

The St Michael Steiner School

Hanworth Park, Park Road, London TW13 6PN

NEWSLETTER

7th June, 2017

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Dates for Your Diary

JUNE

Sat 10 (11am-4pm) SUMMER FAIR

Mon 12 (7pm) Class 6 Parents' Evening

Thu 15 (7pm) Lou Harvey-Zahra Talk

Sat 24 (11am-2pm) Open Saturday

JULY

Sun 2 (10.30am) Soap Making Workshop

Wed 5 (7.30pm) Romeo & Juliet

Thu 6 (2pm) Romeo & Juliet

Thu 6 (7.30pm) Romeo & Juliet

Fri 7 ~ End of School Year

SEPT

Mon 4 ~ INSET DAY (no school)

Tue 5 ~ INSET SAY (no school)

Wed 6 ~ First Day of School Year

News from the Early Years



In mid May we hosted Janni Nicol, Early Years representative for the Steiner Waldorf Schools Fellowship and puppeteer. As part of her visit she offered a puppetry workshop for our kindergarten Parents Evening. This was an uplifting and joyous event where we found our own voices through the everyday stories of our lives and discovered the power of simple puppets to bring these stories to life. Earlier in the day, children had been entranced by the visit of 'Lamby', a hand puppet, at snack time. Some had looked with big, wondrous eyes as his gestures reflected Janni's words or just stroked him gently, and even the oldest child in the kindergarten who earlier had said "he's just a puppet!" asked "Has he gone to sleep?" when Lamby had gone back to his suitcase. In the days that followed, many parents spoke of their warm connection with the evening and how they are bringing Janni's ideas and inspirations into their bedtime story routines. At the end of the evening, parents donated over £70



for IASWECE – the International Association for Steiner Waldorf Early Childhood Education – who do such good work all around the world in Waldorf teacher training, research and development.

The Early Years department celebrated National Children's Day on Sunday 14th May with over fifty attendees at our Summer Outdoor Play Day. Popcorn popped over an open fire, hand-made (and real!) butterflies fluttered around the garden and children with their parents and friends enjoyed dancing and singing around the maypole. We were blessed

by beautiful weather and we would like to thank everyone who attended.

We have returned after half term to the beautiful Whitsun festival where we celebrate our diversity in peace. The white doves fluttering on golden crowns represent the tongues of fire which descended onto the heads of the disciples, giving them the gift of understanding. We honour this by endeavoring to learn 'Good Morning to You' in all the children's languages as part of our circle time, which this year will include Hungarian, Japanese, Mandarin, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Slovakian, Spanish and Urdu.

Just before half term, the children enjoyed making wet-felted balls with ribbon streamers to practice throwing and catching – the ribbons help when they get stuck in the trees!

During these last few weeks of term our oldest kindergarten children are busy finishing their hobby horses. Begun in February, this big group of now fifteen children have washed and carded wool; sawn to size, peeled and sanded sturdy hazel poles; wound a ball of wool from a skein and learnt to finger knit, some even learnt double finger knitting. Many hours of work goes into each horse, which slowly takes shape with ears, eyes and mane appearing from week to week. It is a challenging task and children learn many new skills, sometimes quick workers help the slower ones, and all admire each other's handicraft! At the end of our term, we will look forward to seeing the fruits of their endeavours.

We are currently accepting applications to join kindergarten for September 2017, with a few part time and full-time vacancies still available. Please let your friends know and come to our Summer Fair on 10th June and Open Day on 24th June to find out more about our school and the Early Years department.

Lastly, we would like to thank all our parents for their support in providing their children with suitable sun hats and sun cream for the warm days ahead.

*Katie Sharrock
For the early years team*



SUMMER FAIR

Saturday June 10th
11am to 4pm

Home-made food & cakes

Children's craft activities

Tombola • Raffle • Books

Authentic Italian gelato

Traditional games

& Live music

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PARENT & CHILD GROUPS



Drop-in and bookable, morning and afternoon sessions
for children from birth to 6

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Work from Class 9

J'ai décidé de faire un échange en France après avoir réalisé que pour apprendre une langue, la théorie ne suffit pas. J'ai également pensé que ceci pourrait aussi être une expérience intéressante, tout à fait différente de ma vie londonienne.

