

Loose Ends

Elmfield Rudolf Steiner School 6 October 2010 Weekly Newsheet

School Diary

Wed Oct 6	eve	Community Choir
Tues Oct 12	8.00 p.m.	Class 3 Parents' Evening
Fri Oct 15 th		School closes for half term
Mon 18 th & Tues 19 th Oct		Teacher study days
Mon Nov 1		School reopens
	7.30 p.m.	Class 6 Parents' Evening
Tues Nov 9	8.00 p.m.	Open Evening
Sat Nov 20		Elmfield Bazaar

School Affairs

Vacancy: the **Costumes department** needs someone to care for the costumes and be available for fitting and alterations when plays are performed. Flexibility and an interest in theatre costume are the only requirements, along with a CRB. Hours approx. 40 over the year. Application forms and job description available from the office. Teaching Needs Group

Come Play with Me has begun again, meeting every Friday morning from 9.30 to 11.30 at the Christian Community in Baylie Street 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

Parent and Child Group – Dear Parents, you are very welcome to join us for our Parent and Child sessions (for parents/carers and children up to 3 years old. We are now offering morning groups on Monday and Thursday 9.30-12.00 and afternoon sessions on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 1.40-3.15. Please come and join us and tell your friends. Contact me direct 01384 376334 or via the Office for more information. Thank you, Lorraine Bresnahan.

Well done Early Years Parents: You raised £68 on the Michaelmas Harvest stall. Thanks to your generosity and hard work this sum will be donated to the Pakistan Flood Appeal. A particular thank you to the class reps for organising the event. Early Years Staff

Dear Parents and friends of Class 10 – we would like to thank you all for the generosity, co-operation and understanding during the visit of the Schloss Hamborn class. It was a wonderful experience for us all and it would not have been possible without you. Many thanks again. Ikhlef Benkalai and Trevor Bowen.

Recycling: Would anyone have a suggestion as to where we could recycle toner cartridges from our photocopying machines? Please let the office know. Many thanks. Carrie Smith.

Exam Results: We have pleasure in attaching some information about the exam results for our June 2010 leavers. Well done to all of our students. The College of Teachers.

Michaelmas Markets: The amount raised in total so far for the Pakistan Appeal is **£210.62**. Many thanks to everyone who contributed. Maigread Reynolds

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.

Stream of Sound – supported by the BBC choral ambitions project, will be running a **SINGING DAY** for pupils Class 5 upwards on Saturday 30th October 10am – 5pm. Please book in advance through Caroline Price. Come and share in some of the music that we've been teaching at festivals throughout the Summer Cost £10.

PTFA

Advent Fayre Stalls - are now FULLY BOOKED. If you wish to be added to the standby list or leave details for an email contact for next year's event please contact Liz Groves 01384 397343 or LIZGROVES@TALKTALK.NET Sorry if you have been disappointed this year.

Advent Fayre – it's clear out time! Yes we are giving you the opportunity to donate any suitable gifts for the tombola, you know the stuff from Christmas last year that you haven't even unwrapped yet, the bottles, those good condition things taking up space, toiletries never used, perfume you don't actually like. We would love to take care of them for you, please bring them to school, leave them by the Reception and I will gratefully pick them up. Jolly regards, Sheena.

So here's an update on the Fayre – we have lovely people beaver away; Liz Groves is organising the stalls, Emma Cooper is sorting the raffle, Diana Ball is sorting the music, Sam Courtney and Marianne Stanley doing the Restaurant and Sarah Goudie with Jane Chase are getting posters ready. Hurrah and thank you all. All you Class Reps need to call me so I can give you your packs which have all relevant documents and handy hints and tips. Knowing me and knowing you there is nothing we can't do – call me Sheena Ross 01384 280384

Class 2 are looking for contributions towards this years gnome gardens for Advent Fayre. Does anyone have any pretty things they could donate eg. small pebbles, beads, feathers, shells etc, we would be very grateful. There is a donations box on the wooden lockers, under the stairs next to Class 2's classroom, which is next to the Office.

