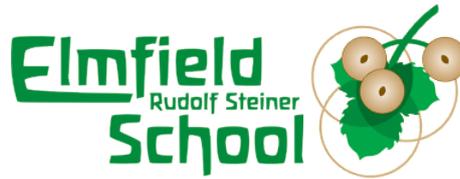


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Upcoming Events

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| Tues 26 March | 7.30 - 9.30 pm | Stream of Sound - Eurythmy Room |
| Wed 27 March | 8 - 9 pm | Parents' Eurythmy group - Movement Room |
| Thurs 28 March | 6 pm | Eurythmy Festival - Hall |
| Fri 29 March | 12.30 & 3.15 pm | Class 4 Mothers' Day craft stall |
| | 7 - 9 pm | Gallimaufrey - Eurythmy Room |
| Tues 2 April | 7.30 - 9.30 pm | Stream of Sound - Eurythmy Room |
| Wed 10 April | 12.30 pm | Early Years end of term |
| | 1.50 for 2 pm | End of term School Festival - Hall |
| | 7.30 pm | Middle & Upper School Concert - Hall |
| Thurs 11 April | 8.30 - 4 pm | Elmfield Gift Shop open |
| | 12.00 am | School term ends |
| | 6.30 pm | Elmfield Talent Show |
| Fri 12 April | 9 - 3 pm | Elmfield Gift Shop open |
| Wed 1 May | 10 - 2 pm | Elmfield Gift Shop open |
| Thurs 2 May | | Summer term begins |
| | 11.00 am | <i>Deadline for copy for next Loose Ends</i> |
| Fri 3 May | Afternoon | <i>Next issue of Loose Ends</i> |

Elmfield News and Information

A brief roundup of some recent goings on...

- Class 4 have visited the Falconry Centre in West Hagley, enjoying the 3-mile countryside walk there
- Class 7 performed their Play "The Island of the blue dolphins"
- Class 4 have done their Road Safety training
- Class 5 performed their Play "Dare you play with fire and clay?"
- The flowers in the pots at the front of school are in full bloom and are looking beautiful.
- Class 2 have been learning about wind direction and have made and tested their own wind vanes
- Class 11 went to see Macbeth at the Wolverhampton Grand as part of their English Literature GCSE
- Northern Harmony performed a fabulous concert for the whole community, as well as running workshops and performances for the pupils during their visit
- The Upper School celebrated International Women's Day
- A successful Careers Fair was held for Classes 6 to 11

Here are some quotes from some of the stallholders at the Careers Fair: "The pupils were very polite"; "I was very impressed with the quality of questions and interactions"; "I really enjoyed talking to them"; "They

were very engaged and interactive”; “Lots of pupils came and talked to us”; “All the pupils were very interested and asked lots of questions”.

Eurythmy Festival - Thursday 28th March at 6pm. We are happy to invite you to our annual Eurythmy Festival this spring! On this occasion we come together to celebrate the work of the pupils from all classes. It is an opportunity to have a glimpse into some of the work that the children are engaging with during their Eurythmy lessons. We will be showing a selection of their work done so far or still in progress. All classes are working towards sharing their work with their friends and family and look forward to welcoming you to this evening. Annamaria Balog and Maria-Victoria Sanabria-Caro

Deadline for Fee Discount application - It is our aim at Elmfield to make Steiner Waldorf education available to pupils from as wide a range of economic and social backgrounds as possible. Therefore, the school has a limited Fee Discount programme, open to all parents who are eligible and those who find themselves in sudden financial hardship. We are now accepting applications for Fee Discounts for the academic year 2019 to 2020. The deadline for applications to be received is Thursday 11th April 2019 at the latest. The application form can be found on the Fees page of the school website - <http://elmfield.com/the-school/admissions/fees/> Please be aware however, that the availability of this scheme depends, at any time, on the number of parents currently receiving a discount. This means that we cannot always offer a discount, even if you are eligible for one.

Estates - If you are dividing any shrubs or perennials in your garden over Easter and you have spares, we would love a donation. They can be left outside the red maintenance hut by the main entrance. Thanks!

The **term dates for the next academic year 2019 to 2020** are now available on the Term Dates page of the school website. Printed cards are available from the Office.

