



## The St Michael Steiner School

# NEWSLETTER

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### Dates for Your Diary

#### FEBRUARY

Fri 14 - STAFF INSET (no school)

Mon 24 - Back to School

Fri 28 - CLASS 8 PLAY (details below)

#### MARCH

Sat 1 - Open Day

Wed 5 - Parents' Eurythmy Evening

Thu 6 - Class 10 Parents' Evening

Thu 13 - Class 3 Parents' Evening

Sat 29 - Parents' Workday

#### APRIL

Thur 3 - Festival Day!

Fri 4 - 12.30pm END OF TERM

Mon 28 - STAFF INSET (no school)

Tue 29 - Back to School

### ANNUAL FEES 2014/15 ANNOUNCEMENT

The school has been working hard to keep our education accessible. As you know, the school relocated from Wandsworth to Hanworth in July 2012 and financially it has been a slow recovery. We try to set fees each year to sustain the school and it has been a hard task as our expenditure structure has totally changed due to our new setting. I am sure you agree that the children have greatly benefitted in this heavenly urban setting and we are striving to further develop the building, the grounds and the curriculum to meet the children's needs. As we are in a grade II listed building it requires special attention and care which poses new challenges and expenses for the school. If you would like to know how the school is managed financially we will hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 3 May 2014 (more information will be sent closer to the date) where we present a retrospective account of the school year, school management and school events. It is also the forum where we announce important decisions for the upcoming year.

The Yearly Fees for 2014/15 Academic Year (increased by 10% from the 2013/14 fees) are as follows:

Afternoon Care: £ 17 / session

Kindergarten: £ 6600 / annum

Class 1: £ 7700 / annum

Class 2: £ 7900 / annum

Class 3: £8100 / annum

Class 4: £ 8300 / annum

Class 5: £ 8400 / annum

Class 6/7: £ 8600 / annum

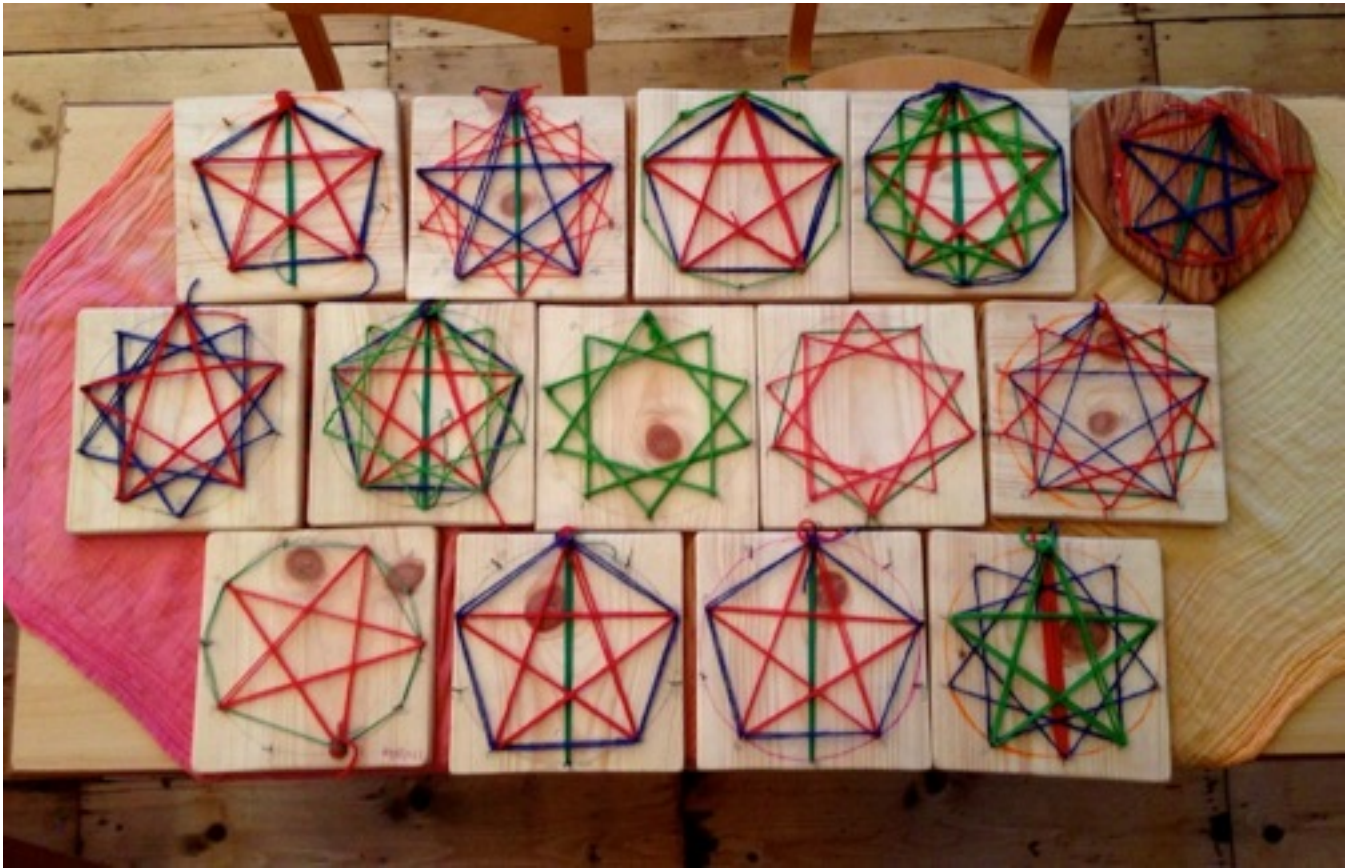
Class 9: £ 8900 / annum

Class 11: £ 10,700 / annum

We also have a Bursary Fund in place to assist families who are in need. Please see bursary application policy in Parents Handbook 2013/14 (available on our website). If you feel that you need to apply for a bursary, please contact me at [finance@stmichaelsteinerschool.co.uk](mailto:finance@stmichaelsteinerschool.co.uk). The deadline to submit bursary applications is 10 March 2014.

Andrea Ladanyi  
(bursar)

## Timetables with Class 2



Class 2 has worked on their time tables from class 1 onwards in many different ways. They have walked it, stamped it, clapped it, skipped it, spoken it, written it in their books, and read it. At the beginning of class 2 the children made wooden number boards with 10 nails in a circle and in the next number block we wove then the time tables on these boards. Each time table makes a different form, depending on the underlying rhythm of each time table. Maybe you'd like to work out which form represents which time table.

- Dorothea Van Breda

### News from the Early Years: Mud, mud glorious mud.....

This can be a bleak time of year, the long dark nights and short dull days seem only to be punctuated by rain and wind, with only the occasional bursts of sunlight bringing some perspective. However, our children continue to thrive, the surrounding huge pools of water are exciting, the deeper and bigger the better! And mud is simply gloopy, gloopy and glorious! Despite the weather, we have seen the arrival of snowdrops and crocuses peeping through the wet and cold. In sheltered spots by the main house, even some cheerful daffodils are braving the elements.

*Snowdrop, snowdrop, little drops of snow  
What do you do when the cold winds blow?  
Hide our little heads and say:  
Cold winds, cold winds, go away.*

*Snowdrop, snowdrop, dressed in green and white  
What do you do when the sun shines bright?  
Shake our little bells and say:  
Ting-a-ling, ting-a-ling, here comes spring!\*\**

During the past few weeks we managed to dig a deep (muddy!) circular trench where we planted willow stakes, which we hope will root in well. We wove and tied the stakes together, creating a little willow house, already transformed into a cow shed, stable and house by various groups of children.

We also have a new game - Guinea-watching – as the children helped to build a bigger run for the Guinea-Pigs who are now regular visitors - thank you Heather and Victor! It's wonderful for the children to help feed



and water them, as well as helping to keep them clean.

The importance of keeping warm cannot be over-emphasised. Susan Johnson\* says: *If children don't wear coats, then their bodies have to expend a lot of energy just warming up, and they will have less energy to build muscles and less energy to play..... Why do children rarely complain that they are cold? Children often are not connected with their bodies enough before the age of seven to even acknowledge or communicate that they are cold. They live in the moment and are so excited and stimulated by all that they see that they don't have the capacity to sense the coldness of their bodies. They will play in the sea until they are literally 'blue', denying they are cold. So, as parents, we have to help our children develop their sense of warmth. By helping a child develop this sense, we are actually strengthening his immunity and laying the foundation for a healthy body and healthy organs in his adult life.*

Our next Parents Evening will be on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March, from 7-8.30pm. We have invited one of our



teacher colleagues to talk about the Lower School Curriculum. Materials for study will be available for parents after half term, with a focus on the older kindergarten child and transition to Class 1. Apologies for cancelling the last meeting at short notice. Do please make appointments to meet 1:1 with Katie via Reception – I am available Monday & Tuesday at 3pm, and at other times by arrangement – please ask.

We held a very successful candle dipping festival last Saturday, with nearly 30 adults and children enjoying the afternoon, dipping candles, making wooden candle holders and

beeswax modeling. Some comments included:

*"A lovely peaceful activity session, loved the candle making, singing and puppet show!"*

*"Heavenly! Thank you for your warm welcome!"*

*"Really enjoyed it, will definitely come again! A great experience."*

We are starting to plan our next series of festivals that will be advertised here in the newsletter and on our school Facebook page.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Tano and his family who have joined kindergarten from the Parent & Child group. We wish you a smooth settling-in to our kindergarten community. And finally, please continue to ensure your child has a complete change of clothing in kindergarten – this should be kept in a cloth bag hung on your child's peg. This is really essential whilst the wet and mud persists outside.