Imaginez que la longueur du temps que vous utilisez, dépend du type de personne que vous êtes. Quand j'expliquais aux gens que je voulais partir en France pour six semaines, tout le monde me prenait pour une folle et pensait que ce serait trop long.

Je voulais, au début, rester plus longtemps, mais je dois avouer que six semaines était mon maximum.

Ce n'est que lorsque je me préparais à sortir du train que j'ai commencé à m'inquiéter. Je n'avais jamais rencontré ma famille d'accueil avant, et ne savais même pas à quoi ils ressemblaient! Aujourd'hui, je suis bien contente qu'ils se soient révélés être une famille charmante et avoue que je ne sais pas ce que j'aurais fait si ceci n'avait pas été le cas.

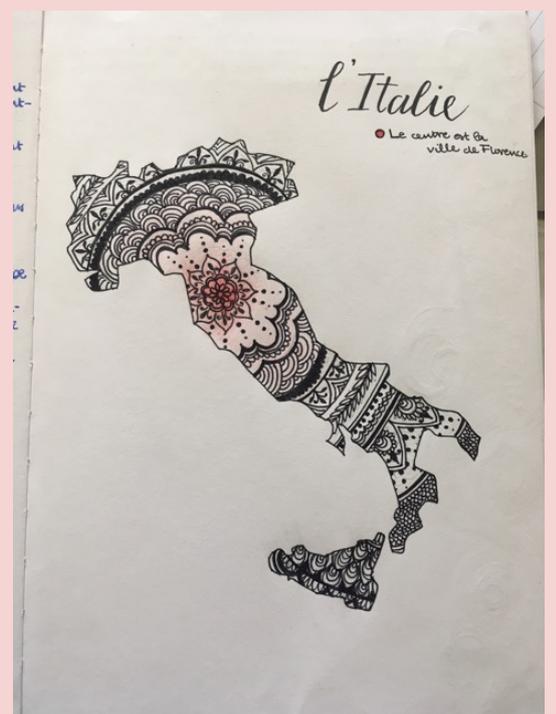
Le début était plutôt dur. Imaginez que vous essayez de prendre vos marques et comprendre où sont les choses et comment la famille fonctionne tout en découvrant la vraie langue française et sans vraiment être capable de vous exprimer.

J'aurais certainement pu me préparer un peu mieux (au niveau vocabulaire) avant d'arriver afin de me faciliter un peu les choses. Mais du coup mes progrès en français ont été extraordinaires.

J'ai adoré explorer Strasbourg, l'atmosphère y est complètement différente qu'à Londres.

Cette expérience a été incroyable, je la recommande à qui que se soit et la referais personnellement, définitivement si j'avais à nouveau l'opportunité.

Constance Kelly



Above: work by a Class 9 student during an exchange at Ecole Michael in Strasbourg.

Below: other Class 9 students performing at Steiner House as part of the Youth Eurhythmy Festival, 2017.



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 ST MICHAEL HIGH SCHOOL
PRESENTS

ROMEO AND JULIET

WEDNESDAY 5TH JULY

AT 7.30PM

THURSDAY 6TH JULY

AT 2PM & 7.30PM

IN THE WALLED GARDEN

AT

THE ST MICHAEL STEINER SCHOOL

PARK ROAD

HANWORTH PARK

LONDON TW13 6PN

For tickets email: admin@stmichaelsteiner.hounslow.sch.uk

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Creative Discipline, Connected Family Talk

How to discipline without using punishments and rewards? How can we set limits while maintaining closeness and trust?

Creative Discipline ideas help to solve trying moments whilst fostering positive life skills and connections. Offering numerous real-life examples and answers to commonly asked questions, this is an inspiring new talk from the author of the best-selling *Happy Child, Happy Home* and *Creative Discipline, Connected Family* (Floris Books). Learn how to transform behaviours in a positive manner and strengthen the parent-child bond.