Elmfield Gift Shop. Back in stock! Weleda Mixed Pollen 30C Homeopathic tablets (£6.95.) Also returning to our shelves: Felting needles. Now available in 3 different sizes - all sold individually (60p/65p each.) Extra holiday opening times: The shop will be open on Friday 12 April (9.00 - 3.00 pm) and on Weds 1st May (10.00am - 2.00pm) The Shop Team

Parents' Library. Open throughout the term on Wednesdays (8.45am - 9.45am) Now located in Elmfield Gift Shop. Watch out over the coming weeks for our mini book sales! In order to make space for some new books, we will be selling off some of our older stock or duplicated titles. All proceeds go directly back into the library bookfund. The Library Team

Homework Club for Classes 6, 7 and 8 - Tuesday and Thursdays after school, 3.30 pm to 5.15 pm. We provide a relaxed environment where pupils can receive support with their set homework and/or have a quiet dedicated space to study. The cost is £9.50 per session (£7.50 if you arrive at 4.00 pm) and places are offered on a first come basis. For more details please contact the office.

Waldorf 100 update

- A main feature of the new Curriculum Garden will be the Waldorf 100 sensory walk. Steve has begun marking it out. Art students under the guidance of Mrs Dutton are making a series of ceramic tiles to decorate the path. It will lead to a seating area which will have a rounded bench that Mr Lumsden is building. You can already get a sense of what a beautiful space the garden will be. Please look out for the date of a potential parent's volunteering day if you are interested in helping with the garden.
- The Middle and Upper School Concert on 10th April will include a Cantata that Mrs Price has composed in celebration of Waldorf 100 – definitely not to be missed!
- Part 2 of Waldorf 100 The Film is now available on the school website at <http://elmfield.com/the-school/about-us/waldorf-100/> It is around 15 mins long and continues the inspiring look at Waldorf schools around the world.

Congratulations to Hope from our Upper School who is one of 10 dancers from Rutherford Dance Company Youth (RDC Youth) who have been selected to travel to Australia in June/July this year to perform at the Australian Youth Dance Festival (AYDF2019). They will also be participating in a week's collaborative

international exchange with Australian-based Flipside Youth Dance. The AYDF2019 Festival is dedicated to developing young dancers as professional artists, focusing on creativity, imagination and curiosity and bringing company members into contact with dancers from around the world.

RDC Youth is committed to diversifying the next generation of dance talent. Young people from lower socio-economic backgrounds are recruited and funds raised via contributions for this opportunity will deliberately ensure that family/personal finances do not prevent individuals from taking part. If you are interested in supporting this opportunity RDC Youth are raising funds via a GoFundMe campaign <https://tinyurl.com/GoFundMeRDCYouthAus> Donations of any denomination are most welcome and greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support! Hope will be performing a short piece of contemporary dance as part of the Elmfield Talent Show on Thursday 11th April.

JOB VACANCIES

*If you are interested in any of the following roles please visit the job vacancies section of the school website - <http://elmfield.com/the-school/vacancies/job-vacancies/> - to read more and apply using the **application form** that each particular job links to on the website.*

Part-time Marketing Coordinator - Starting from September 2019

9.00am to 3.15pm, Monday to Friday term-time plus 10 days in the school holidays, £13,500 per annum. We are looking for an exceptional individual to join our team in the role of Marketing Coordinator. You will be responsible for promoting the school to current and prospective parents via social media, the school website, local advertising, flyers, brochures and events. As Marketing Coordinator you will be responsible for developing and implementing the marketing plan and overseeing and managing the marketing budget. We require a versatile, self-motivated professional with strong marketing, written and verbal communication skills who is able to work independently as well as with other people. Experience with WordPress and Adobe products would be an advantage. Familiarity with Elmfield itself or experience of working in an educational setting would be desirable. Successful applicants will also be able to demonstrate a knowledge of Steiner Waldorf education. Applications should be accompanied by a 150-word piece entitled "Why choose a Steiner education for your child?" Closing date: Friday 5th April 2019.

Specialist Learning Support Teacher - Starting from September 2019

Part time up to 0.5 (FTE £20,910). We are looking for an exceptional individual to join our team in the role of Specialist Learning Support Teacher. Your role will be to design, deliver and review tailored lessons to educate pupils with learning needs. You will be a member of the learning support team, sharing best practice and classroom experiences as required. Responsible to the SENDCo, you will be expected to work with teachers in reviewing children's progress and recommending courses of action to improve learning. The successful candidate will ideally have a post-graduate SEN qualification with a proven track record of teaching children with Specific Learning Difficulties. A state teaching qualification, PGCE or Waldorf Diploma is essential. You will need to be self-motivated and imaginative, able to work as part of a team and have excellent organisational skills. You will also be able to demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of Steiner Waldorf education. Closing date: Friday 5th April 2019.

