

## NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL:

### RSSKL EXAM RESULTS 2009

We are delighted to be able to present the results for this year's GCSE and A level pupils.

**Class 13 - 100% pass at A level (67% A & B grades) Class 11 - 83% achieving at least 5 GCSEs at grades A\* - C**

The A level pass rate is above the national average, 12% above the average at grades A and B. The GCSE grades are 16% above the national average and higher than a local school such as Clement Danes, where pupils have the chance to take 3 or 4 more GCSEs than at our school.

We are particularly delighted that so many of our leavers in Class 13 have been able to take up the university and vocational training places which they had been offered, to study courses such as Drama, Physics, History, English, Archaeology, History of Art and Biological Science in universities as far and wide as Leeds, Kent, Bristol, Liverpool, and New York!

Our pupils are given far less time for examination lessons than 99% of pupils nationally, in both private and state schools, since there are 2 - 3 hours each day set apart for the Waldorf Curriculum. Those pupils who engage fully with this broad curriculum manage not only to complete GCSEs and A levels successfully, but to enjoy the experience of learning and to develop a broad outlook which prepares them well for life beyond school. By the end of their schooling our pupils often remind us that education should not be measured by examination results alone. Thank goodness for that! Julian Paine, Upper School Sponsor

### PARENT ORIENTATION MORNING

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 10am-1pm If we have missed anyone who would like to join this great morning of insightful talks and sample lessons across the curriculum, please let Carol Langley know asap.

### WELCOME/NEW TEACHERS

We would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome 2 new full-time teachers to our school this term. Ralf Sealey is teaching Metalwork, Geometry and Technical Drawing. With over 14 years teaching experience in Design Technology and Graphic Art, Ralf has a background in art based jewellery and silversmith. We are also delighted to welcome Tom Gerber to the school; many of you will remember him from our teacher training course last year at the school. Tom has a background in Field Biology and is teaching Combined Chemistry and Physics as well as Maths. Robin Cook & Suzy Brownson (College)

### MOBILE PHONE POLICY

A reminder to all parents to kindly refrain from using their mobile phones whilst on site, between 8am and 4pm. Thank you for your co-operation. From the College of Teachers.

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2009 the Annual Class Photographs will be taken, including the Kindergartens. Please be reminded that pupils may not wear clothing with logos and hats will also need to be removed for the photograph. This will start promptly at 8.30am, so please ensure pupils are in school in good time. In the event of rain, photo sessions will take place on Thursday 24 September 2009. The same dress code will apply. With thanks, Carol Langley, Bursar

### TESCO VOUCHERS

A big thank you to all the parents who collected Tesco vouchers for school. In exchange for the vouchers, we have just received two large printers, (available for Upper School students in the library), five basketballs for the games department and a canopied seating arrangement for the Kindergarten! Daniel Bryan, Librarian

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"The key to success is for you to make a habit throughout your life of doing the things you fear."

Vincent Van Gogh

# PTFA NEWS:

## THEATRE SEATING

We would just like to extend a big thank you to Nick Rayment for managing and running the installation of the new school theatre refurbishment. The new seats look great and I am sure that we are all looking forward to many years of really comfortable seating. Anton Dell PTFA

## CLASS CONTACTS SOCIAL EVENING

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 8pm

Come along for delicious cakes and tea. Find out more about Advent Fair activities. For more info pls email Becky on [becky@deliverydirect.co.uk](mailto:becky@deliverydirect.co.uk) or 01923 261554

## CINEMA CLUB PROGRAMME:

Performances at 7.30pm, tickets available on door

- September 18 **To Kill a Mockingbird**
- September 19 **The Class**
- September 22 **Age of Stupid Global Premiere**
- September 25 **Marni**
- September 26 **The Earth from Above - Saving our Planet, Saving the Sea**
- October 16 **My Life as a dog**
- October 17 **Milk**
- November 7 **City Lights**
- November 13 **West Side Story**
- November 14 **Double Indemnity**
- November 20 **The best years of our lives**
- November 21 **Slumdog Millionaire**

