



The St Michael Steiner School

NEWSLETTER

May 2019



From
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duckling
to
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swan

A Class 9 Building Project

A major part of the Class 9 curriculum is the development of practical skills, including building. This takes place in intensive, all-day blocks.





The brief for this project was to beautify the portacabins. This 3-week project started before Easter with all the cladding finished before the holiday. Snagging and painting was completed in the first week of this term. Cladding three portacabins involved screwing in horizontal batoning from which the vertical cladding boards of larch were hung. 90 ft² of board were first coated twice with a protective seal, front and back. These boards were then cut accurately to length and nailed into place. There were some tricky bits: measuring and cutting the boards so they fit around the doors and windows; sliding in narrower boards by uprights

with triangular portions and electrics that had to be boxed in. Snagging a build is always an essential task; this involved sanding and painting the uprights and doors, finishing sills and adding a gate. A finishing touch was new raised beds around the cabins.

The work won't stop there: now we need to plant the planters, beautify the pond area and of course regularly re-protect that lovely larch cladding. Working on this build with class 9 has been a great challenge and as with any project there were ups and down, but as a High School teacher, it has been such a delight to see our Class 9 students grow in ability and confidence over this block and, with great will, do what they needed to do. Hearing comments from a Class 4 child asking 'When can I do this?' and parents 'That's great work', 'Don't they look lovely?' and watching the interest from other



students and parents as they passed by the site barriers was a joy to see and hear. We must say thanks also to the skilled support of Matt Graves a wonderful teacher who we hope will come back and support similar building tasks in the future...I wonder what's next?

Sarah Houghton

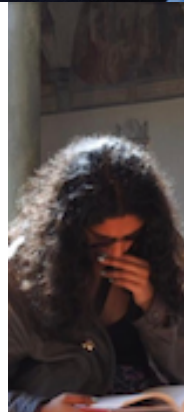


Class 11 Trip to Italy

During the last week of the Easter holiday, Class 11 went to Florence (via Pisa) to see Renaissance painting, sculpture and architecture as part of their Art History curriculum.

Places visited included: the Accademia di Belle Arti to see Michelangelo's David and his 'Slaves'; the Uffizi Gallery; the church and convent of San Marco which houses the frescos of Fra Angelico; the Palazzo Vecchio, castle of the Medici family; and the new Opera House, where they sat in on rehearsals for a production of 'Lear'.

Amanda Bell



18TH-21ST AUGUST 2019

EURYTHMY RETREAT LAKE DISTRICT

with
Michèle Hunter

All Welcome, no experience necessary

Rydal Hall is a magnificent location which has been chosen to create an all-around soul nourishing retreat to integrate both our inner and outer worlds.

This popular retreat centre in Cumbria sits in its own parkland and lies between the villages of Ambleside and Grasmere.

The Retreat will include 2 extended eurythmy sessions a day (of one and a half hours each) – one in the morning and one in the afternoon – leaving you time to unwind and enjoy the sumptuous surroundings with its stunning lakes and mountains. There are family activities scattered around

the area which you can explore and enjoy too.

The retreat includes; B&B, Dinner and Course Fees. There are 2 all-inclusive price tiers to choose from, to help everyone pay what they can afford. Please choose the one that best fits you.

Prices: £560-£480

Early Bird Rate £450 (by 31st March 2019)

for more information, contact Michèle
mhunter1life@gmail.com / 07947040554



1. A non-refundable deposit of £150 will secure your place at the B&B and on the retreat. The deposit is required at the latest by 30th April. Confirmations of your room preferences and dietary requirements needed by July 1st 2019.

2. Cheques payable to Michèle Hunter. The deposit will be deducted from the full amount, which must be settled 4 weeks prior to the retreat.

3. Residential places are limited (10 rooms) so book early to avoid disappointment.

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WISH LIST

Every month we will publish a list of items that we need at school in case someone out there has them to give away, or knows where we can get them for not-too-much money. Some of these are ongoing needs:

- Working hand sewing machines
- An electric potters wheel
- Craft tools - woodwork, leatherwork, metalwork, pottery, clay modelling
- 4 sheds: for gardening tools; games equipment; fairs/trips; general storage
- Gardening tools
- Top soil/compost
- A small fridge/freezer for the lab
- 12 Folding chairs for parent study group and other meetings

Contact Julia Wallace, Sarah Houghton or Amanda Bell if you can help.



