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Ofsted Boarding Inspection results

Eurythmy Therapy Talk
16th March 9.20am

Class 6 play *Asterix* NEW DATE
Wednesday 22nd March

Class 11 Quiz Night
Friday 24th March 6.30pm

Upcoming Events

Thurs Mar 16	9.20 pm	Talk on Eurythmy Therapy by Annamaria Balog Teachers' Library
	6.00 pm	Eurythmy Festival – Hall
Fri Mar 17		Class 11 history trip to Kenilworth Castle
Tues Mar 21	7.30 pm	Stream of Sound – Eurythmy Room
Wed Mar 22 NB Change of date	6.30 pm	<i>Asterix and the Kidnapped Bard</i> – Play by Class 6 – Hall
Fri Mar 24	6.00 pm	Quiz Night – Hall for Class 11 funds
Sat Mar 25	10.00 am	Pupil Singing Day – Hall
Mon Mar 27	7.00 pm	Class 10 Parents' Evening
Wed Mar 29	6.30 pm	PTFA meeting Learning Support Room
Fri Mar 31	7.30 pm	Gallimaufry – Eurythmy Room
Wed Apr 5	12.30 pm	Early Years end of term
Wed Apr 5	1.50 for 2.00	Easter School Festival - Hall
Wed Apr 5	7.30 pm	Middle and Upper School Concert
Thurs Apr 6	12.00 am	School closes for Easter holidays

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SCHOOL NEWS

Boarding Inspection rates Elmfield as Good In February, Ofsted inspectors visited Elmfield for three days to inspect our Boarding provision. They have now published their report and we are pleased to announce that the school has been rated as Good. The report is now available on our website on our Boarding page. The definition of Good is given as "A school providing effective services which exceed minimum requirements. Children and young people are protected and cared for and have their welfare safeguarded and promoted."

The report states that "Boarding pupils enjoy their experience of staying with host families during their time at the school. The boarders were unanimous in their praise for their host families, and the support they received from the host families, fellow pupils and school staff." Other statements include "The management of boarding arrangements is good. Staff work well together to ensure that boarders are well cared for. Staff are committed to maintaining high standards for boarders in their care. Communication across the school is very good, and any relevant information about any boarder is passed to appropriate staff. Boarders' safety is a high priority, and staff, boarders and host families are well informed about procedures to follow if they have any concerns."

Foreign students boarding in the Upper School is as an important aspect of school life at Elmfield and we are very pleased that Ofsted has recognised the great work that our experienced and motivated team do. They, and all the excellent host families, deserve our thanks and appreciation. Well done to everyone.

Mother's Day - Class 2 will be hosting a craft stall on Thursday 23rd March at 3.15pm, just in time for Mother's Day on the 26th. Come along for hand made gifts, wildflower seed pockets, seasonal crafts and more! Find us outside the hall. All proceeds to Class 2 funds."

The School Shop Pop to the shop for some fabulous savings: Faith in Nature Shampoo and Conditioner now on offer at half price! And 20% off Inca wool, both plain and rainbow "magic" yarn. The Shop Team

Eurythmy Therapy Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Elmfield, I would like to warmly welcome you to a talk I am giving on Thursday, 16th March, 9.20-10.20am in the Teachers' Library at Elmfield School. You will be hearing about the history of Eurythmy as an art form, how it developed into a core subject in Waldorf Education and about its therapeutic approach. Together we will discover some of the basic elements of Eurythmy! Please sign in at reception! Looking forward to seeing you there, Annamaria Balog (annamaria.balog@elmfield.com) Eurythmy teacher for Lower School and MA student in Eurythmy Therapy at Alanus University (Germany - UK)

Quiz and Food Night - Friday 24th March at 6.30pm Everyone is invited to this Italian-themed Food and Quiz night organised by Class 11 to raise funds for their class trip to Italy in the summer. Tickets include food and cost £5 for over 12s and £3 for under 12s. They are available from Reception and should be purchased in advance. Don't worry if you don't have a team, they can sort you out on the night. There's even a prize! It promises to be a really fun and relaxed evening and we hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Wanted: old working typewriters for a Class 10 poetry installation. They need to have ribbon that actually has ink on as we will be using them to churn out poems! Please either donate for good or can we borrow them and return them at Easter... Thanks!
kelly.underwood@elmfield.com

Art department requests The art department is looking for donations of the following: fabric - netting and lace; ribbon; tissue paper; glass beads; old working cameras for pupils to use in lessons. Please bring any donations to the office.

PTFA

Email address: elmfieldptfa@gmail.com

The PTFA held our AGM on the 7th March 2017 and we are delighted to welcome two new members to the committee, David Fulford and Susan Wood join Rebecca Jenkins-Handy as trustees and committee members. Karen Gahan was elected as treasurer and Emma French as Secretary.