## CLASS FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY:

With luxurious new seating, the theatre is now a fabulous venue for an entertaining evening out. This offers a terrific chance for a class to earn significant extra funds. The deal: A class takes on the refreshments by making and buying snacks and selling them at upcoming film club nights. The class keeps **50%** of all refreshment profits. AND if they get involved in the marketing and selling of tickets, they also keep **50%** of all additional Cinema Club ticket sales that they generate. More tickets means more refreshments and more class funds! Interested? Email Anton on [info@antondell.co.uk](mailto:info@antondell.co.uk)

# TALKS/EVENTS:

## PARENT SEMINAR:

Education towards freedom

TUES 6<sup>TH</sup> October 09 @ 7.30pm

Join us at the beginning of another year of insightful talks for parents with Nick Thomas. £3.50 on the door towards costs or £15 for all 6 seminars this year. Please contact [priya@rsskl.org](mailto:priya@rsskl.org) to book. Thanks! Priya Mahtani (For the PTFA)

## KLC VIOLA & PIANO RECITAL

FRI 2<sup>ND</sup> October @ 8.00PM

Come join Julian Rolton and Martin Outram for a magical evening of music.

## QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT:

FRI 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2009, 7.30pm-11.30pm

£10.00 ticket includes meal with a drinks raffle.

Come along and exercise those brain cells, have a fun night out and enjoy an authentic Indian home made meal. Why not get a class team together and book a table. Tickets are on sale with Barbara and are already selling fast!

Looking forward to seeing you all there Class 3

## TAKEAWAY MEAL:

Have a night off from the kitchen and enjoy a fantastic authentic homemade Indian meal!

If you can't make the quiz night, why not order an Indian takeaway meal on Friday 9th October?

Order forms available from Barbara. Meals should be paid for in advance and collect at 3.30pm from the school kitchen. Love Class Three

# MISC:

## TERM RECORDER

My thanks and congratulations to Priya on the Summer term edition of the Term Recorder, and all who contributed to it. The Recorder was colourful, informative and dynamic. I got a strong sense of the school community through the wide ranging contributions. And the colour photographs of the social events (Ball/60s night) class outings and trips, the Class Eight play, and art work were vibrant! The Term Recorder is to be cherished! Frankie Mitchell, Parent

## What's Coming Up:

Friday 18th	7.30pm Cinema Club To Kill a Mockingbird
Saturday 19th	7.30pm Cinema Club, The Class
Tuesday 22nd	SCHOOL DOCTOR VISITING
	7.30pm Cinema Club Global Premiere Age of Stupid
Wednesday 23rd	Class 10 Art Trip to Tate Gallery
	7.00pm Class 5 Parents' Evening
Friday 25th	7.30pm Cinema Club, Marni

