

The St Michael Steiner School

Newsletter

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The Great Escape!



Class 9, as part of their geomorphology block headed to Kimmeridge Bay and Lulworth Cove this week. While it hailed in London we were busy in the sunnyish weather looking for ammonites on the dolomite ledges of the bay and working out how Lulworth Cove formed.

Sarah Houghton



Whitsun



Whitsun celebrations
on Wednesday



Whitsun in the Kindergarten





*watercolours from
Class 6*



Class 8 projects and presentations



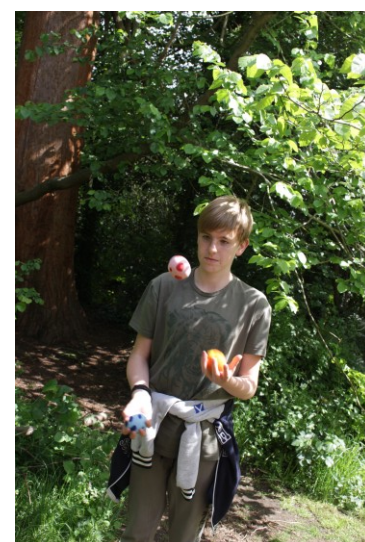
Malaya - basketry



Maxine - textile printing



Iyane - dress making



Keaton - juggling



Raff - fitness

Living With Deafness

Deaf people, in fact all sensory-deprived people find that their other senses become heightened. The deaf find their sight enhanced; the blind have stronger hearing. All these "superpowers" are actually the brain repurposing function and focus. Parts that would ordinarily support the deficit of debilitated sense are put to work on other stronger senses. In effect, the brain rewires itself. This is even more apparent if the sense is lost at birth. As a deaf child grows and develops, their brain will have plenty of time and opportunity to adapt and does so.

The deaf believe nothing is wrong. The hearing think something needs to be fixed. This thought is not completely true as humans are sociable beings and when we cannot understand each other, something with obviously not feel quite right. We find comfort in each other's words and lack of communication can cause mental health problems. Many accounts of deafness from those affected explain how isolated they feel even being in the room with many people. Having no background noise and being left with only your own thoughts can be hard.

Learning to speak as a fully deaf person from birth is a huge task to take on. If someone goes deaf later on and already has the skills to speak it is easier but can still be a shock not be able to hear yourself talk.

Speech is learnt from copying what you hear so when a deaf person learns to talk they struggle pronouncing things and mainly talk from the back of their throat.

Living as a deaf person today is far easier than it was even a few decades ago. Many aspects of life that were automatically geared and catered to the hearing population are now accessible to the deaf. Many things however, are still inaccessible to the deaf. For example; speeches on television and on stage are not always signed and many exhibitions are not inclusive.

Class 8 Physics



Class 8 ended their physics block, looking at pressure, density and buoyancy, by researching and presenting a poster on a subject of their choice. With the overview of Deep Sea Exploration we went on a spectacular journey of ingenuity present in nature and humanity.



Class 9 and 10 basketry



Class 9 and 10 have been very industrious with their Willow Basketry. We learnt how to English and French rand, Slew and how to weave with different materials. Other projects included tension baskets, start wands and fish for wedding decorations to make use of the waste material.





watercolours from Class 9





Paper cuts from Class 8



Dear School Families,
We are so excited to be able to let you know that there will be a:

Midsummer Market

on Saturday 26.6.21

from 11-4pm

in the grounds of our school

In the beautifully decorated gardens you will find mouthwatering BBQ and salads, your favourite cakes, best coffee and tea, refreshing ice lollies, joyful games and flower crown making, a midsummer fire inviting you to offer up your wishes and releases to the flames, bespoke artistic Henna decorations, an array of second hand books and clothes to choose from, the ever popular tombola and lucky dip, a raffle of special treats and much more!

If you would like to support this parent created event by offering your help or donations of respective items (food, cake, books, clothes, coffee, tea, things suitable for raffle or Tombola and lucky dip) please contact us:

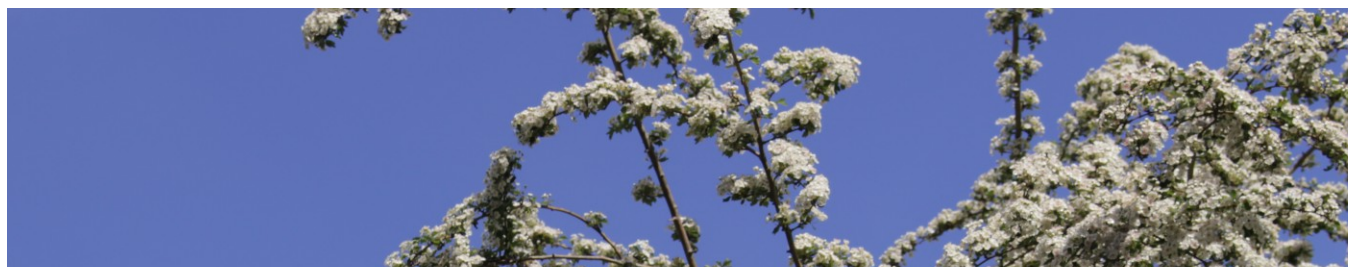
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With love and excitement
Amanda, Indre, Maria and Lisa



If you have something you would like to contribute to the newsletter or something you'd like to advertise to the community, please send it to
peterbrewin@stmichaelsteiner.com

The deadline for the next newsletter is Friday 18th June.

Community, notices and adverts

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.

For advice and support during the pandemic

Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families: **www.annafreud.org**
offering seminars, courses and support to families on mental health.

