

Newsletter

The St Michael Steiner School



May 2023

Dates for your diary

Friday 26 May

INSET Day (no school)

Monday 5 June

Back to school

Saturday 17 June

Summer Fair

11am-4pm, at school

Thursday 22 June

Class 8 Play: *As You Like It*
at Steiner House

Friday 23 June

High School Summer Play: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
7pm, at school

Saturday 24 June

High School Summer Play: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
7pm, at school

Friday 7 July

End of Term Festival
Times TBC

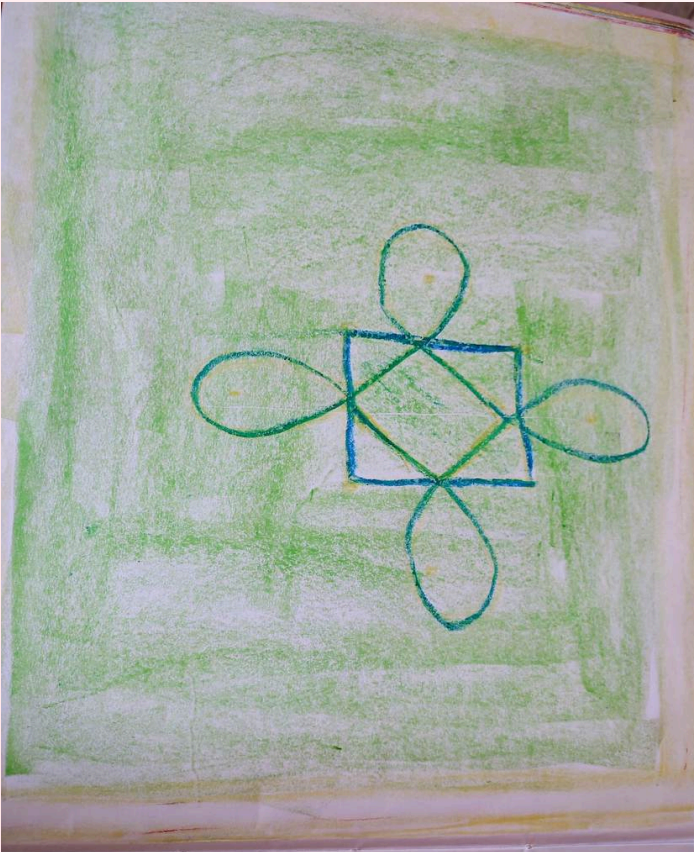
Early Years



A Warm thank you to all parents who helped to bring our new 'little house' to school and assemble it in the Parent and Child garden. Thank you Joanne, for the donation.

from the Early Years team

Class 2



A toad met a
brisky foal
And a crow with
feathers as black
as coal Said the
crow to the toad
and the goat and
the foal I will

shall we go to
the rose you so want
to show? "I don't really
know" ~~So~~ spoke the
coal black crow "I
just spread my
wings and I'm ready"

