SINGING IN 3D WITH SHABANG!

BLOW THAT CANDLE OUT

We hope you enjoy this original Shabang Song.
Here are some ideas to help your song go with a swing – we call this "singing in 3D" – it helps to make a song as accessible as possible, for everyone. Shabang songs are pretty straightforward to sign in Makaton.

BLOW THAT CANDLE OUT is a great song for strengthening mouth muscles and breath control for speech and language. Activities which involve sucking will also help in the same way.

· Use the song to take it in turns to blow out candles

· If a child finds it hard to blow this may because breathing muscles need strengthening so lots of practice at breathing in and then breathing out slowly to a slow count will help

· Practice blowing up a balloon

· Have a selection of whistles, kazoos, party hooters to practise with

· When you get really good at this you could have a Kazoo or party hooter conversation with a partner, or hoot along to a favourite song

· Here is a great toy – it's like a blow pipe with a "net" on the end. There's a small plastic ball on the nest and you blow down the pipe to lift the ball and catch it again – often found with party bag toys in pound shops – really useful!

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· Blow bubbles down a straw – this can be done with water or any drink – curly straws are great for this
· Blow bubbles from a bubble blower – have a bubble eating glove puppet , so the child has to blow lots of bubbles for the puppet to gobble up - good game to play in partners
· Tear up bits of paper, use the sucking action of a straw to lift the paper from one place and drop into another - this could become a race with an opponent

Arty Ideas:
· Make candles holders from air drying clay or fimo , press the base of your candle into the clay to create a hole for it to sit in once the clay has dried – these make nice little presents if you use seasonal colours
· Decorate cardboard tubes - as candles – stick onto a card base and cut out a flame shape for the top
· Jam jar lanterns – decorate jars with coloured tissue paper and place a night light inside
· Practising blowing: Drop paint onto paper and use a straw to blow paint into patterns

Have fun and let us know how it goes – send us pictures – we would love to see how you get on.

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