



The St Michael Steiner School

NEWSLETTER

8th November 2013

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Dates for Your Diary

NOVEMBER

Sat 9th – Parents' Work Day

Mon 11th – Class 1 Parents' Evening

Wed 13th – Martinmas

Thu 21st – Class 10 Parents' Evening

Sat 23rd – Open Day

DECEMBER

Sat 7th – Parents' Work Day

Sat 14th – Advent Fair

Wed 18th – End of Term

JANUARY

Wed 8th – Back to School

In Class Four...



At the beginning of the school year, class 4 started making their own fountain pens in the woodwork lessons. They are coming to the end of making them now, but in order to earn the use of them, the children have had to prove their skill in writing. So we made our own ink from blackberries picked in the school grounds and we used feathers that we found in the park, to make a quill for writing. This was a very fun and messy experience with plenty of concentration needed. They are very much looking forward to being able to use fountain pens soon.

– Lara Koppers

Poetry by Class 4

She comes creeping from the North

Much taller than a dwarf.

She has a coat of Autumn leaves

Which dance and flutter in the

breeze,

Her hair is dark, her eyes are brown

And she has chestnuts on her gown.

- Emily

Red fire

Hot

Dry

Deadly

Strong

Suffocating

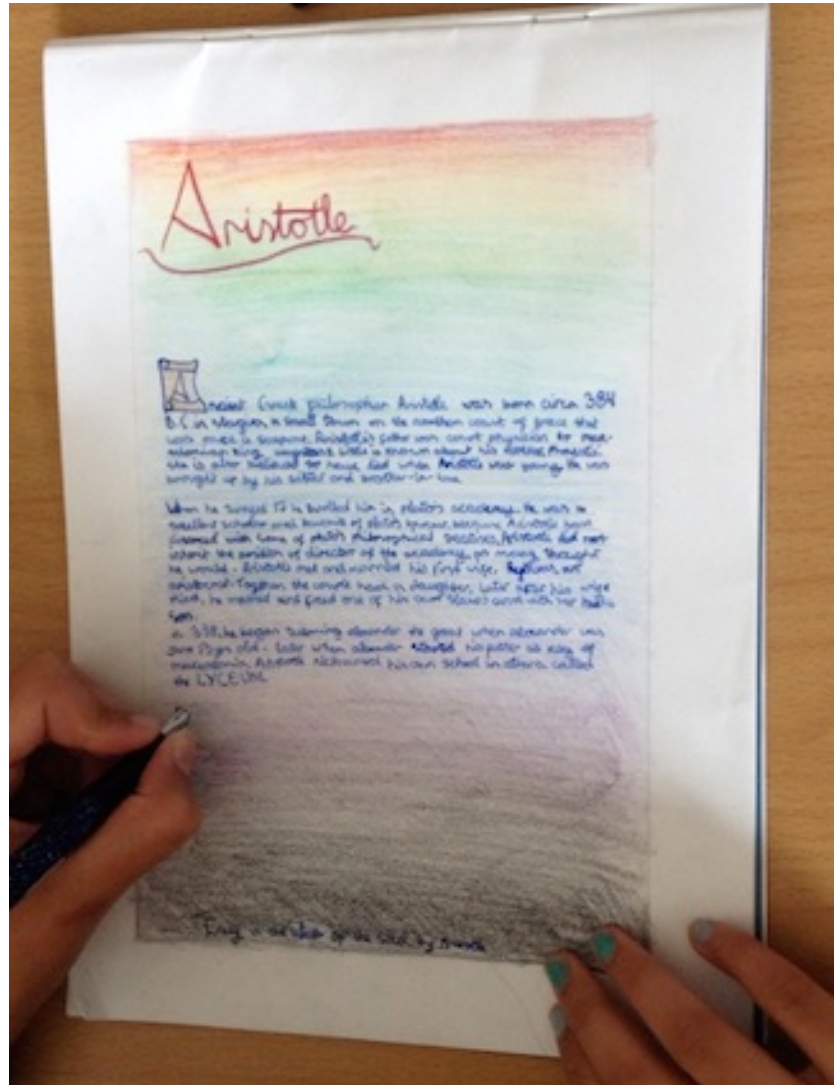
Polluting

- Max



In Class 5&6...

