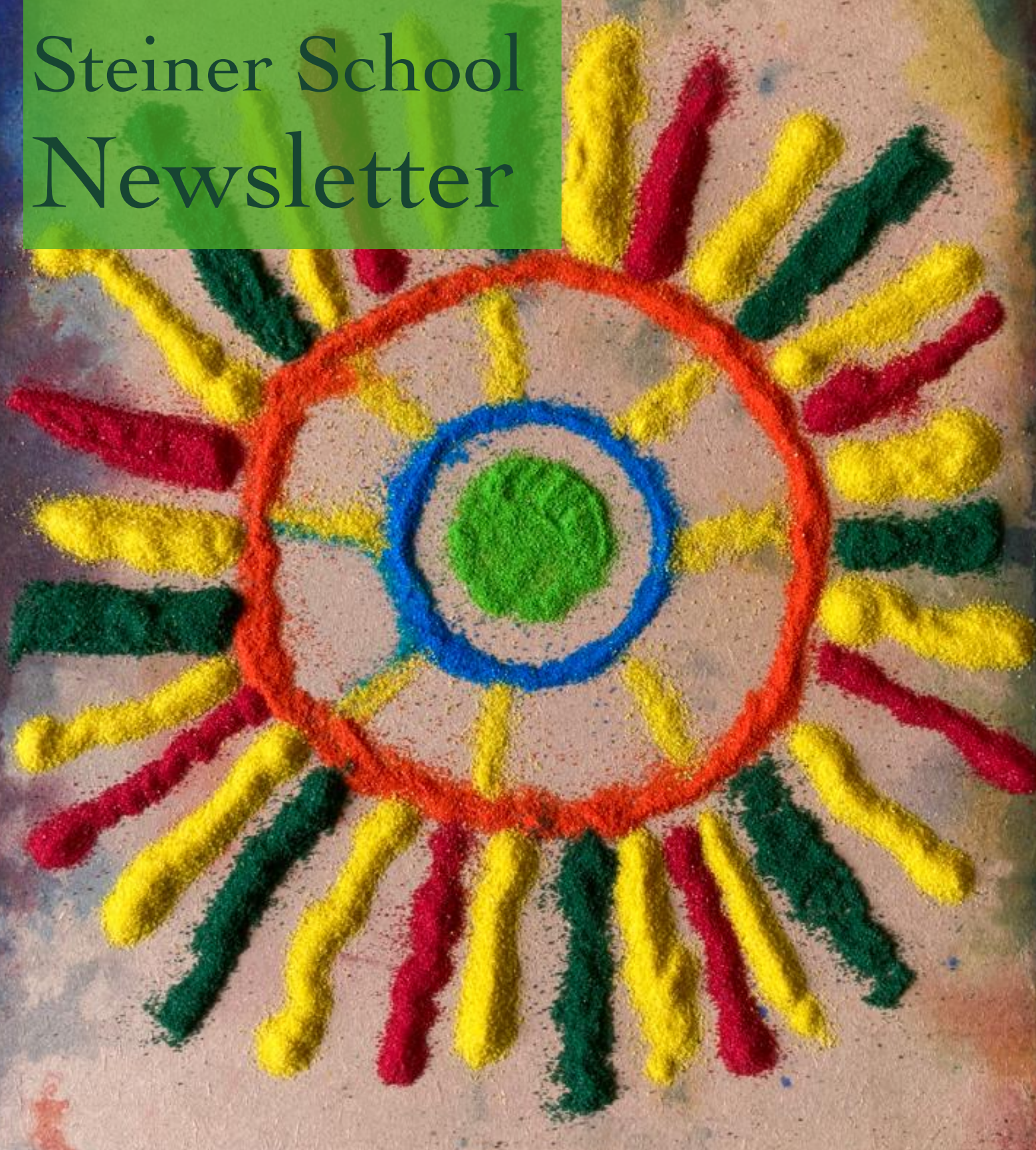


The St Michael
Steiner School
Newsletter



November 2022

Dates for your diary

NOVEMBER 2022

Saturday 26th

11am-4pm — Advent Market

Monday 28th

all day — Long weekend (no school)

DECEMBER 2022

Wednesday 14th

Cl. 1-3 Eurythmy Performance (contact teachers for details)

Friday 16th

End of term (times and festivals to be announced)

JANUARY 2023

Friday 6th

INSET DAY (no school)

Monday 9th

First day of Spring Term

FEBRUARY 2023

Thursday 9th

Break for half-term

Friday 10th

INSET DAY (no school)

St Michael's Advent Market

Saturday 26th November

11am to 3.30pm

spiced apple
& mulled wine

cakes
& waffles

candle dipping

books & clothes

homemade food

craft stalls

advent spiral

silent auction

raffle

tombola

coffee

fire

& lots more...