Day: Thursday 15th June 2017

Time: 7pm to 8.30pm

Place: St Michael Steiner School

Lou Harvey-Zahra is a mother, Rudolf Steiner teacher and popular parenting author with three books including the bestselling *Happy Child, Happy Home* and her latest book *Creative Discipline, Connected Family* (Floris Book). Lou presents in Steiner/Waldorf schools across Australia, UK, and LA. Lou lives with her family in Melbourne, Australia. Don't miss this unique opportunity to hear Lou speak in our school - all parents welcome!

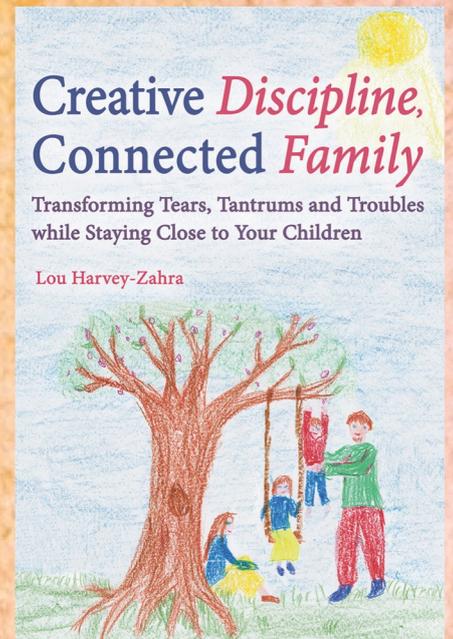
"It's day four after the talk and we are already having more fun, more magic and more love, thank you!" Georgie Williams (parent)

"Creative Discipline, Connected Family is a great guide for holding children for their highest good, and understanding children's needs." Mara Lupieri (Rudolf Steiner Early Years teacher)

Lou's books will be available at the event £14.99 (cash only), and from all online book sites, worldwide. See Lou's website:

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Dear parents and teachers,

I'm a student at a Steiner school in Lier, a little town near Antwerp in Belgium. I'm 18 years old and I'm now in my senior year. Next year I'm going to study vocals at a music college, BIMM (British and Irish modern music institute) in Fulham. I will study the diploma year (two A levels in one year). The student accomodation is very expensive for me, so I'm looking for a cheaper option.

Do you perhaps have a free room in your house that I can rent or do you know someone with a free room? The period I want to rent is from september until july (one academic year).

If you want to have an image of who I am, you can visit my Facebook profile and Facebook page:

fb profile: <https://www.facebook.com/rahmat.emonds> (most of my posts are private so you can send me a friend request if you want)

fb page: <https://www.facebook.com/RahmatEmonds98/>

I'm looking forward to your reactions.
Thanks in advance!

Kind regards,
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Holidays in South of France

“We are parents of a pupil of the Steiner School in Avignon (South of France) and want to give to rent our house and a mobile home during next summer holidays. It's an ideal spot to discover Provence, near Chateuneuf du Pape

There are equipped with all comforts, a swimming pool (9X4,5m), trampoline...

The house **for 5 persons** : rent price **720€ a week**

Picture and movie on <http://maisonprovence84.canalblog.com>

The mobile home **for 4 persons** : rent price **500€ a week**

Pictures on <http://mobilhome84.canalblog.com>

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We speak English, Italian and French.





Dear Parents of the St. Michael School,

My name is Cristina Huaman and I am 20 years old. I would love to work as an au pair for the summer holidays and stay with you and your family!

I grew up in Spain and moved to Austria when I was nine. I went in both countries to Waldorf Schools, because my parents are very convinced of the Waldorf Education and now that I am old enough to judge I am too!

I started taking care of three children (ages: 12, 8, 5) of my school once a week when I was 16 and since then I love the work with children. I took care of them for three years and was able to gain a lot of experience doing so. When I was 17 I did an internship at a nursery in Spain and learned how different it is to work with kids who are only 2 or three years old. I really loved both and now I am hoping to work with children again and at the same time be able to improve my English.

If you are interested please contact me:

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I hope to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely

Cristina Huamans