Hand-in-Hand Parenting: **www.handinhandparenting.org**
resources for parents to read, listen, watch and courses on Aggression, Sleep, Setting Limits,
Parents' Stress, Siblings, and Separation

Beginning Well: **www.beginningwell.com**
holistic support for parents of young children

Looking for a baby-sitter?



My name is Rose. I'm a 17 year old student currently attending The St Michael Steiner School and I have been in Steiner education since kindergarden. I love children, and I am dependable and responsible when it comes to work. I am currently looking for babysitting jobs for Friday evenings and the weekend. Rates are negotiable, I am happy to look after children of any age, and can travel within reach of the Richmond area.

Contacts - you can text me at

+44 07432 582 320

or send me an email at

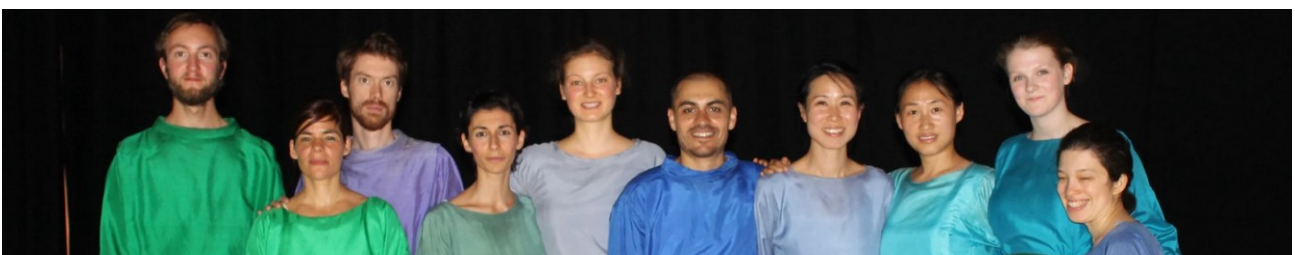
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A programme of eurythmy by the graduating students of Eurythmy West Midlands, performed at Rudolf Steiner House.
Friday 4th June, 7pm. £5 entry.

J. S. Bach - Fugue No. 12 in F minor book II (piano)
The Sea and the Skylark by Gerald Manley Hopkins
J. S. Bach - Prelude No. 16 Well Tempered Clavier. Book I (piano)
'Ash Wednesday' by T. S. Eliot
Anton Webern - Three Little Pieces for Cello and Piano, Op. II

H. W. Herze - Serenade for Cello No. 1 2 & 3
The Tempest Act I Scene 2 and Act II Scene 2
H. W. Herze - Serenade for Cello No. 4 - 9
Extract from 'Little Gidding', Four Quartets by T. S. Eliot
Beethoven - Sonata No. 17 D minor 'tempest' 1st movement



EURYTHMY RETREAT

with Michèle Hunter

21st - 23rd August 2021

PEREDUR CENTRE FOR THE ARTS
East Grinstead, RH19 4NF

Exploring the 4 elements: Fire, Air, Water and Earth.
Embodying their qualities and bringing them into
expression through ensouled movement.

No experience necessary but all levels welcome.

Michèle Hunter: mhunter1life@gmail.com / 07947 040554

Residential rate: £300 including workshops and 2 nights' accommodation. **Early bird rate:** (before 21st July): £260 Non-residential also possible.

EURYTHMY RETREAT AUGUST 2021

All welcome- parents, teachers, youngsters 16+

- This will help you understand the human being's 4-fold nature, based on the principles of this education. It will also give you insight into your children's temperaments.
- This will help you perceive the elements in a living way, and experience the 4 different bodies of life forces.
- This will also help add dimension to your various practices, increase consciousness and deepen your relationship to self and other.

No experience is needed, just the will to move and the joy of exploring through art and movement.

I look forward to seeing some of you there.

Warm wishes during these Ascending times!

Michèle Hunter - Eurythmy teacher



Children's Summer Camp

An initiative of The Christian Community in Stroud, Glos.

For children from 8 to 14 yrs of age of all backgrounds

17th – 27th July 2021

Colin Godman's Farm, Furners Green *nr Forest Row, Sussex*

Games, Singing, Art and Craft projects, Organic Farm food, Treasure Hunt, Hiking,
Improvisation, Swimming...

WWW.CC-CAMPS.ORG

cc.camps.stroud@gmail.com

Creating experiences for children where they can most wholly and truly be themselves. Every child is precious and has something important to bring to the world, regardless of their apparent challenges. The Helper team comprises mostly experienced Waldorf Upper School & College Students and Parents under the leadership of Phileighda Finch, Dominic Corbett, Iona Charter and Aaron Mirkin. Aaron has 20 years of experience running such camps in South Africa and England. The children grow in social awareness and confidence through shared initiatives and activities together with 80 other children. They gain new skills, and experience the challenge and joy of taking a creative project through from beginning to end.

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Phileighda Finch 07432 465956

Dominic Corbett 07523 862811

Aaron Mirkin 01453 299311



HILL TRIBE 2021

***A new 'Rites of Passage' programme for 12-16 year olds.
3rd - 9th August 2021***

In response to the uncertain times in which we find ourselves, the On The Hill team want to help young people meet the present and the future with joy, a sense of connection, capacity, courage and creativity.

Hill Tribe is an open programme for individual young people. For six days, away from the pressures and stresses of everyday life we will camp up on the hill around a fire, living with the elements.

<https://www.onthehill.camp/copy-of-tribe>



Open Day

Saturday 22nd May
11am - 2pm



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*offering Waldorf Education
for children from 3 to 18*

contact the school
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