The PTFA is now a registered charity, number 1168334. Thank you to Ruth Blackburn for the time and effort she put in to the application process. As a charity we can now receive match funding if your employer offers to do this. You can potentially double any money you raise for the PTFA and our children!

Don't forget to 'like' our facebook page Elmfield PTFA. Here we publish meeting dates and details of any events we are holding. It would be great to see more of the community get involved with us.

The committee would like to thank our outgoing chair, Steph Green. Your energy and vision have been greatly appreciated through your time with us. We all wish you the best in your projects.

Please look out for the parentmail with details of how to join PTA-UK. A FREE online resource with exclusive member only benefits and great fund-raising ideas.

Parents' Library Open every Wednesday throughout the term, 8.45am - 9.30am. Located in the Learning Support Room (off the main entrance foyer). Please sign in at reception and wear a visitor's badge whilst using the library. Books can be requested and returned via the School Shop if you are unable to come on Wednesdays. The Library Team

MUSIC MATTERS

Violin lessons All ages and standards welcome. For more information please contact Rachel, rachyfrench@me.com

Singing Days run by Stream of Sound The next singing day for young people will be on Sat 25th March from 10:00 - 3:30. Ages from about 9 upwards. A day full of fun, games and singing (and biscuits) with a short showcase at the end so you can see what we have done! £10. Due to the growing popularity of these events - many people come along from outside of the Elmfield community - it would be good if you could let me know that you are intending to come along, via email (caroline.price@elmfield.com) by phone 01384 377833 or by a note in my pigeonhole. Thanks. Caroline

Springtime Gallimaufry Come and share your musical talents, join in with the impromptu folk band or just listen at our next Gallimaufry on Friday 31st March from 7 pm until around 9 pm in the Eurythmy room. Gallimaufry is an open musical evening and all are welcome - pupils small and big, teachers, parents and friends. We try and have one very term and we are now in our 10th year! As always, yummy bring and share refreshments. Any queries, please ring Julian Gilde after 6 pm on 01384 442 106.

Piano Recital Friday 24th March @ 7.30pm at the Glasshouse Arts Centre, Stourbridge The Hungarian concert pianist Domonkos Csabay presents music from Mozart, Schubert, Debussy and Bartok. Tickets £8, £6 concessions

African Drumming Classes in Stourbridge! New Members/beginners always welcome. Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday 7-9pm, at Quaker Meeting House, Scotts Road, Stourbridge. Beginners class every Tuesday at 6pm, venue as above OR also every Wednesday evening 7-9pm at Katie Fitzgeralds, Enville Street, Wollaston. £5 per session, including drum hire if needed. Children's lessons also available! Every Thursday Tea Time 5-6pm, at the Quaker Meeting House. Every child needs to be accompanied by an adult. To book a place and borrow a drum please get in touch with Faith Sax at faithsax@gmail.com or on 07526261250. I'd like to recommend this group - I've been drumming with Faith for a while now and think this is one of Stourbridge's best kept secrets. Playing the Djembe is invigorating, uplifting, good for the heart and the brain and sounds fabulous! - Margy Henderson

SALES AND WANTED ETC

Free to a good home as no longer needed Hand-built bunk beds; can be used as two low beds or as high bed with play/desk space beneath. Ring Catherine or Lawrence 01384 440345.

Assorted wooden figures and wooden beads Probably about 100 pieces in all. Free to anyone who wants them, or we'll donate any payment to the PTFA. Please ring Kumiko on 07962429029. Located near the school.

Student exchange My name is Odilia Mast and I'm fifteen years old. I attend class 9 at the Waldorfschool in Freudenstadt in Germany. I'm interested in a student exchange visit at your school to improve my English. Freudenstadt is a small town in the Black Forest in the South-West of Germany. Together with my parents and my 3 siblings I live in a house near the Town Center and 10 minutes by bike to school. We have a big garden around the house. The school I go to is a rather small one with 225 pupils. In my class we are 22 pupils. In my leisuretime I like to be with other teenagers from the youthgroup "Artaban". We organize us self, we make camps, go hike, dance, sing, experience

Adventure, have fun. Also I play piano, classic violin and a little bit guitar and I like drawing and painting, also I like to play in a theatre. I love the wild Nature. I'm vegetarian. I am interested in an exchange visit for at least three months. Please let me know if it is possible as soon as you can. I am very much looking forward to hear from you, best wishes, Odilia Mast.
Please email enquiries to: jessika.mast@t-online.de

Help with German We are looking for a tutor or experienced person/student to assist Elmfield student in Class 5 with basic German conversation, please contact Kim 07766 727716 for a chat about our requirements.