ELMFIELD SCHOOL ALUMNI

Assembly presentation - On the 28th February 2019 two of our alumni members Tracy Jackson and Jill Arriordaz, (attended Elmfield in the 1980's) both led an assembly for the upper school to inform them of the school's alumni group, what it is and what is involved in being a member.

Alumni group - Our alumni group includes 562 ex-pupils including past and present teachers and staff of Elmfield School. There are 11 alumni committee members, all of whom are either ex pupils or teachers, with one member being an important link to the PTA, all of whom have a broad range of skills and experience. The alumni are a group independent to the school, but who maintain contact with the school.

Mission statement - The group have developed seven main points that has formed our mission statement. This is to ensure that anyone wishing to join will know: 1. what we wish to achieve 2. how to get involved,

and 3. how it can benefit them.

1. Establish a sustainable relationship with its alumni and with the school
2. Promote interaction with and among alumni
3. Highlight the achievements of its alumni
4. Provide alumni with opportunities to support Elmfield School, its students, teachers and staff and uphold its educational values
5. Keep alumni informed with events and activities of the school
6. Keep in touch with the school regarding fundraising needs
7. Encourage membership for class 11 leavers

The alumni group is there to support, share stories and achievements and to pass on work opportunities. Success is measured in many different ways. The group is there to connect with past pupils and teachers of the school and to share resources such as job and work experience opportunities, to keep in touch with events at the school and to assist with fundraising needs and events.

Social Media - We have an alumni Facebook page (Elmfield Alumni School Group) where most things are communicated to help people be informed and a website which is at present still in the making.

In joining our social media sites, we do not allow anyone to join other than ex-pupils, present and past teachers and staff. We verify their identity first, which sometimes causes a delay in acceptance. We take your data seriously in line with the EU GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation).

We would love to see new school-leavers join the alumni and would like to see the alumni group become a vibrant and larger community than its already 562 members.

The Alumni Group

Wider Community

EVENTS

‘The Government Inspector’ – 29th March 2019, 7pm - Glasshouse Arts Centre

The Mayor of a small town is in a cold sweat. News has reached him of an imminent investigation by a high-ranking government official who is travelling incognito. The town’s officials are thrown into a panicked frenzy. They waste no time to cover up the misdirected contracts, misuse of public money, the bribes, fiddled expenses, abuses of office ... corruption that has been going on for years! Matters spiral hysterically out of control when they believe that a stranger in the town is the real Government Inspector!

Admission: £8 adult, £6 concession. Tickets available on the door or can be purchased from our website: <https://www.rmlt.org.uk/events> or alternatively reserve tickets by calling 01384 399408.

Come Play With Me - **A Steiner inspired family group** held on Wednesday mornings from 9.30 - 11.30. Children up to school age are most welcome with their parent or carer. We play, bake a snack and enjoy songs and rhymes together. If you would like to join us in the community room at the Christian Community, 22 Baylie Street, please contact Janet Klaar, 01384 352177 or by email janetklaar@yahoo.co.uk
We look forward to welcoming new members to our group.

Children’s Summer Camp for children from 8 to 14 years of age of all backgrounds.

20th – 30th July 2019: Colin Godman’s Farm near Forest Row, Sussex. Games, Singing, Arts and Crafts, Organic food, Treasure Hunt, Hiking, Stories, Swimming...

Contact: Aaron Mirkin 01453 299311 ccstroud@talktalk.net www.cc-camps.org

MUSIC

Calling all musicians young and old - Our next GALLIMAUFREY will be on **Friday 29th March**.

Come along and share your musical talents, join in with the impromptu folk band or just listen on Friday

29th 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 every term and it's an excellent opportunity to practice playing in front of a small and friendly audience and share what you have been working, prepare for an exam or for the forthcoming school concert (10th April). As always, yummy bring and share refreshments. Any queries, please ring Julian Gilde after 6 pm on 01384 442 106.

HEALTH

Gentle Somatic Yoga @ Christian community centre Stourbridge - Fridays 6.30 - 8pm

Join Harriet Quinn Dance Artist, Yoga teacher and Somatic movement educator in these intimate sessions delving deep and exploring movement, breath work, and relaxation techniques to connect to your body with ease. Exploring new ways to move and experience being in your body.