Class 9



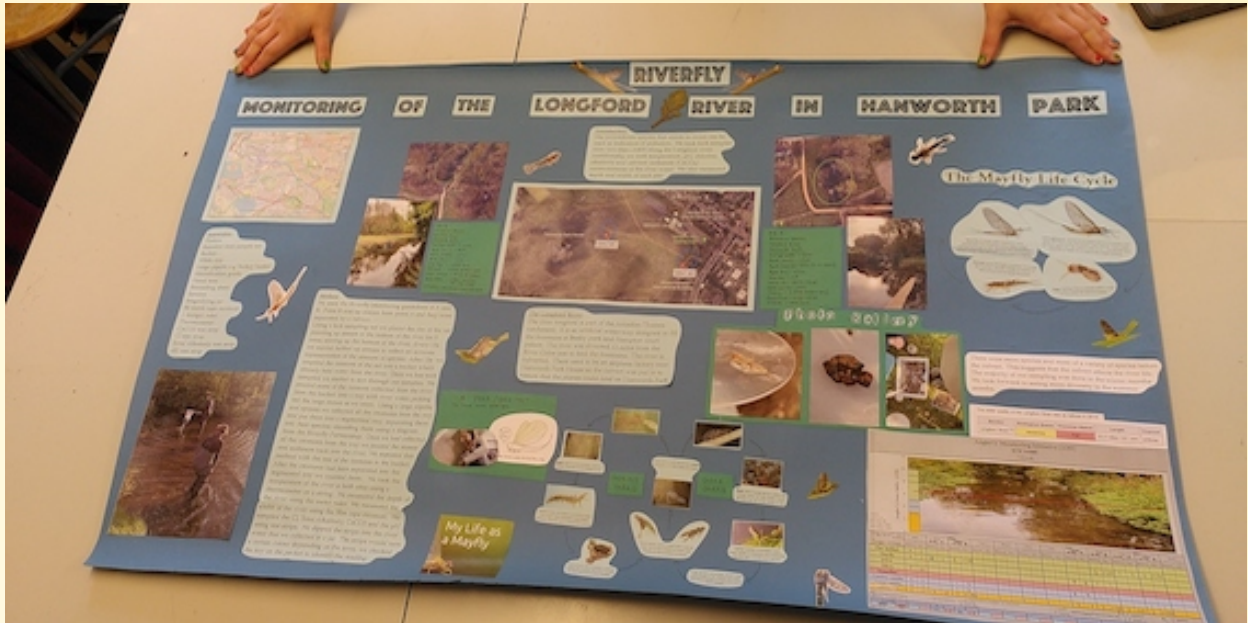
Geomorphology

As part of the class 9 geomorphology block, we studied the phenomena of earthquakes, volcanos (both acidic and alkali) and mid-ocean ridges around the world to lead us to an understanding of the theory of plate tectonics. Additionally, we journeyed to the south coast for a field trip; to Lulworth Cove, the Etches Fossil Collection and Kimmeridge Bay. Here we studied the geomorphological formation of these areas and their palaeontology and geology. Class 9 prepared in groups, 3 posters to show their understanding of these two areas and the museum they visited during their trip. We invited class 6 to come and visit us in our classroom, as they are studying geology at the moment, and class 9 students presented their findings to them.

Sarah Houghton



Class 11



Ecology

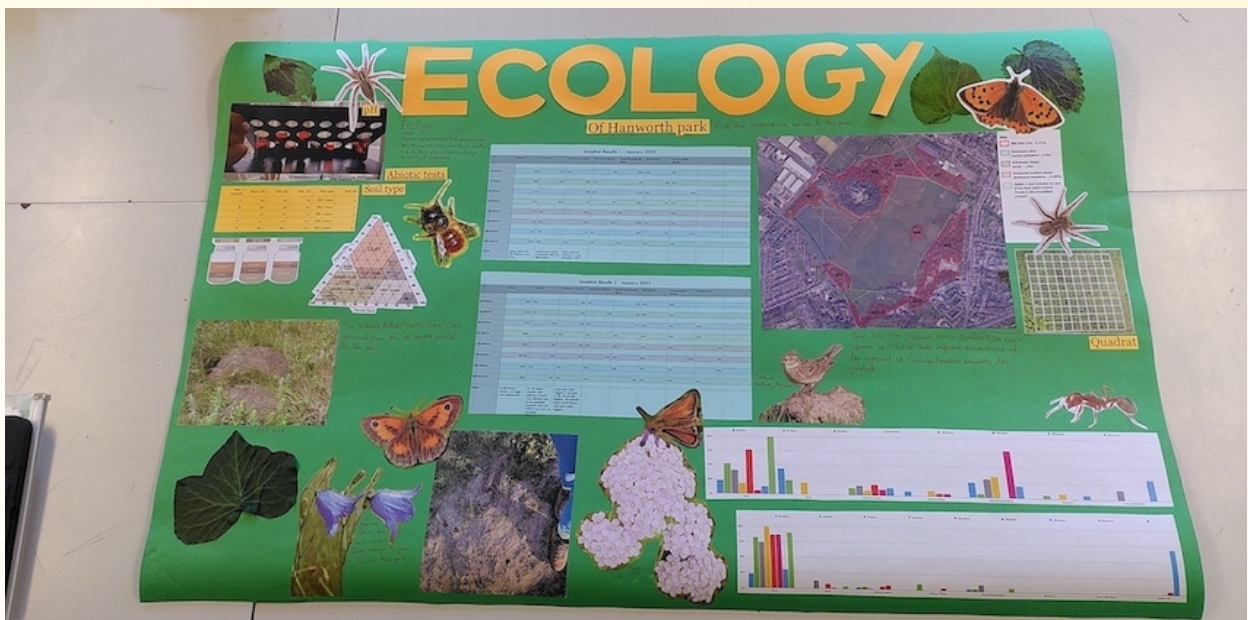
In class 11 we deepened our study of the local area, looking at the Longford River and Hanworth Park. Here we took to the river for the first time and used kick-sampling to study the invertebrate population of the river. This work will feed into the ongoing riverfly monitoring programme of the Longford River which examines the health of the river. This work will help build a 6-month baseline of invertebrate population for the river which will help determine any future pollution incidents.

We also took transects across the park collecting quadrat, soil and pH data in January to look at the effect of cutting the grass versus not cutting the grass on this unique acid grassland area. What we noticed is that ant hills had been levelled which are a vital part of the food web of the park. We hope these will recover and the ground-nesting skylarks won't be affected. The plant data will consider the rare plants noted on the park, such as harebells.

The class made two posters relating to the phenomena they have studied; these are some of the first results gained from the river. In class 12 they will go on to study the river Crane too.

Further work will be carried out on the park in the spring/summer months as more plants will be in flower. If you would like to join in with on-going monthly studies of the park do get in contact.

Sarah Houghton



Class 11

In Paris

Class 11 had the good fortune to go to Paris during the first week of term. This was a continuation of their History of Art block with Amanda. I was lucky enough to accompany them, wandering around museums, galleries, around the Tour Eiffel, up to Montmartre and visiting quite a few patisseries and cafes of course!