Having heard the biographies of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle the class followed Alexander the Great on a journey of conquest through Asia. We are now on another journey, but this time through the many varied landscapes and cultures of Europe. The class will each present an individual project on a European country at an evening of European delights. The class are also working every morning on their double dutch skills, sometimes turning the rope is itself the skill!



At the end of the half term the class held a Hallow'een assembly for the school, and presented and dramatised a story in verse on the theme of Samhain. This was followed by traditional hallow'een games and some spooky tales in a candlelit circle. The mood in the class is lively, enthusiastic and there is a lot of work being done, in groups and individually.



- Juanna Ladaga

News from the Early Years: Martinmas

After returning after half term to a fun day of apple bobbing and pumpkin carving, we have begun preparing for our Martinmas Festival which, for the kindergarten, will be held on Friday 15th November at 4pm, a change of date from what we had previously advertised. (The lower school festival continues to be held on the previous Wednesday). We hope this change will not cause any inconvenience.

The children have begun making their papier mache lanterns with gusto. Some remember the whole process from last year, yet others are mystified as to how a balloon will turn into a lantern.



"Wait and see," we say, as day after day, layer upon layer of greaseproof paper is glued into place, and soon, pressed leaves will be making colourful decorations over the lanterns. This long preparation over several days is, for some, a rarity in this age of immediacy. Thank you to those parents who have been helping us with this very sticky work!

Martinmas is celebrated as a festival of generosity. Martin was a soldier in France who met a beggar in the street. He had nothing to give, except his cloak. He tore his cloak in half and gave half to the beggar. It is also a special time when we light a lantern to keep us safe through the dark winter months. The spirit of generosity is symbolised by the tradition of Martinmas Bread, where a loaf is baked and then broken in two in order to give one half away. We have adapted this and hope to give a simple package of two flapjacks (one to eat and one to give away) to each child at the end of our Martinmas walk. We ask for

volunteers to make the flapjacks and wrap them in greaseproof paper parcels, tied with wool and perhaps decorated with a leaf, and bring them to school on Thursday or Friday morning. More details about Martinmas will soon be given in a letter to kindergarten parents.

Just before half term, we celebrated the festival of Eid-ul-Adha, an important festival, in essence, of love, in the Muslim calendar. We celebrated this in a traditional way through sharing some delicious foods brought by Mahdee and Aaliya's families which were very much enjoyed by us all, together with a simple story - thank you to those families for bringing this festival to our kindergarten.

We are looking to increase awareness of our school through offering three 'Festivals of Light' over the coming months (see separate advertising in this newsletter). These Saturday afternoon family workshops are designed for families whose children, age 3-7 years, do not currently attend the school - please do help us advertise them by telling your friends about them. The first will be a Lantern Festival on Saturday 16th November.

We continue to enjoy a wonderful delivery of fresh organic fruit and veg each week to the kindergarten for snacks - many thanks to Deborah (Dino's mum) for organising it. The suggested donation this half term is £12 per family - the collection pot is by the kindergarten signing in sheet - thank you.

Lastly, we would like to welcome Tayo, Nikita and Ivan and their families to our kindergarten this half term. We hope you all settle in well and wish you a warm welcome into our school community.

Katie Sharrock, for the early years team

Parent and Child groups

"Trying something new"



Our Parent and Child Groups spend over half of each session outside playing freely.

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Park Road, Hanworth Park, Hounslow TW13 6PN

Saturday family afternoon workshops, 2-5pm

Family festivals of light for children aged 3-7 with their parents/carers

Come and enjoy our Woodland Garden and prepare for our festivals, making lanterns, advent gardens and dipped candles.

Each afternoon also includes a fireside snack, songs and a story/puppet show.

Saturday 16th November: A lantern walk festival

Saturday 21st December: Advent spiral festival

Saturday 8th February 2014: Candle dipping festival

Cost: £10.00 per family per workshop (concessions available)

Please book in advance by telephone/email
or ring for further information.

