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NEWSLETTER

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Dates for Your Diary

JANUARY

Mon 9 — all day INSET DAY (no school)

Tue 10 — 8.30am First Day of Term

Mon 23 — 7.30pm Class 5 Parents' Evening

Wed 25 — 7pm Kindergarten Parents' Evening

Sat 28 — 11am-2pm Open Saturday

Mon 30 — 7pm Class 4 Parents Evening

FEBRUARY

Thu 9 — 3.45pm School Ends for Half Term

Fri 10 — all day INSET DAY (no school)

Mon 20 — 8.30am Back to School

MARCH

Thu 9 — 11am-1pm Open Day

Sat 18 — PM Annual General Meeting

Fri 31 — Eurythmy Festival at Steiner House

Fri 31 — End of Term

ADVENT IN THE EARLY YEARS



Advent Spiral

Can I know Life's reality
So that it's found again
Within my soul's creative urge?
I feel that I am granted power
To make my self, as humble part,
At home within the cosmic self.

Rudolf Steiner
The Calendar of the Soul
(35th week — December 1st-7th)



Preparing for our Advent Festivals in our Parent & Child Groups

Thank you as always for your continued support.
We wish you a Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year
from the Early Years Team

EURYTHMY NEWS

HALLELUYAH! HALLELUYAH!

Just to share some wonderful news as I know some of you have been interested in the journey I have taken with my Masters over the past 2 years. I feel very proud to share with you all that I passed with merit. The Thesis will be published on our website for all to read sometime soon, together with other research papers of great interest from members of staff. In the meantime, there are 2-3 hard copies available to borrow on request for those of you who prefer to handle paper.

Eurythmy Club

We have almost completed half a term of our new extra school activity, the eurythmy club. This is happening on a Wednesday from 3.00 to 3.50pm. We are all having a wonderful time and it is a great new exploration of where to take eurythmy with children outside the classroom.

Other news

In our summer term I will be hosting a eurythmy conference/workshop weekend where we will look openly at different aspects of eurythmy or maybe explore a theme. This will become clearer towards the time. This workshop is for parents and their guests. And of course priority will be given to school parents.

Warm wishes,
Michèle

If you have something you would like to contribute to the Newsletter - maybe you would like to write something about a school event, or maybe you have been to an interesting talk outside the school, or perhaps you have a selection of photos! - send your contributions to admin@stmichaelsteiner.hounslow.sch.uk

The life of a raindrop

Once upon a time there was a raindrop called Sam.

He fell from the sky and splatted on the ground. He dripped into a puddle. When the sun came out the puddle turned into steam and the steam reformed into a cloud.

And he kept falling from the sky and reforming into clouds.

And he did that all his life.

by Stanley Estcourt, Class 5

In our recent English main lesson in class 5 we looked at the structure of an essay with an introduction, the main part or body of what we want to tell and a conclusion. The children enjoyed this and were enthused to make their own stories in essay form.

— Dorothea van Breda

Dear School Community!

Another glorious Advent Fair is now behind us. A warmhearted thank you to all the wonderful helpers and to all of you who came to enjoy it!

These are the events that bring us together as people and friends, the moments that let us feel alive and leave us rejuvenated.

This email is not able to reach some visitors not on our school list, who also brought their palpable energy and appreciation to the day! What a gift to have the winter sun shine on us, while enjoying to browse and chat and eat and make and buy and drink and play and laugh and sit and look and smile!

Lots of love to all of you and hold on to that Advent Spirit in heart and mind.

Lisa
for the Advent Fair Team



Dear Community,

Class 6 send a huge thank you! The children raised £375 from their cake sales.

Some of the money has been used to fund a workshop at The Natural History Museum and a trip to Chislehurst Caves, both of which proved to be wonderful experiences and very supportive of the Geology main lesson.

Thanking you,
Mrs Alexander and Class 6

(Top: Class 6 at the Chislehurst Caves, bottom: one of Class 6's cake sales)

SIS Report

The College of Teachers has great pleasure in letting you know that [the report of our recent school inspection is available on our website \(linked at bottom of page: How the School is Run\)](#). We are pleased that the quality of education we provide has been judged to be "good" with several, "outstanding" features. This includes our High School where students' work is assessed through the Steiner School Certificate.

Our Early Years provision, and the Pupils' Personal Development throughout the school, have been judged to be "outstanding" overall.

The inspectors identified some areas of health and Safety that need improvement; these were to do with the recording of how accidents are followed up, for example, if a child cuts himself on some broken glass in the garden, we have to record that we picked up the glass to prevent it happening again, and any other steps that need to be taken, for example, someone might be asked to check the grounds for broken glass every day. Steps to improve record keeping and safety checks are now in place.

