to capture the personality of each planet. The seven pieces of music are called Mars, Venus, Mercury, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune.

CHILD 2

We have been learning all about planet Earth, and the other planets within our Solar System and we would like to tell you about the things we have learnt. Our planet, Earth, lives in one of the arms of a large spiral galaxy called the Milky Way. The Sun and its planets (including Earth) lie in this quiet part of the galaxy, about half way out from the centre.

CHILD 1

They called our Galaxy, the Milky Way, as when people looked at it; they thought it looked like swirls of milk. The Milky Way is shaped like a huge whirlpool that rotates once every 200 million years. It is made up of at least 100 billion stars, as well as dust and gas.



A picture of The Milky Way appears on the screen or displayed by children.