

Loose Ends

Elmfield Rudolf Steiner School

4th May 2011

Weekly Newsheet

School Diary

Wed May 4	7.30	Class 9 Parents' Evening
Thurs May 5		Class 7 on trip to Rua Fiola
	8.00	Easter Festival – Eurythmy Room
Mon May 9	7.30	Class 6 Parents' Evening
Tues May 10	7.30	Stream of Sound Choir
	8.00	Open Evening
Wed May 11	9.15	Open Morning
Mon May 16		Class 8 on trip to River Wye
		Class 9 on trip to Schloss Hamborn

School Affairs

About Loose Ends

Deadline for copy is Tuesday at 3.30 pm for publication the following day, subject to space.

Please be aware that *Loose Ends* is published on the Elmfield website each week.

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Maigread Reynolds, Editor.

Parking reminder: May we respectfully remind you that parking close to a T junction is dangerous and can cause obstruction. Please be aware of this when parking on Gainsborough Hill. Thank you. The College of Teachers

Parent and Child Groups – Our Parent and Child groups are flourishing. We have welcomed lots of new families alongside the familiar faces of others within our community. Please contact me if you would like to come along as some of the groups have a waiting list. Many thanks, Lorraine Bresnahan Tel. 376334 or via the School Office.

"Come! Play with Me" has begun again, now meeting every Friday morning from 9.30 to 11.30 at 30, South Road Stourbridge, (near to Mary Stevens Park). If you would like to come with your pre-school child please contact Janet Klaar, 01384 352177 or by email: janetklaar@yahoo.co.uk. We are delighted to welcome parents, carers, grandparents etc and look forward to meeting you. Janet Klaar & Kate Martin

Class 5 will be having an ice cream and other things stall on Friday 6th May at 3,15pm after school (homemade marmalade, a few books and toys).

Vacancies

SCIENCE and MATHS Teacher, full time. Offering some or all of the following: Physics, Maths, Chemistry, Biology. IT would also be useful. We are looking for a teacher with a good understanding and experience of the Waldorf science curriculum and a commitment to a phenomenological approach to teaching. Key aspirations are to foster a lifelong interest and enthusiasm for the natural world, and to impart a high level of scientific and technical literacy among our pupils.

GYM AND GAMES Teacher, full-time. Steiner Waldorf background essential. Salary based on £19,356, to start from September 2011.

Closing Date Friday 20th May 2011.

Current basic teaching salary starts at £19,356 p.a.

Elmfield School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Successful applicants will be required to undergo a CRB Enhanced Disclosure and full checks.

For further details, job descriptions and application forms, please contact the School Office at info@elmfield.com or 01384 394633.

Music Matters

COMMUNITY CHOIRS: Every Wednesday
Early Choir: 7.00 pm – 7.50 pm. Open to all, varied repertoire.
Late Choir: 8.00 pm – 9.15 pm. Open to more experienced singers. Call Diana Ball, 371348 or Sue Whittaker, 376804.

Traditional Music Week: This will be during the 3rd week of June, with visiting musicians coming to give concerts and workshops both in and out of school time. Would anybody like to help me plan and organise it? Caroline Price 377833.

PTFA

Super sunshine to all of you. I do hope you had a joyful Easter. The next, penultimate, PTFA meeting is nearly upon us, the date is Tuesday 10th May at 8 pm in the teachers' room. The last meeting was a lively affair with debate about electronic media arousing passion, the PTFA whole heartedly supports the school policy that early years and lower school children don't need TV and computers, that they impact negatively on many children's well being. In order to explore this further we propose holding a seminar or forum with guest speakers. The summer fayre is coming up so this will be discussed at the next meeting, it is helpful for class reps to attend for guidance from the organising committee. If you have any other agenda items please contact me [-sheenaross@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:sheenaross@blueyonder.co.uk)

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Summer Fayre 2011 – this year's Summer Fayre will be on Sunday June 26th 2-5pm. The focus of the event is to have a fun afternoon together as a school community. It is also an opportunity for classes to raise some funds if you are able to help with planning and organising the event and / or you would like to have a stall, please ring Sarah Clay 07752 165342