Come & Join Us

St Michael Steiner School

Park Road, Hanworth Park,
TW13 6PN



Martinmas in Kindergarten

On Friday 11 November, St Martin's Day, we celebrated Martinmas with our lantern walk. As the days are getting colder and the nights are getting longer, this festival reminds us about the sparks of light that we have inside us that bring hope and direction during the dark winter months. The generosity and kindness of St Martin, who, the legend says, shared his cloak with a poor beggar he encountered at the city gate of Amiens in France, inspire us to help others who may be less fortunate than us. Our children made beautiful lanterns out of their paintings, decorated them by rubbing leaves with coloured crayons, then oiled them to make the paintings translucent and finally shaped them into lanterns. They practised holding the lanterns steady and still during our ring time, along with the lantern songs. Their lanterns remained alight during our walk, while the singing filled the air with reverence and peace. Thank you to all the parents who baked the flapjacks and wrapped them beautifully in little parcels containing two of them. We ended the festival by gathering around the tall lime tree at the centre of our garden, hearing about the story of St Martin, and the symbolic gesture of giving the parcels to the children as they leave, with the message: "One for you, and one to give".



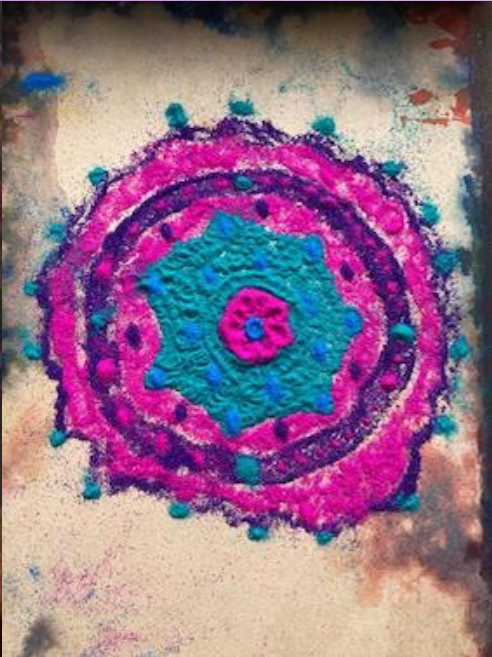
The Early Years Team



Classes 1, 2 and 3 also enjoyed a beautiful lantern walk.



Mandalas made
by Class 5.



PE, Games and Bothmer Curriculum

A little snapshot of what's been moving in and around our school lately. Tennis for classes 6, 7, and 8. Classes 9 and 11 have been finding their way with orienteering. A little bit of hanging around for classes 10 and 12 at the bouldering centre in Hounslow, and some dedicated parents on a rainy day enjoying some Bothmer Movement.

Bothmer Movement for parents continues on Tuesday mornings 8.40 - 9.20. All parents are welcome and donations are gratefully accepted.

— Susan Kelly





ST. MICHAEL'S DEBATING SOCIETY

GOT AN OPINION?

think you're right...?

**TRIED TALKING TO
PEOPLE WHO COMPLETELY
DISAGREE WITH YOU?**

Come and join us for free to debate what matters from BOTH sides. This project will be run by students of the council and will take place in breaktimes or in after school hours.

INTERESTED
IN JOINING?

1. build a team of 3 trusty debaters
(open to class 9 and above only)
2. Contact our amazing head of society at
walterjohnkelly@gmail.com



participation is at your own risk...this is a hands on competative sport that requires study and prep

EURYTHMY NEWS

Parents' Eurythmy

...will be starting up again at the beginning of next term on Friday 13th January 2023, after study 9.50-10.50am. I look forward to seeing you. Everyone is welcome, bring your families and friends.

January 2023: PEDAGOGICAL EURYTHMY WORKSHOP: Volunteer(s) needed

On 27th and 28th January 2023, we will be hosting a group of eurythmy teachers for a weekend of pedagogical workshops which will take place at the church hall where I usually teach eurythmy.

We will have one workshop on the Friday evening and all day Saturday.

These eurythmy teachers come from Waldorf schools all over the country to attend.