*\*\*from: Spring Wynstones Press, 1999*

*\*S. Johnson 'You're not the Boss of Me: understanding the six/seven year old transformation' 2007 ed. Ruth Ker.*

*Katie Sharrock, for the Early Years team*

## Newsletter Contributions

If you have attended a workshop or parents' evening that you particularly enjoyed or your child has come home enthusiastic about something he/she has done at school, why not write a short article about it for the newsletter? The next one will be published and distributed by Friday 21st March and the deadline for contributions is Sunday 16th March.

Email them please to: [info@stmichaelsteiner.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:info@stmichaelsteiner.hounslow.sch.uk)



THE ST MICHAEL STEINER SCHOOL CLASS 8 PRESENTS

# MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS

FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY AT 7PM

THE STEINER THEATRE  
RUDOLF STEINER HOUSE  
35 PARK ROAD  
LONDON  
NW1 6XT

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# Community Section

Please note that the school does not endorse or recommend, either in general or in particular, anything offered in the Community Pages and parents are advised to check the qualifications of practitioners or people offering services here.



**AMBER EMSON, violin**

**Fundraising Recital  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2014, 19.30**

(19.30 wine & canapés, 20.00 music and auction, stay for some more wine & canapés afterwards and an opportunity to meet Amber)

Alison Rhind (piano)  
Works by Handel, Veracini, Smetana and Brahms  
**Tickets: £30** (for wine & canapés)  
**plus a minimum donation of £10 for the violin fund**

Book your tickets by completing the ticket application form, or call the box office on **07967 481 625** (card payment will be taken over the phone).

**THE DYSART PETERSHAM**  
135 Petersham Road  
Richmond, Surrey, TW10 &AA  
[www.thedysartarms.co.uk](http://www.thedysartarms.co.uk)

Are you passionate about supporting a young violin player over some music and a glass of wine? Do you want to win a fabulous prize in our auction: a recital at your private event, tickets for a spectacular concert with the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra, an invitation for a two-course meal and concert at The Dysart Petersham, a chance to see Sir Neville Marriner at his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday concert at the Royal Festival Hall, or a VIP tour through the restoration workshop and sales rooms of J&A Beare - one of the worlds' top violin dealers?

Amber (13) has been playing the violin with great enthusiasm and dedication since she was 5 years old. A student of Natasha Boyarsky (Menuhin School) and at the Junior Academy (Royal Academy of Music), she has reached an exceptional standard of virtue and musicianship. In recent years, Amber won a number of **local and international competitions** - amongst those the 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Germany's most prominent youth competition "Jugend Musiziert" in May 2013. Currently a pupil at the German School London, she has been offered a place at the prestigious Chetham's School of Music in Manchester. **Having relied on loans for years, it is now crucial for Amber to find and acquire her very own violin**: a professional instrument with a rich tone and easy responsiveness that enables her to produce the sounds and tonal colours she strives for in her playing. Prices for instruments of this quality, new and old, start from £10,000.

**Please support us in financing Amber's future violin.**

For more information about Amber and her musical activities, please visit her website: [www.amberemson.com](http://www.amberemson.com)

**Are you unable to attend but would still like to make a donation?**  
You can either

- Send a cheque (address on the ticket application form)
- Call the box office with your card details, or
- Make a donation on Amber's *Justgiving* site:  
[www.justgiving.com/local/project/ambersviolin](http://www.justgiving.com/local/project/ambersviolin)

## Homeopathic prescriptions using energetic prescribing.

Late nights OK. If you have a remedy kit and know how to use it... sometimes what seems like the "right" remedy doesn't work. I sense energies directly and can feel which remedy resonates with yours (or your child's). My name is Sam Neal and I'm a dad at the Kings Langley school, but would like to spread the word to other Steiner schools. I'm offering a £10 per case promotion through the end of February.

<http://whichremedy.com/steiner>  
07942 760 561

## Waldorf College

The Waldorf College in Stroud is launching a new two year course in September 2014 that is a Level 3 Extended Diploma in the Arts, Performance, Land-based Crafts, Social and Applied Sciences (equivalent to 3 A'Levels) for 16 - 18 year olds.

We offer a choice of vocational projects for students including performing arts, expressive arts, rough science, crafts, land based building project, art as well as core subjects in Maths, English, Humanities, Art, Singing and Movement.

How is the Waldorf College is different?

- The learning is experiential – it's practical and hands-on
- Learning spaces are creative, collaborative and supportive
- Settings are both indoors and outdoors
- With opportunities to organise, manage and lead their own projects
- Teaching by experienced inspiring tutors in their own professional specialism;
- Free tuition + cost of materials
- No exams - students present their portfolio of work

Our Open Days are on Saturday 25th January 10am - 12 noon, Saturday 22nd February, and 22nd March. Please see our website [www.waldorfcollege.org.uk](http://www.waldorfcollege.org.uk) to download our brochure, email us at [info@waldorfcollege.org.uk](mailto:info@waldorfcollege.org.uk).