Calling Classes 1 to 5 parents - Community Support Network NEEDS YOU In the last few months we have expanded our 40 Day network to support families with seriously sick parents or children. The 40 day network is currently formed of mainly early years parents, as it is designed to help families with babies who tend to be early years parents. We would now like to extend this wonderful and fulfilling initiative to parents and families through the rest of the school. There is a family at school with children in the lower school who needs OUR HELP IN MARCH. IF you would like to help with any of the following, please contact the network RIGHT NOW: Cooking meals for delivery; helping with lifts to school; cleaning and washing; companionship. Note that I will keep your details on a list and contact you just once each time a needy family is identified. You then OPT IN or OUT depending on your availability EACH TIME. Please contact Anne B – 07986301696; anne.bearne@gmail.com and JOIN THE PARTY.

Finca (cottage) in Mallorca with small swimming pool, sleeps 6 (+ 2 in independent Casita outside) surrounded by fields but in walking distance to delightful village square, with bank, chemist and shops. 20 minutes by car from the airport and with good bus and train connections all over the island. Two families could go together but be independent. See <https://www.airbnb.co.uk/rooms/430885> for details, but much lower rates will apply, or email Graham, kennish46@gmail.com.

We are looking for Bed and Breakfast Accommodation for participants of the Anthroposophical Medical Conference to be held in Stourbridge 12th, 13th and 14th May. Rooms required for 2-3 nights for Thursday, Friday, Saturday night (from May 11th). £20 per night paid. Contact Brenda Newton, brenda.newton@elmfield.com

EVENTS IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY

Free exhibition - A Time It Was: Black Country Photographs by Phil Loach. April 1st to June 11th, Himley Hall, Tues-Sun 2.00 – 5.00pm

'MAN AND THE MUSES' Friday 17th March at 7.30pm, Glasshouse Arts Centre, Stourbridge An Ancient Greek program four years in the making on Beauty, Wisdom, Suffering, Gods and Goddesses. From original ancient sources - with extracts from Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides, including myths, fables, poetry and philosophical fragments...accompanied and threaded with live music. Performed by Canadian-born actor and speech artist Ryan Kouroukis. Tickets £8, £6 concessions. Booking enquiries: theatre@ghc.rmt.org call 01384 399433 or www.rmt.org/glasshouse/events

Open Day Weekend at Elysia Therapeutic Centre, 1st & 2nd April – An opportunity to come and visit the Centre and experience all that it has to offer both you and your family. Complimentary taster sessions and talks include: Rhythmical Massage; Naturopathy; Child & Adolescent Art Therapy; Life Coaching, Counselling and Psychotherapy; 1-on-1 Pilates Rehabilitation and Holistic Skin Care & Natural Make-up. Dr. Claudia Kempfen, will also be available on Sunday afternoon, offering 15 minute complimentary anthroposophic medical consultations. To find out more about what is available on each day please visit our events page on website: elysiacentre.org or email info@elysiacentre.org

Fibromyalgia – Talk by Dr. Rainer Klocke on 8 April at 14:30 – 16:00 (including discussion) at The Elysia Therapeutic Centre, Stourbridge. This talk is for anyone interested to learn more about this intriguing condition; and free to attend. It will attempt to give a current understanding of the disease and various aspects of treatment from a rheumatological perspective. Dr. Klocke has been a Consultant Rheumatologist in the West Midlands for over 12 years. Please note: spaces are limited so please register your attendance by calling 01384 392072 or email info@elysiacentre.org

SERVICES

Are you suffering from muscular tension in neck or shoulders? Back pain? Joint problems? Physiotherapy (holistic approach), rhythmical massage therapy, 1-1 modified pilates are offered as separate therapies or as an integrated approach at Elysia Therapeutic Centre. For info: www.annavanzelderren.com For appointments please phone Anna: 07789 852378

Host family sought Is anyone interested in hosting (on a paid basis) a 17 year old quiet-ish German boy from Bremen who would like to practise his English, please contact me, Elaine Sheppard. elaine.sheppard@elmfield.com

Julie Neale, Child and Adolescent Integrative Therapeutic Arts Counsellor is now at the Elysia Centre in Stourbridge. Growing up can be difficult at times. Therapeutic Arts Counselling can give the young person an opportunity to increase their self awareness, develop their personal resources, and find strategies to cope. Using different art forms, children and young people can find a way to express unspoken feelings and fears. For an initial conversation please contact: julieneale.counselling@gmail.com Sessions from £28. (Dip in Steiner/Waldorf Ed., Cert in Anthroposophical Art Therapy, PG Cert Therapeutic use of the Arts/PG Cert Integrative Child Psychotherapy. Integrative Child Psychotherapy MA - in training, UKCP reg.)

Last But Not Least

Friends are like snowflakes, none of them are the same

Anon