It is usually a small-ish group, and I am looking for support in 2 areas to enable this to happen:

1) Spare room, somewhere to sleep, an affordable or free place to rest:

My colleagues will be most grateful for a place to lay their heads for the night. They are usually considerate and discreet.

They will need somewhere to stay for a night (Friday),

2) Catering:

One or two people who would be happy to cook for us; making vegetarian food for a group of approx 10/12 people for Friday early evening (a nice hearty soup and fresh bread will be warmly welcome) and lunch on Saturday. There is an oven at the hall, crockery and cutlery. The food will be paid for.

Ongoing: COSTUME DEPARTMENT

Since I started teaching at the school and guiding the children towards their eurythmy performances, we have been gathering costumes, silk dresses, tunics and veils of varied sizes and colours. This gives the children the chance to feel different, move differently as they use their veils to sculpt air into expression, and feel a certain freedom around them as they flow through space adorned by these garments.

The costumes have been taken on over the years by various class parents who have carried the financial load of buying the material, having them made and some even making them themselves. For this we, the children and I, are truly grateful.

We have reached a point where most of the costumes are being re-used and passed down from class to class. They need to be cared for.

This has taken a lot of hard work, support and commitment from class teachers and dedication. So to help us continue to care for all the costumes, as well as help make new ones, I am looking for a small group of parents to meet for coffee mornings/tea afternoons, to chat, sew poppers, and mend anything that requires attention. I am happy to find a way to start you off and show you the ropes if needed.

Can you offer your time and skills to help out?

For all enquiries, please email Michèle: michelehunter@stmichaelsteiner.com

Eurythmy Therapy Fund

As you know, eurythmy is an essential part of any Waldorf school's curriculum. It can also be offered as a therapy for a wide range of issues from restlessness to flat feet and even short-sightedness. Since the school opened in 2001, we have provided eurythmy therapy to children who we think would benefit from it. We have never charged those children's parents because when a child receives a therapy that enables them to better engage in their lessons, it benefits everyone. We have applied to, and received money from, anthroposophical organisations to fund this provision, but it never covers the total cost. In the past, parents have made generous donations to make up the difference, which is usually between £1000 and £3000 in total per year. If you are able and would like to donate something to the Eurythmy Therapy Fund, we would be very grateful. You can make donations to the school via internet banking:

Information for BACS payments:

Account name: THE ST MICHAEL STEINER SCHOOL LTD.

Account number: 65098413

Sort code: 08-92-99

Please quote 'Eurythmy Therapy' as a reference so that we can identify your payment.

Thank you for your support.

The College of Teachers.

Planning for bus strikes

Bus strikes will affect the H25 and 285 every week between now and the end of term. Strikes are planned for the following school days:

- Thursday 1st Dec
- Friday 2nd Dec
- Friday 9th Dec
- Friday 16th Dec

If you use these buses, please allow extra time to walk (e.g. from Feltham station), to arrive by 8:25am, on those days.

The 111 is not affected.

WHERE'S

WALTER?

Class 10

student Walter

Kelly is hiding in

one of the

photos in this

newsletter. Can

you find him?



COMMUNITY PAGES



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.

Hello, my name is Alice Prati,

I am 15 years old and I am an Italian student of a Steiner school, here in Italy.

I am contacting you because my family and I are looking for a family that is willing to host me during the Christmas holidays.

I would be happy if you could ask to the families at your school if any of them would be interested in hosting me. In return I could offer Italian lessons, help around the house and take care of the children/babysit. My family would be willing to contribute financially if needed. I have an average level of English but I would like to improve it. Thank you very much for your attention, I await your kind reply.

ALICE capriani.alessandra@gmail.com

Christmas Performance: Mother Frost.

The Peredur stage group (Sussex) and helpers are putting on a beautiful eurythmy story for children KG to class 4.

You are warmly invited to take your children to the show on Sunday the 4th December.

I am hoping to make it myself.

For details, see poster below.

Do you have something you would like included in the Community Pages of the newsletter?

Send it to Stella (stellaottewill@stmichaelsteiner.com).

Peredur Eurythmy Winter Festival

4th December 2022

10.30 am - 3.30 pm

limited free parking

Mother Frost

Performances at 11am/12am/1pm

Suggested donations at the door £8 £5 conc

Craft Stalls & Children's Crafts

Tea/Coffee/Mulled Juice

Soup

Mince Pies

& More

Fire Bowls

Chestnuts

Live Music

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