Keeping our park tidy

For two hours over the Easter holidays, a small group of parents and children helped tidy up the south end of Hanworth park. We pulled out cans, an old TV, a bike frame and general rubbish. The council provided us with bags and pickers and collected the rubbish we piled up for them.

Flytipping has increased nationally, putting pressure on local councils, and is an ongoing problem in the park. We have sent photos to the council and are asking them to fix fences and continue to maintain the area.

If you see any flytipping please do report it directly to the council as they will come and clear it up if they know about it. The report form is here: https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/site/xfp/scripts/xfpforms_form.php?formID=122&language=en

Please contact me if you fancy helping out in the school grounds; there is always weeding and tidying to do. (sarahhoughton@stmichaelsteiner.hounslow.sch.uk).

Sarah Houghton



Bringing the bees to school...parents have supported bringing bees to school with their 'Pre-loved clothes sale' which will return to the school grounds in the near future, so please hunt out any clothes you wish to donate.

The bee hives are being prepared. One hive - a Warre, built by class 9 when they were in class 7 - has a swarm settling into it, and a log hive made by parents and teachers is being finished with the help of class 9 and will be installed soon.

Sarah Houghton

What is the College?

The school has no Head Teacher but is led and managed by teachers and administrative staff working as The College.

The College is made up of staff members who are able and willing to take responsibility for the leadership and management of the school.

The College meets, at present, on Wednesday afternoons from 4-5:30pm. Meetings are chaired by a member of the group; a new Chair is chosen periodically by the group.

The College oversees the general wellbeing of the school, ensuring that the aims and vision are kept in mind and reflected in practice, and is responsible for managing and monitoring all aspects of the education and activities offered by the school.

Current College members are:

Pat Alexander
Amanda Bell
Dorothea van Breda
Peter Brewin (Chair)
Maria da Costa
Julian Coxon
Vicky Dunn
Leigha Hipkin
Sarah Houghton
Michèle Hunter
Eleni Karakonstanti
Birgit Möller (ex officio)
Stella Ottewill
Marta Pietrzyck
Julia Wallace

To contact the College, email:

college@stmichaelsteiner.hounslow.sch.uk

From The College

School fundraising through Amazon Smile

The St Michael Steiner School is registered as a charity with Amazon Smile and Amazon will make a 0.5% donation on all purchases made through this scheme.

If you want Amazon to donate to The St Michael Steiner School Ltd, you need to start each shopping session at <https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

and select The St Michael Steiner School in the drop-down menu for your preferred charity.

0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of your eligible purchases will then be donated to the school at no extra cost to you.

Emails

To ensure that you get school emails, please add the main school email addresses to your address books to ensure that important correspondence from the school does not go into your spam folder.

These are:

info@stmichaelsteiner.hounslow.sch.uk (Grace)
bursar@stmichaelsteiner.hounslow.sch.uk (Birgit)
finance@stmichaelsteiner.hounslow.sch.uk (Henry)
schoolcook@stmichaelsteiner.com (Meher)

Plus the relevant address for your class teacher, kindergarten teacher or main High School contact (see school contact list)

The College would like to invite all parents and staff to an

Open meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 28th May

The discussion will focus on our recent Ofsted inspection and any questions or comments you have, arising from the report.

The St Michael Steiner School

Park Road Hanworth Park TW13 6PN

Ice Cream
Fresh Ground
Coffee

Home-made
Food & Cakes

Games

Children's
Craft
Activities

Live Music

Raffle

Silent Auction

Tombola

Coconut shy

Books

Summer Fair

Sunday
16th June
11am to 4pm

Entrance £1 Children 50p

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OFSTED REGISTERED CHILDMINDER

- **Childcare from 7.30am-6:00pm 5 days a week**
- **Pick-ups exclusively from St. Michael's at 12.30pm or 3pm**
- **Breakfast before school from 7.30am**
- **10 minute walk to and from the school**
- **Home cooked, healthy food**
- **Kindergarten parent**
- **Large garden**
- **Dogs, cats and chickens!**

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