Open House

Spoons in the Woods: A Green woodwork session making spatulas, spoons, cheese knives in the Glasshouse woods.
Saturday 14 May 9 – 4. £20 per person (14 yrs +) Bring and share lunch. Meet on Glasshouse College car park at 9 am. Call Todd White to reserve your place on 07805 304294

Parzival: A three day study and conversation to be held at the Glasshouse College, Stourbridge, on May 28, 29, 30 from 10 – 3.30. **FINDING THE INDIVIDUAL:** The Parzival story follows the adventures of a young man who seeks to become a knight and ends up as keeper of the Grail. This famous tale written at the time of Richard the Lionheart and Francis of Assisi has timeless analogies. Its imagery can today bring much light on the mysteries of our experiences and relationships. Hartwig Schneider, who will lead this study, has worked with famous story for many years, during his work as a Waldorf teacher at Elmfield. Please ring to ensure a place, 01384 444964 or email jane.sahin@gmail.com. Donations. Jane Sahin

Sunday afternoon community concert

On May 15 Alan Davies on recorder and Rosemary Robinson on harpsichord/piano will be performing at the Christian Community, 22 Baylie Street, Stourbridge, at 3:00pm. The programme will include works by Handel, Hotteterre and Walter Leigh. Suggested donation of £6/£3 for children.!

SOME KIND OF LOVE STORY by Arthur Miller

The Glasshouse Arts Centre Saturday 7th May at 7.30pm WingBeat Productions is Katharine Messenger (Heathcock) and Garry Brooking, both Elmfield parents who first worked together as actors in a community-based multi-disciplinary production at the Glasshouse. Joshua Dalledonne, directing, is a Canadian actor/writer/director currently working at the Birmingham Rep. Our work is rooted in the belief in community and our aim to facilitate dialogue between writer, actor and audience, examining the deeper struggles and experiences of our common humanity. Not suitable for children under 16.

Katharine Messenger

Aldeburgh, Suffolk – a well equipped terrace cottage to rent, near the sea and high street with the marches behind. Two bedrooms, sleeps 5 + an extra camp bed. Sunny, south facing garden and own car parking space £375 per week or £180 for long weekend. For more details contact Michael Brownson 07776 133894

Driving Lessons – we put out an offer of lessons reduced by £4 / hour for the first 6 people to respond. So far 3 people have responded so we have space for three more at the discounted rate. Summer is around the corner so let's get started! Come to 'END UP DRIVING' and learn in a patient and structured environment. Call 07726 953033 and speak to Bridgit

Principal at Hawkwood College: the Trustees are seeking candidates with suitable experience to lead and manage this Adult Education Centre in Stroud, Gloucestershire. Hawkwood College is a residential centre for holistic adult education and personal development. The Principal is accountable for fostering the environment that supports this mission; coordinating course programmes, managing the finances and estate business and leading the team. Salary £33,000-37,000; Closing date for applications 10 May. For further information

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and application form email hawkwood2011@yahoo.com or see http://www.hawkwoodcollege.co.uk/news/vacancy_for_Principal

Part-time Support Worker

25hrs @ £6.50 p/hr

The Berith Foundation is a small, locally based charity in Stourbridge providing supported housing for adults with Learning Difficulties. We aim to encourage individuality and foster the potential for independence in each person.

The following attributes are vital for the success of this role:- An ability to be sensitive, yet objective, in responding to the needs of adults with learning difficulties - An ability to work as an individual and as a member of a team An ability to recognise relevant information in verbal and non-verbal communication - An ability to maintain a sustainable level of personal performance. A driving licence is desirable. Experience of working with people with learning difficulties and mental health needs is essential. Closing date: 26 May 2011. To receive further information and an application form please contact: The Berith Foundation 4 Norton Road Stourbridge West Midlands DY8 2AE

Kevin Tomlinson *ON THE EDGE*

Returning to the Glasshouse Arts Centre

Thursday April 28th 7.30pm £7/£5 conc, Family £19

Bookings 01384 399430

Falling in love, leaving home, getting a job, bungee jumping – we are all on the edge!