Note: these events are not for children currently attending the school

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Venue: St Michael Steiner School, Park Road,
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Woodworking sessions now finalised; with new course Metamorphosis set for January

Come and explore projects such as making coat hooks, knives, spoons, bowls and stools. This class aims to enable participants to learn about basic wood working techniques and tool handling. Thursday evenings from 18.00 –19.30.

At the beginning of January there will be a ten week course called **METAMORPHOSIS**, which will take clay sculpting to wood sculpture. Bringing the material from a shape to bone to plant form and finishing off with an independent study. (Beginner and intermediate).

Anybody interested in either of the courses should contact Nicole Cataldo on 07896 666 448 or email Nicole.Cataldo@yahoo.co.uk for booking and inquiries (any students wishing to attend after school woodwork sessions under Class 8 needs to be accompanied by an adult).

Students £7, Adults £10, Student accompanied with adult £5 – per session.

Regular after school classes will continue to run Thursday and Friday until 17.30

Exchange Students and Visiting Teachers

As many of you may know, occasionally we are contacted by potential exchange students and visiting teachers. If anyone is able to offer accommodation to visitors, please let us know so we can compile a list of contacts about such enquiries.

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the St Michael Steiner School,

I am a girl from Germany and I live near Hamburg. I would like to do an exchange, or just a visit to your school for four months as a foreign pupil.

I am 15 years old and attend class 10. In Germany I go to a Rudolf Steiner School as well (Rudolf Steiner Schule Kakenstorf), so I would like also in England to attend a Waldorf school. If it is possible I would like to do this exchange from the beginning of February 2014 to the end of May 2014.

It's my very big wish to do an exchange and I hope I can come to your school. If that is possible, I'm looking forward to your answer.

Your's faithfully Johanne von dem Bussche

We have also been contacted by a trainee teacher from Stuttgart who would like to do her teaching practice at our school in late April/early May. She is looking for accommodation, and could offer some childcare in return.

If anyone can offer accommodation to either or both of the above, please email the school – info@stmichaelsteiner.hounslow.sch.uk

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Advent Fair

Saturday 14th December 2013

11.30am - 3.30pm

*Café * Hot Lunch * Craft Activities*

*Games * Advent Spiral * Fire Pit*

*Warm Drinks * Carol Singing*

Christmas Market

Park Rd, Hanworth TW13 6NP

Community Section

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Traditional Waldorf Doll Making Workshop



Come and make a beautiful traditional waldorf doll.

Learn how to properly sculpt the head, crochet the hair, and stuff the limbs, and do it all with love!

The two day workshop will be held on January 11th and February 8th 10:00–5:00.

Rachel Ford Blanchard is a professional doll maker and crafting enthusiast.

Cost £115 registration and booking fee must be received prior to December 7th.

Please contact Rachel at oastcraft@gmail.com or 07899 863 009 for more information

Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapy with Elmer Postle

A gentle hands-on healing that comes from Osteopathy and now a modality in its own right, Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapy holds that health is always present in the body. This effective therapy supports the primary health in the human system as it brings itself into balance and wellbeing. Effective with a wide variety of conditions and symptoms including stress, sleeplessness, headaches, shock and trauma, sore joints, muscle spasm, IBS, etc.

For all ages, including mums and babies and the elderly. Reduced rates until Feb 2014 for St Michaels parents and friends – £40.00 per 50 minute session.

Brentford Riverside based. Home visits by arrangement.

Contact Elmer Postle:

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LIVE IN/OUT – NANNY/AUPAIR/ CLEANER AVAILABLE

I am currently studying to become a Steiner Teacher in London and am looking to find work as a nanny, aupair, cleaner etc. I am hoping to move as soon as possible preferably before January 2014.

I have lots of experience working as a nanny both overseas and in the UK and would love to find work with a steiner family. I am available to work Sunday–Friday as I attend my teacher training course on a Saturday.

Please feel free to get in contact with me Lauren Robinson
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and **Raspberry Romance**; chocolates that
some of you may have tasted at the Summer
Fair! Later in the month Xmas Spice ready for
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(Hendrix's mum, kindergarten)

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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 Advent newsletter will be published and distributed on Friday 6th December and the deadline for contributions is Sunday 1st December.

Email them please to: Stella@StellaBellOttewill.com