# Community Notices and Adverts

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- **Birth Art Café & Red Tent Workshops for women** Inspiring, fun, creative workshops for women in Kings Langley – Birth Art Café for pregnant women and new mums and Red Tent workshops for women. For more details call Tamara on 01923 260050 or look at [www.birhartcafe.co.uk](http://www.birhartcafe.co.uk)
- **Tumble Dryer & Fridge/Freezer for Sale** Each £50 (Tumble dryer was approx £180 new, fridge freezer I don't remember). To be collected from St Albans. Pls call Kirsten on 07747 686 265
- **Room to Let in Family Home, Sarratt** Beautiful countryside at your doorstep, call Beth on 07813 098224
- **Intuitive reflexology and therapeutic guidance** with Sophia Smith *BSc, MAR, NFSH (student)*. I am an experienced natural health practitioner, fully qualified and insured. I help adults, pregnant women and children to achieve greater wellbeing; with stress problems, immune system difficulties, hormonal imbalances and much else. The sessions are gentle, thorough, eye-opening....and most relaxing! Reflexology has been described as "Nature's tranquillizer". Venues in Berkhamsted and in London (Active Birth Centre Therapy Clinic). **Tel 10442 879485 or email [sophiasmith28@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sophiasmith28@yahoo.co.uk)**
- **Personal Training** My name is Abby and I am in ex-pupil from the Steiner school. I am a qualified personal trainer and have worked for several years at Livingwell, part of the Hilton Hotel group and Sportspace in Hemel. I am now taking private clients, so if you would like to increase your confidence and self-esteem by toning up, losing weight and improving general fitness, I can give you that extra boost and motivation to make positive change to your health and well-being. Why not sign up, have fun and learn new techniques. Call Abby on 07883 028921 to arrange a consultation and to discuss personal training opportunities.
- **Yoga Class Open** Fri 9.45-11.15am, at KLPC, Vicarage Lane. Call Tomoko 01442 260601
- **Guitar Tuition** offered by experienced, qualified teacher (and class 9 parent). All styles - Classical/Electric/Acoustic. Exam preparation to grade 8. Contact David on 01923 264941 or 07979 225995
- **Spanish language tutor wanted**, to teach school student at about GCSE level. Also looking for other students who may want to join a Spanish language group. Contact Geof on 07711 653 003
- **Cooking for Health & Healing.** Practical hands on cooking classes exploring the energetics of food, cooking in tune with nature and the changing seasons, in Hemel Hempstead. Dates: Fridays 25 September, 9 October, 16 October. from 9.30am-12.30pm. Cost: £45 per class or 3 for £120. Fridays 6 November, 13 November from 9.30am-12.30pm. Cost £45.00 per class or 2 for £80.00. Includes a delicious 3 course organic meal! Please contact Melanie 01442-233365
- **Wanted 16" Girl Bicycle for 5-7:** We are looking for a bike in working order for our daughter. It could be any colour and we are very happy to collect. Please give us a call if you have a spare. Muileng Jegu on 07515 552 370 or 01442 233 113
- **First Aldbury Classic Vehicle Rally** on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> September, 11 – 17.00 hrs. There will be 60+ vehicles, bouncy castle, refreshments, and a variety of stalls. Entry: Adult £3.-, children £1.- .Venue: from the A4251 take Newground Road into Aldbury, follow signposts to field near woods. If you would like to hold a stall or any other queries, please contact Alan Turney on [Alan.Turney@tesco.net](mailto:Alan.Turney@tesco.net)
- **Tutor required**, capable of leading groups of learning disabled adults in Drama, Poetry and Singing. An ability also to teach Geography would be an advantage. For an application pack, please contact : Tom Leonard, Human Resources, The Camphill Village Trust, Delrow House, Hilfield Lane, Aldenham, Hertfordshire WD25 8DJ. Tel. 01923 856006 or email [delrowhouse@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:delrowhouse@hotmail.co.uk)
- **School Lunches** You can order vegetable soup for your child's school lunch. Pls bring in a thermos labelled with a name & class number. The soup is delivered with a baguette or wholemeal roll and is freshly made every day. Pls email Caroline on [caroline261@gmail.com](mailto:caroline261@gmail.com)