17/4/11 LonDONE! – Yes I completed the Marathon and have the medal to prove it. Thank you for all my well wishes, support, encouragement and sponsorship. It was appreciated. It was hot and hard but I did it! If you have sponsored me, I am gathering the contributions and if you'd like to give a donation to this very worthy cause (Kiberia – supporting the children who live in the slums with their schooling) please see me as soon as possible. With thanks to you all for your generosity and support. Elaine Sheppard

Green tip of the week from Transition Stourbridge:

Laptops use significantly less energy than desktop computers and fewer resources are used in their construction. The latest generation of laptops are compact and highly specified, so if you need a new computer consider buying one instead of a desktop machine.

Margy Henderson

Make and Mend Mornings - The Cockleshell, Fridays 10am - 12 noon (in term time)

Make and Mend mornings are up and running again on Fridays at the Cockleshell, Worcester Street, Stourbridge. Bring along anything you'd like to do there - darning, sewing, cross-stitch, making greeting cards - I'll be knitting socks. The perfect opportunity to get the mending done, or alter an item of clothing that needs a change. Fixing things means a longer life for our belongings and saves money - welcome back to thrift - with Cake and Chat! The Cockleshell has a Fairtrade Cafe for us to enjoy. Looking forward to seeing you there! Spread the word!

Margy Henderson

Stimulating, enjoyable and instructive Landscape

Perception Workshops in the beautiful and sunny landscapes of the foothills of the French Pyrenees. Here you will meet nature and yourselves in many different creative ways. Each day we will go out and explore beautiful and varied landscape, by walking, direct observation, experimental exercises, drawing, study and conversation. All courses will include many themes, but in each workshop we will explore one of them in more depth. Each day we will be working with the 'Legible Landscape' manual. Adriaan Luijk, Le Fort, 09300 Lieurac, France. Tel 0033 (0) 5 61 05 27 60 www.regarding-landscapes.com

Offers and Wanted

Fantasia Music School: Summer courses for young musicians at Lavant House School near Chichester. Activities include orchestra, choir, string orchestra, wind band, chamber groups and more. For more info contact Mary Sutton 01243 586068 or visit website www.fantasiamusicschool.co.uk

Research your own field of practice – Master of Education, 3 years part-time, UK and Norway. Validated by Rudolf Steiner College, Norway. www.crossfieldsinstitute.com

Free - guinea pig hutch, riding boots size 2, doll, pram and high chair, small dog basket. Contact Sheena on 01384280384

HAPPY HAULAGE; A man with a van service. Small house moves and courier services. Call Sam Bennett on 07508 585850 www.happyhaulage.co.uk

Would anyone like to have a piano on a long-term loan, for perhaps a year or two? I am moving and will not have room in my flat for it but hope to have space for it again one day. Please phone or text Maria Mountain on 079 292 56955

Donations to charity or free – Gas cooker, only 18 months old, Cannon Langdate (must arrange disconnection). Old walnut double wardrobe with 5 shelves. 4 full length floral curtains. Celia Friedeberg Tel: 863827 on or by Friday 6th May (answerphone)

For Sale

For Sale: 2 beautiful heavily beaded curtain tie-backs. Deep terracotta red £20 for the pair – perfect condition. Full size violin with 'Wolf' chin rest. Violin is brand new and in perfect condition. Case and bow also in perfect condition. £95. Full size viola, brand new in perfect condition, with bow and case, also in perfect condition £105 Call Bridgit 07726 953033

For Sale: Bunk Bed, wooden, slight repair needed, £30. 'Cello, half size, Stentor 2, £245. Cages for rodents plus accessories, various prices. Rat food - free. No longer needed... Please call Margy on 01384 351414

Estates

Last but not least:

When you have an aim in life it's like going through a tunnel. The darkness doesn't frighten you, doesn't even exist. All that matters is the glimmer of light at the other end.

Driss Chraibi