These sessions address quietly concerns with posture, chronic pain, stress and anxiety. Please get in touch for more information and to book as spaces are limited.

These sessions have the attention of a 1-2-1 in a small intimate group. The practice will be supported with hands on work where appropriate. Classes are held in a warm, cosy and supportive environment, all levels are welcome. £72- 6 week course (£12 session); £15 drop in session

hpquinn@hotmail.co.uk 07512352360 www.facebook.com/BMMHARRIET/

Are you suffering from chronic pain? Anna van Zelderen, Chartered Physiotherapist has 7 years of experience working in a Pain Clinic in London. She offers Physiotherapy (holistic approach); Rhythmical Massage Therapy; 1-1 Pilates Rehabilitation as separate therapies or as an integrated approach at the Elysia Therapeutic Centre in Stourbridge. For info www.annavanzelderen.com
For appointments please phone Anna: 0778 9852 378.

Anthroposophical Medical Consultations and Mistletoe Therapy with Dr Claudia Kempfen at the Elysia Therapeutic Centre. Dr Kempfen qualified as a GP in the UK in 2002 and as an Anthroposophical Doctor in the UK in 2013. She has been working with mistletoe (intravenous infusions and subcutaneous injections) privately since 2014 at St. Lukes Therapy Centre, Stroud and also at the Elysia Centre. For more information regarding Mistletoe Therapy as part of an integrated approach to Cancer Care visit www.mistletoetherapy.org.uk/about/

The next Clinic date is Saturday 23rd March. For more information please contact the Centre on 01384 392072. To book an appointment, please contact Dr Kempfen directly on 07869 219 559.

The Elysia Therapeutic Centre invites you to join a series of free talks & workshops: Just arrive or register your interest via info@elysiacentre.org 52 Bowling Green Road, Stourbridge DY8 3RZ. Tel: 01384 392072

26 March 6.30pm - 8.00pm: A Happy Ageing approach to looking after your skin

Join this skincare workshop and discover how through understanding your skin's rhythm, trusting your senses and using Martina Gebhardt's simple soulful skincare can help lead to healthy, vital skin.

Workshop with Elizabeth King, Holistic Skincare Therapist and Trainer Skin & The Soul Within.

Using Martina Gebhardt - Demeter certified skincare range.

Tuesday, 2 April 6.00 – 6.45pm: Working from 'the inside out' rather than from 'the outside in'

Workshop with Anna van Zelderen, Physiotherapist MCSP. Exploring the holistic approach to Physiotherapy, Therapeutic Massage & Movement in relation to 'well-being and vitality'. This workshop accommodates 5 participants so please register your interest in attending by emailing info@elysiacentre.org or call 01384 392072

Tuesday, 9 April 6.00 - 6.40 pm: Rhythmical Einreibung – Gentle Therapeutic Touch

What is Rhythmical Einreibung and how is it different from Rhythmical Massage? These two disciplines are related but also distinct from one another. In this short talk Fiona Sim will outline the differences between the two techniques and describe instances where RE is particularly useful, for example in situations of exhaustion and fatigue, for those with cancer, pregnant women and for people who are very frail where other forms of massage may not be suitable. Fiona Sim is a Registered Nurse and Rhythmical Einreibung Practitioner and Teacher with 30 years' experience in this gentle, therapeutic touch technique.

SERVICES

Handyman/gardener available for work - anything considered, reasonable rates, references available. Contact Hans on 01384 830758 or via Maigread in the reception office.

Internship wanted. My name is Ole Arndt. I am a 16-year-old German student at a Waldorf School near Stuttgart. I am looking for a 3-week internship between the 24.06.19 – 12.07.19. It would be also possible to start one or two weeks earlier.

I would like to do this internship in a foreign country to improve my English skills and to gain new work experiences. I am especially interested in the range of agriculture and in working with agricultural vehicles. (I own an official driving licence for those) and furthermore in Craft professions like carpenter, woodwork and metalwork. My last internships were at a farm in Southern Germany and at a school for the blind in the city of Marburg. In my free time I play handball in a team and I also play a lot of Basketball. Twice a week I coach a kid's handball team and I play the drums.

In return for an internship at your place, my family would be **happy to offer accommodation for your children** if they would like to improve their German or simply would like to get to know the country. I have two sisters, 14 and 9, and a 12-year-old brother.