Echoes

Well done to Class 8! Class 8 prepared, cooked and served residents at Doveton House a delicious lunch as their Michaelmas deed. It was a fantastic team effort. Well done. Elaine Sheppard

Many thanks to Jason Pond who enlivened the Early Years

Michaelmas festival with fire and smoke! How exciting it was for the Kindergarten children to come across the forge on their walk and to see the early stages of a sword being created. On a gentler note we gathered little gifts to place in Mother Earth's garden, leaves, conkers, feathers and the like. How pleased the children were when they found her gift to us a basket of bulbs to plant.
Jackie Irving

Open House

Do you have the capacity to share your home and your life with some of our students with learning difficulties? Transform Residential operates the residential provision at Glasshouse College, an independent specialist college in Stourbridge, providing for young people from 16 to 25 years of age. We operate a Shared Lives Scheme to provide residential placements for our students and we are seeking people to become self employed Shared Lives Providers for some of our students during term time. You will need to be able to provide a warm and welcoming environment and be prepared to support one or more students to gain the skills they need to manage in the wider community. This can be a rich and rewarding experience for both the students and for yourself. There are generous allowances, training and support. If you would like more information, please call Eveline Munns, Shared Lives Scheme Manager, on 01384 399400.

Wanted Sponsorship for Umunandi

I am running the Birmingham Half Marathon on 24th October to raise money for Umunandi, a charity run by Mark and Ruth Chitty (parents in the school) which supports the education and nutrition of orphans from a slum in Lusaka, Zambia. Most of their parents have died from Aids. Please contact me if you want to sponsor me by email -c.klocke@btinternet.com, telephone 01384 373696 (leave a message) or post to 27 Beale Street, Stourbridge, DY8 3XP.

I will be collecting pledges at the school too but this may be infrequent. Leave your name, telephone number and the amount you want to pledge and perhaps a bonus if I beat my previous time of 2 hours 10 minutes. Mark and Ruth are going out again in November with any funds raised, which will go directly to the school. Thank you. Clare Klocke

GREEN WOOD WORKSHOP: Spoons, spatulas and cheese knives – Saturday 16 October 9 – 4 £20 per person. Bring and share lunch. Meet on Glasshouse car park. You need to reserve your place! Phone Todd White on 07805 304294

Yoga at Park Hill Flat

A reminder of the Wednesday and Friday morning yoga classes, 9:00 - 10:30, Park Hill Flat at the top of the main building. All are welcome whether you've never tried it before, are a bit rusty, or if you do yoga regularly. The class is about releasing, opening, building up flexibility and strength; but yoga can also take you deeper, to help find focus, balance, and stillness. Classes are drop-in and £6 a session. Bring a mat if you have one but don't worry if you haven't, we have some here. If you haven't been to one of our sessions before, please give me a ring on 01384-379668. We have nearly enough interest to start a third class on Tuesday afternoons for an hour, starting at 4:45 or something like that. If you are interested (no commitment necessary!) please let me know. Thank you, Maria Mountain

Green tip of the week from Transition Stourbridge: Stop Unwanted / Junk Mail

The Mailing Preference Service supports your right to choose to receive the mail you want – and stop the rest. Unwanted, unread mail wastes valuable paper and postage. Register with the Mailing Preference Service on 0845 703 4599 or 020 7291 3310, or online at www.mpsonline.org.uk. Similarly, the Telephone Preference Service (to stop unwanted marketing

calls) is on 0845 070 0707, 0800 398893 or www.tpsonline.org.uk/tps. It works – I've done it!

Harvest Share

Do you have an abundance of fruit or vegetables in your garden? It is easy to be overwhelmed by a glut of apples, plums, marrows, pears, tomatoes – and to wonder what to do with them all. So, Transition Stourbridge (a local environmental group) is keen to help save good local food from going to waste. If you want a hand with harvesting or processing a surplus crop, do talk to someone from the group or call Margy on 01384 351414.