Vicky Dunn



Class 12



During class 12 biology specialists' ecology intensives we investigated the flow of two different local rivers and the affect of pollution tolerance on freshwater invertebrate diversity. In translation we spent a lot of time in waders and looking at tiny creatures that live in the river bed. Anything we couldn't identify in the field was brought back to the lab to identify under a microscope where we saw a careless caddisfly's cute little moth face, a midge pupa and a water flea with its overwintering eggs and spring eggs.

Alex Harrison



The St Michael High School presents

A Midsummer Night's Dream

*23 & 24 June at 7pm
at The St Michael Steiner School*



Doll-making workshop

Saturdays 24 June and 1 July at the St Michael Steiner School, from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

In this 2-day workshop, you will learn how to make a Waldorf doll using natural materials. You will choose from two different models (see pictures), your preferred skin tone and eye colour. No previous experience is necessary. The cost of the workshop will be to cover the materials only (between £25 and £30 depending on numbers). If you want to find out more, or book your place, please contact Silvia at silvialauzzana@stmichaelsteiner.com.

Hello,

Can you help Evangelina Fortini raise £500 for a new Kindergarten space at St Michael Steiner School? Please donate to her JustGiving Crowdfunding Page:

[**DONATE HERE**](#)

Thanks for your support!

Dear School Community,

The Summer Fair is fast approaching and in anticipation we are preparing many craft items to sell!

Crafts sessions run on Thursdays at the Rugby Club, next to the car park starting at 8.30 am after school drop off and the doors are open for everyone. (We also can use La Cassa's cafe's space and Natalija's home on Friday's in alteration. This will be confirmed in the crafts group in advance.)

Skills are not necessary! We all learn from and support one another as we work.

Our gatherings are full of joy, warmth and playfulness. (Cakes, tea and coffee also add sweetness to our mornings and ignite creativity.)

Please come and join us. With Blessings, Love and Gratitude,

Crafts Group



Please note that Judith has purchased from Colombia some beautiful bags hand made by the indigenous wayuu community in Colombia.

These special indigenous people are largely known for their strong weaving tradition. The Wayuu carry on this traditional weaving. It is said the Wayuu learned to weave thanks to a mythical spider called Walekeru.

It takes 3 weeks to make one bag.

The Wayuu consider themselves to be the protectors and custodians of an ancient culture based on maintaining a harmonious alliance with nature. They consider natural elements such as mountains, trees, and animals as their skin.

Wayuu family structure is a matrilineal and matrilocal one that gives women and the maternal side of the family special importance.

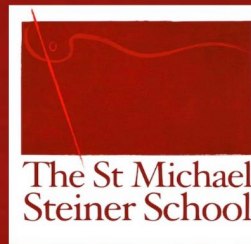
When Judith visits Colombia again she will bring back some beautiful items from the indigenous people for everyone so that the school can again benefit.

You will be able to purchase this bags at the Thursday or Friday craft group and at the school fair, or direct from Judith. The profits from the sale of the bags will be donated to the school for their benefit.



Student Council Initiative

Feltham Food Bank



Email: info@stmichaelsteiner.com | Tel: +44(0)20 8893 1299

Feltham Food Bank is a charity run by volunteers, supporting residents living in Feltham, Bedfont and Hanworth. They help around 90 adults and children each week.

The Student Council has chosen Feltham Food Bank because we want to give back to the local community. We feel that helping the increasing number of families that can't afford to buy food, and have to rely on food banks, is an important cause.



We would greatly welcome donations of all non-perishable food - there is a collection box at Reception. We need:

Tins of tuna
Tins of chickpeas
Tins of vegetables
Basmati rice
Red lentils
Cooking oil
Chocolate spread
Fruit squash
Shower gel, toothpaste
UHT milk
Tins of fruit
Instant Coffee

Thank you

In June **Student Council** members and Class 10 Pupils Walter Kelly and Sophie Mair will be running a 10k to raise funds for the school. Please support this endeavour by visiting their [**GoFundMe**](#) page and donating.

We thank you for every donation, large or small.

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.



BADGERS BARN TO RENT

If you are looking for a relaxing break in Cornwall, down on the Lizard, do consider Badgers Barn. Set amongst fields and woods but also close to an authentic village and the many beaches and areas of natural beauty Cornwall is famous for.

For availability and details please contact Lorna on 07958 245022



Pyrites Craft Camp -
Sun 30th July > Sat 5th Aug 2023
Ashen Plains - Dursley - Glos

CC Application Form: www.pyrites.org



Prices 2023:
Babies : Free
Child 4yrs > 11yrs: £300
12yrs > Adults: £400
Prices for all meals Camping & Craft
activities etc
Crèche for 2 > 5yrs
Dogs welcome - on leads allowed

A family Craft Camp where we eat & work together with evenings
full of song & Story telling