Unfortunately, we could not provide all of the required documentation for our two newly appointed trustees and consequently our governance was deemed 'inadequate'. These two new trustees are well known to us, so this has not put the children at risk, but it is a statutory requirement that will need to be fulfilled by a given date at the end of January.

Finally, we would like to thank you for the wonderfully supportive feedback you gave the school in your questionnaires. Please do take the time to read [the full report on our website](#) and if you have any questions or comments please send them to College@stmichaelsteiner.hounslow.sch.uk

Please be aware that the 2017 Annual General Meeting will take place on the afternoon of March 18th, 2017. More details will follow next term.

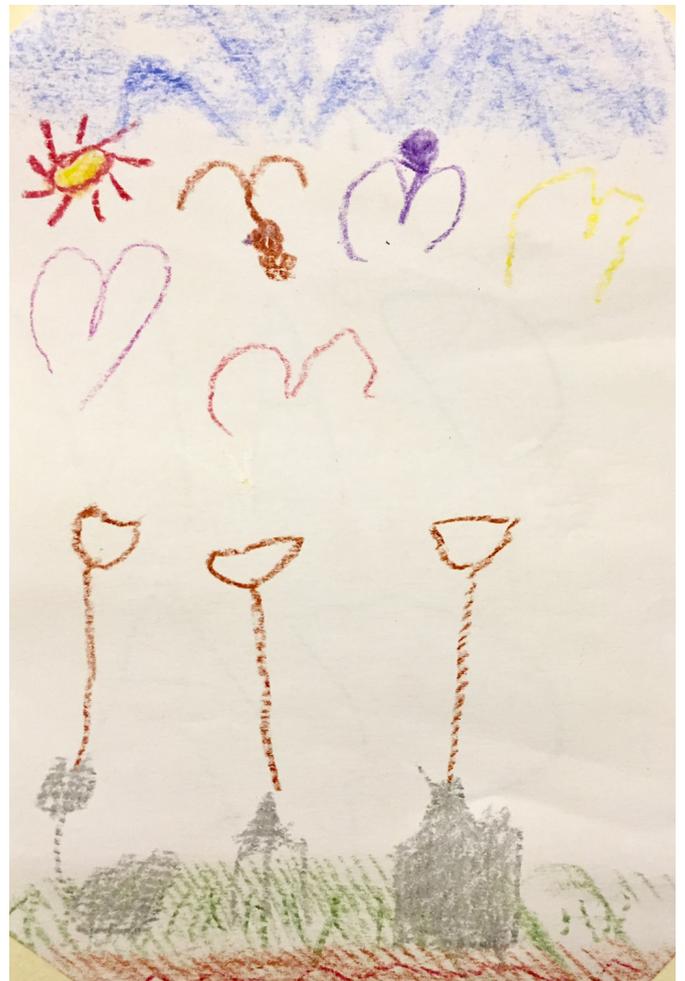
Looking for a last minute Christmas gift? We still have a few garden tools for children available.

These are stainless steel tools made by Joseph Bentley with natural ash handles that will last for years. Manufacturer's 5 year guarantee. Suitable for classes 1 to 6.

80cm Spade	£15
80cm Fork	£15
94cm Rake	£12
99cm Dutch Hoe	£12

Spade & Fork Set	£25
Full set of 4 tools	£40

Please contact Dan the caretaker via reception.
Collection available until December 23rd.



COMMUNITY PAGE

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Vibrance4Life

Meditation for Children & Teenagers (4-18yrs). Group and individual classes daily in Hampton Hill in term time and in the holidays. Possible benefits of meditation are improved sleep, better regulation of emotions, better able to manage thoughts and feelings, builds self-esteem, learn to relax, more balanced energy, improved focus and concentration.

Holistic Massage and Intuitive Healing Massage. Every massage is tailor to the client. A wide range of massage techniques are used including subtle energy work to deep tissue methods to Swedish massage techniques; from dynamic mobilizations to gentle holds.

The intuitive healing massage is the holistic massage plus I channel the energy your body asks for and after the massage I share with you the insights and guidance received for you whilst giving you your massage.

Intuitive Coaching/Consultation. I tune into a higher state of consciousness, to ask for information requested by the client, on a specific areas of their life. Clients typically have questions for which they are seeking answers and insight, or have areas of their life in which they would like clarity, insight, information and/or awareness to move forward. I share the insights and information that comes with regard to their questions and continue to support them in this way.

Homeopathy. Homeopathy is a complete system of medicine that treats mental, emotional and physical illness. Homeopathic medicines are chosen to treat the whole person, because homeopaths believe the mind and body operate as one, and you cannot treat one part of the body without affecting the whole. Homeopathic medicines promote the body's natural ability to heal.

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