Please give your support - your very last opportunity to sign! ELIANT will finish at the end of October 2010 !

ELIANT (European Alliance of Initiatives for Applied Anthroposophy) is a citizens' initiative calling for a legal framework in Europe 'which acknowledges and supports the citizens' rights for a diversity of lifestyle and cultural choices...', in particular with regard to education, medicine, farming etc. This includes the availability of Steiner Waldorf Education in the future!

The aim of 1 million signatures worldwide has been reached - but **within Europe 38,299 signatures separate us from 1 Million!**

If you haven't signed yet – please do so ASAP!

For more information and **to sign online** please go to www.eliand.eu !

People eligible to sign need to be 18 years or over and every person can only sign once. If however you are uncertain whether you have signed already rather sign again (it will be checked). Many thanks for your support!

Dr Bettina Lohn & Brenda Newton

The Friday Stall

Elmfield School now has a produce stall every Friday from 12.30 - 3.30pm. Ashfield Gardens is linking up with Transition Stourbridge to sell surplus produce.

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

Make and Mend mornings are up and running on Fridays at the Cockleshell, Worcester Street (nearly opposite Worcester Street Surgery). Bring along anything you'd like to do there - darning, sewing, cross-stitch, making greeting cards. Welcome back to thrift - with Cake and Chat! The Cockleshell has a Fairtrade Cafe for us to enjoy.
Margy Henderson

Transition Stourbridge Autumn 2010 Film Series Presents: The Vanishing of the Bees - 'A film for anyone who likes to eat'

Friday 8 October 7.30pm at the Glasshouse Arts Centre, Wollaston Road, Stourbridge, DY8 4HF. Donations
An eye-opening account exploring the shocking truth behind the declining bee population. The honey bee is under threat; mass die-offs are occurring and no-one knows why. This key species is responsible for one third of our food. The Vanishing of the Bees unfolds as a dramatic tale of science and mystery, illuminating this extraordinary crisis and its greater meaning about the relationship between humankind and mother earth.

The Animal Man Bryan Patterson

Live at the Glasshouse Arts Centre Saturday 9th October, 11am. £4/£3 conc. £12 Family. Bookings 01384 399430
Creepy, Cuddly, Fluffy and Frightful!

This fantastic display of wildlife can include snakes, spiders, meerkats, kune kune pigs, pygmy goats, rabbits, guinea pigs, birds of prey and more. Many of the animals can be touched – you may get the chance of a hands-on experience. A fundraising event for the Glasshouse College minibus.

Book Sale: Glasshouse Arts Centre in the Trophy room Monday 18th October. Book Sale - A fundraising event for the Glasshouse College minibus. Come along and take a look maybe even buy a book. Maybe donate any unwanted books! **Eurythmy West Midlands** presents: "'Water Islands' with Maren Stott, Geoffrey Norris, and Alan Stott. This programme celebrating English poetry, with music by Debussy, is arranged as a conversation between speech, music and eurythmy. **Saturday, 23rd October, 7.30 pm, at the Glasshouse Arts Centre,** Wollaston Road, Stourbridge, DY8 4HF, Box office: 01384-399458.

A very unique Eurythmy workshop this weekend at Elmfield – an 80 year old Dutch Eurythmist, Annemarie Ehrlich, who is specialised in social eurythmy will give a workshop at Elmfield School (Eurythmy Room). She founded an institute for eurythmy in workplace 25 yrs ago and has been active in running courses in various businesses and institutions. She spends ⅓ of the year giving workshops around the world. This workshop consists of 4 different sections and you can join in at any point. No experience is necessary. Times are as follows:
8th Oct (Friday) 7.30pm – 9pm I
9th Oct (Sat) 9.30am – 1pm II
3pm – 6.30pm III
10th Oct (Sun) 9.30am – 1pm IV
Cost for the workshop £50 for whole weekend (£35 Concessions) £15 one section (£10 concessions). Delicious soup will be cooked for lunch by Ayun Faulkner (Class 10). Please do come and experience this unique opportunity. Enquiries: Tomie Ando-Boardman 01384 821811

Offers and Wanted

CJ Cycle Repair: Mobile Cycle Repair and Servicing provides comprehensive service to all cyclists at home or at work. Small adjustments to full servicing and repairs. 7 days per week 8 a.m. -8 p.m. please call me Charlie Ashman on 07983 385663 or visit my website www.cjcyclerepair.com for more details.

