

The St Michael Steiner School

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NEWSLETTER

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Dates for Your Diary

JUNE

Sat 11 - Summer Fair

Fri 17 - (10am-1pm) - Cl. 12 Project Displays

Sat 18 - (4.30pm) Cl. 12 Projects at Steiner House

Mon 20 - (7pm) Class 2 Parents' Evening

JULY

Tue 5 - (7pm) Class 8 Project Presentations

Wed 6 - (7pm) Class 8 Graduation

Thu 7 - (early afternoon) End of Term Festival

Thu 7 - (7pm) Class 12 Graduation

Fri 8 - (12.30pm) End of School Year

SEPTEMBER

Wed 7 - First Day of Term

OCTOBER

Thu 20 - School Ends for Half-Term

Mon 31 - Back to School

DECEMBER

Fri 16 - End of Term

NEWS FROM CLASS 5

Class 5 has developed and strengthened so much that during the last couple of weeks I have to prevent myself from saying " Good morning dear class 6!"

We've had an exciting year journeying through the Ancient lands and myths of India, Babylon, Mesopotamia and Egypt. We are currently travelling with Odysseus on his stormy journey home from the Trojan Wars. On Friday we enjoyed a Greek feast whilst hearing how Greek warriors were turned into swine!

We will soon become Greeks ourselves as we venture off to the Olympic Festival at Michael Hall joining other schools from all over the United Kingdom and some overseas visitors.

In the meantime we are enjoying our Olympic training with Mrs. Dunn learning how to throw a javelin and a discus and testing our long- and high-jump skills! More about this in the next newsletter...

Mrs A. Miss Harrison, Archie, Alice, Carla, Casey, Lila, Lucien, Olivia, Skye & Soline



(some Class 5 pupils at Kew Gardens)

On Sunday evening, Class 8 returned from their six-day trip to Norway. We were based in Eidfjord where we had arranged activities through FlatEarth?, an outdoor adventure company.

The following was written by the Class 8 pupils:

On Tuesday, the first day, some of us were up as early as 3.30am only to travel for around 13 hours throughout the whole day. After spending some time in Oslo (and not getting lost...looking at you, Class 12), we jumped back in the van and spent the next 7 hours reading, sleeping, feeling ill, playing cards and listening to Caspian's questionable music. We finally arrived at the last three tunnels which led to the valley we were staying in. Before entering the tunnel, we discovered if we had arrived even 10 minutes later, we would have been trapped on the wrong side overnight as the tunnel was closing for repairs from 9pm to 6am.

On Wednesday, we went sea kayaking in the fjord which can be 750m deep (that's about 2 1/2 times the height of the Shard) and in the afternoon, we hiked down into a steep-sided valley where I filled my bottle with the purest water from Vøringfossen (a famous waterfall) and then had to walk back up. Listening to music helped us walk but we were all knackered by the end.

Rafting, I think, for most of us, was the most fun activity of the trip. It was a very hot day, especially as we were wearing wetsuits, helmets and life jackets. We were put in small red rafts and sent (with instructors) down rapids that were freezing cold and filled with rocks. It was scary and fun at the same time. The second time we went down the rapids, three of us went in a raft alone, without an instructor. We spent most of the time going backwards and hitting rocks, before Constance smoothly steered us into a bridge. It's lucky we survived. We spent ages in the freezing lake mucking around and being capsized. We paddled to shore which took nearly an hour even though it was only about 50 metres.

We visited the city of Bergen which is the second largest city in Norway. It took 2 1/2 hours to get there and most of the journey was through endless tunnels, lit by surreal sci-fi blue lights. Bergen was a busy city awash with Hanseatic houses. We visited the famous fish market and drank gallons of iced coffee.



The activity of our last full day in Norway was climbing. Most of us were frightened of the idea, but eventually everyone enjoyed it although the sun was bright and the air was hot. Later on, we decided to borrow wetsuits and have a swim in the ice cold lake of Eidfjord. At the end of the day, we went on a small walk whilst the sun set.

On the way back to the airport, we stopped at a large, high plateau, the Hardangervidda (which still had snow despite the 20°C temperature), and had a snowball fight in shorts, pumps and flip-flops (a weird sensation).

- Brian Jacques

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SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 11 June 2016
11am - 4pm

Delicious Home-made Food and Cakes,
Authentic Italian Gelato, Tombola,
Raffle, Books, Toys & Art Supplies,
Children's Craft Activities & Traditional
Games

Entrance: Children 50p, Adults £1

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BURSARY FUND

Donations for the bursary fund since January:

£280 - Doll Making Workshop facilitated by Rachel Ford Blanchard

£70 - Creative Soul Workshop organised by Hollie Holden

£68.64 - Myriad Toy donation (10% of Christmas sales)

£265.95 - localgiving.com from Jan to date

£500 - Bursary donation from a new family

Total: £1184.79

We wish to thank all organisers and givers to the Bursary fund. This year we have allocated funds to more families than before. All have written back to the Finance Office to say thank you for this support and we pass this thanks on to parents and friends of the school who continue to support. Your help, time and support is appreciated.

If you do wish to donate funds to the school you can do so via our up and coming Summer Fair or by setting up a fundraising initiative and also by giving directly to the school (and gift aiding).

- Sarah Houghton

Parents can sign up to a veg box on the Riverford website or by calling the Riverford farm on 01803 227227. You'll need the ID code - SCH1103 - when you sign up to make sure The St Michael Steiner School gets the donation. Riverford will deliver to your home address.

Three times a year, they'll tot up how many parents, staff and friends of our school have joined and they'll send the school £15 for each, once they've had at least three deliveries. They'll make a second payment of £15 after 52 deliveries.

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FOR SALE Anthropomorphic Oak Elbow Chair Betula Gladys Mayer 1930's. Gladys Mayer met Rudolf Steiner in 1922 and went to Dornach in 1924. In 1931, having absorbed Steiner's ideas on form and design she founded Betula Ltd.

£285, Offers considered. Please contact Sally St Clair on 01425 472649

Rachel Ford Blanchard has offered occasional babysitting services in her home in Bagshot, Surrey during the summer.

Please contact her at odd.sadhvi@gmail.com

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 deadline for the next newsletter is Wednesday 28th June.