Thankyou, Ole Arndt (arndt.ole@web.de / +49 174 3607827)

Private tutoring in English Language and/or Literature for Elmfield GCSE students @ £30 per hour (minimum of 90 minutes per session); or £35 for one hour. Highly skilled & experienced English teacher and tutor and associate of Dyslexia Guild (subscribed to enhanced DBS service).

Jonathan Livingstone MA PGCE, 07951 260446, jhlivingstone@gmail.com, www.education1-1.co.uk

Creative Young People Parties at Rosewindows Stained Glass Studio - Rosewindows stained glass can cater for a creative birthday party, making glass mosaics or a small stained glass piece, depending of the age. Kiln-formed glass activities will be on offer in the near future. Contact Rosa Ferris to discuss your wishes and a quote on 079 8631 3838 or look at her website www.rosewindows.net

English Tuition for students aged 11-16 years. I am a local English teacher with many years of experience teaching in the Stourbridge area. I have successfully taught in local schools and created individual learning plans and programmes of work for whole classes and one to one. My lessons are unique and are designed with the whole student in mind. They are developmentally appropriate and use texts that are carefully chosen to suit each individual. I have vacancies for local students who are at school, home educated or just need a little extra attention. If you think I can help your child in their studies, call or email me now for a free consultation. 01384 380286 alison.cooke4@btinternet.com

Hello, my name is Laura Julia Hilpert. I am 21 years old and I come from Germany. At the moment I am in Brisbane. **I am looking for a friendly Waldorf family because I want to be an au pair.** I went to a Waldorf school in Germany and I will study at a Waldorf university. I have an international driver's licence. My hobbies are yoga, vegan cooking, bush hiking, running, surfing, belly dancing, painting, laughing and to have fun with children. If you are interested, just write me an email: laura-julia22@gmx.de

Painter and Decorator. Local and reliable painter with a preference for using eco-friendly paint available for inside and outside work. Call James on 07805 943 697 for a free quote.

Home services - All kinds of gardening work from maintenance to make-over. House painting - interior and exterior. All kinds of odd jobs considered. Call Martin and leave a message or text, 0744 216 2030.

2nd Nature Garden Maintenance - John and Kim Dutton are experienced gardeners grounded in *Permaculture and Biodynamic principles*, with over 40 years combined experience, offering all kinds of garden maintenance, including free tree pruning. Give us a call on 07807 348239, or email duttons2ndnature@yahoo.com

Percussion lessons. Hello, I'm a professional drummer from Chile and a eurythmy student in Stourbridge. I have more than 10 years' experience teaching drums, hand percussion, and Latin rhythms. I can teach drums and percussion to children (bongo, djembe, Cajon, etc. – can also be a group class with the parents). You

can contact me by email sidiazc@gmail.com or phone/WhatsApp 07512 051 506. Thanks. Sebastian Diaz

ACCOMMODATION

Holiday Let: 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 photos and details, but much lower rates will apply. Email Graham at kennish46@gmail.com 07973 680959

For Rent: Large 2-bedroom house in Dennis Street, Amblecote. 2 reception rooms, upstairs bathroom, large kitchen, large garden with sunny aspect. £625pcm. Available April. Please contact 07596053602.

SALES, OFFERS AND WANTED

Please recycle your newspapers - Many many thanks to the faithful friends who regularly leave newspapers for my cats. At this time of year we need a great deal. Please leave any you can spare in the cupboard sideways, well secured in a bag at 21 Hall street, Old Swinford. Alison Hodge

Hello, my son Jakob (15 years old, currently C9) would be very **interested in finding an English-speaking host family** for 4-6 weeks to improve his English skills. He goes to the Rudolf-Steiner school in Marburg / Germany. If he could find a host-family at Elmfield this would be a fantastic chance for him. All details could be clarified by email or phone whenever a first contact has been made.

Thank you very much, Armin Djamei (Djamei@gmx.net)

Locally produced raw unprocessed honey available, straight from the hive to you. Raw honey can be used in the same manner as manuka, both topically and internally. 454g/1LB jars are £5 each. I also have a small quantity of proper **organic free-range eggs** available from our resident hens. They are naturally reared, using homeopathy and holistic methods. 6 eggs are £1.25 each. Both items can be collected from school on Weds, Thurs and Fri mornings. For more information or to arrange collection of either eggs or honey, please ring me, Tina, 07974 679461

Last but not least...

“The best way to take care of the future is to take care of the present moment.”

Thích Nhất Hạnh