Do you need help with gardening? My son (14) loves gardening and would like to help for some pocket money. Please call me on 01384 443303 or 07758 350175. Mioara Tarzioru.

Desperately seeking – House to rent, preferably in walking distance to Elmfield. Minimum of two bedrooms. Contact Mark Simmons 07806 849398

MATHS TUTOR Individual Tuition 21 Years teaching experience £15 per hour. Email rbolsius@btinternet.com or call Rob Bolsius on 07929 383369.

REDLINE PLUMBING AND HEATING A Stourbridge based plumbing firm run by an ex Elmfield pupil, Sam Golding, are offering new bathrooms and central heating packages for great prices throughout all winter. Whether it is an alteration or a new installation we do it all and will not be beaten on price. Call today for your free quotation on: 07858 050444 or 01384 824693 evenings. All work fully guaranteed.

Wanted: 26 inch wheel bike with 15 inch frame

More specific needs now for a second bike to buy ! This is a small adult's bike. Please contact Clare Klocke on Stourbridge 373696.

Wanted: Has anybody got a micro – scooter for a boy aged 2 – 5 years that they would like to sell? Call Joanne Lorentz on 07786 671434. Thanks.

Bikes – do you have a bike you no longer need. There is a non-profit making Community Interest Organisation in Kidderminster that employs people with learning difficulties that refurbishes old bikes that can be sold back to the public. All profits go back into the company benefiting the young people again. Bikes can be collected. The organisation is Spokes in Kidderminster and can be contacted on 01562 861154. The website is www.spokes-uk.org Any bike in any condition would be gratefully received – Thanks

Reliable ex-elmfielder – on gap year available for cleaning, gardening, babysitting, general chores and anything else you wish to throw her way! Call Lily 07525 720087

Guide Dogs for the Blind--puppies

Thank you to all those of you who came to stroke and play with the eight puppies and helped acclimatise them to being with adults and children and begin their work as Guide Dogs. Now they are nearly seven weeks old they are making the long journey today to three of the training centres, Atherton, Redbridge and Forfar where they will begin their training. First they will be puppy-walked for twelve months and then move on to specialised guiding work for about six further months before being placed with their blind person. Their working life will last hopefully until they are eight years old when they are retired. Once again thanks for your help in beginning this training for them.
Janet and Justus Klaar

For Sale

FOR SALE: Floor Marionette puppet theatre with curtains and possibility for lighting. £20 ono to Vision Project. Contact Janet Klaar on 01384 352177.

FOR SALE: Apollo Star pink / purple bike 17 inch diameter wheels. Needs clean but in good condition. £15. Small Disney Princess bike with stabilizers. 13 inch diameter wheels. Needs clean, ok condition. £5. Early Learning blackboard / magnetic white board with 3 tubs magnetic letters / numbers. Needs clean but in good condition. £10. Horrible Science – Blood, bones and body bits – the kit. Brand new in box with cellophane (unwanted present) £3. Contact Elizabeth (having a clear out) on 07931480148.

For Sale – Tenor Sax, very good condition, bought in 1990 for around £900. Price negotiable. Please contact Amanda Salmon 01531 890205

For Sale: 1 pair long size 8 rubber riding boots, good condition, £5. See Lilly in class 9 or call 01384 351414
Also Half size Stentor 2 'Cello for sale, £245. Please call Margy on 01384 351414

Last but not least:

*Do not accept AUTHORITY as the truth.
Rather, accept the TRUTH as the authority.*

Contributed by Miranda Rota