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- **PARENTS INITIATIVE** Would you like to eat organic food, use natural bodycare and cosmetic products without burning a hole in your pocket? Join a co-op of parents who will buy wholesale from "Infinity foods" on a weekly basis. Delivery is every Thursday and is free for orders over £200. Infinity foods is the largest wholesale distributor nationwide dedicated to promoting organic and Fair-trade goods to consumers, with thousands of products ranging from cereals, dried goods and chilled foods to environmentally friendly household products, cosmetics and bodycare items to name but a few. There will be catalogues at the entrance to the main school building or see their online catalogue: [www.infinityfoods.co.uk](http://www.infinityfoods.co.uk) By buying bulk and splitting to the amount or size ordered we save between 50-80% off shop prices. For more details contact Haim Attias-[zo\\_hay@hotmail.com](mailto:zo_hay@hotmail.com) (subject: co-op).
- **PartyTime!** for everyone who loves dancing! Saturday 26th September 2009, from 7.30 - 11.30 BLACKWELLS Village Club, 10 The Common, Chipperfield, Herts. Freestyle disco dancing with a DJ, an easy-going friendly atmosphere, and a fantastic range of music from world to pop: time and space to chat at normal volume, and drinks from the bar. £10 per person or £15 for two. Call now to book, or more info; Michael or Gabrielle Richards 01923 262260 or 07788 981977
- **PEACE DAY SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>** The organisation Peace One Day got the United Nations to make September 21st, every year - a day of peace and ceasefire worldwide. People all over the world are celebrating peace day on that day. I'm very open to help organise something this upcoming September 21, or others can of course do something themselves. I'd be grateful if any other students/parents/teachers came forward with some ideas. Go to [www.peaceday.org](http://www.peaceday.org) for more info. Some ideas so far - a 1 minute of silence in the whole school at noon meditating on peace, watching the documentary After Peace One Day (Upper School), write letters to our MP about our desire for peace in the world. There's not much time, so please contact me, David Wachs, on [hotwachs@hotmail.com](mailto:hotwachs@hotmail.com) or call 07973 360 297. Thanks!
- **Mitsubishi Carisma Sport** GDI W Reg for sale. MOT & Tax April, 7,300 miles, £900 ONO. Pls contact Lyn Tinworth on 07968 331384
- **Rudolf Steiner House, NW1 events:** OPEN
- **Flat to Let** 5 mins from school. Spacious, partially furnished, ground floor flat with garden in Langley Hill. Two double bedrooms, one small bedroom, living room with access to garden, modern kitchen with washing machine and dishwasher. Central heating and parking. Rent £800 pcm. Please contact Sue after 29<sup>th</sup> September on 01923 274590
- **Painting Holiday in Corfu** Following on from the success of her first painting holiday in Sweden in August, Cleo Harrington M.A (RCA) founder of Art in the Village © (an arts company based in Kings Langley and London), is running a second painting holiday in Corfu this October 18th/25th. This wonderful, fun and friendly holiday in the charming holiday hamlet of 'Casa Lucia' in Corfu is the perfect opportunity for brushing up on or learning a wide variety of art skills. Come and learn how to paint in the warmth of the autumn Corfiot sunshine. For further information or to book a place: call Cleo on 0779 290 5979 or email [cleo.harrington@googlemail.com](mailto:cleo.harrington@googlemail.com) or visit the website on [www.artinthevillage.co.uk](http://www.artinthevillage.co.uk)
- **Brand New Family Saturday Art Club!** On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September, Art in the Village© is now running a 'Family Saturday Art Club' at the Steiner School Art room on the LAST Saturday of EVERY month between 10 and 12 noon. All are welcome! Parents, children and grandchildren together. Ages 6 up to 80! Come and have a whole 2 hours of creative fun and then leave the mess behind! No experience necessary. There will be clay, mosaic, collage, decopage, papiermache amongst other things! Spend time creating alongside your kids and make up for lost time during the week! Prices: £13.50 for two persons or more (maximum four members of one family) and £8 for just one person. All materials and refreshments included. Call Cleo for further details 0779 2905979 or visit the website [www.artinthevillage.co.uk](http://www.artinthevillage.co.uk) or email [cleo.harrington@googlemail.com](mailto:cleo.harrington@googlemail.com)
- **Yoga at Apsley Lock** Gentle beginners, more ease in the body, more peace in the mind, more useful in life. 6-week course from 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 2009 to 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2009 (£36) Thursday evenings from 8.15pm to 9.30pm or Monday afternoons from 2.00pm to 3.15pm Beginners to Intermediate, a perfect way to end a busy day and increase vitality! Breathe, stretch, relax every Thursday evening from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. Indian Head Massage workshop Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2009, 3-5pm in Apsley

HOUSE LONDON, ARCHITECTURE UP CLOSE, Sept 20, 1-5pm. EVOL-DEVEL! SPIR.FOUND. OF MOD. EVOL. & DEV. BIOLOGY (Dr J Sassoon) Sept 22, 7.30pm. MICHAELMAS FESTIVAL, Sept 27. VIEWS FROM THE REAL WORLD, Exhibition of E. Hedge's paintings from Sept 28. ARCHANGEL MICHAEL & HUMAN EVOLUTION, N.Thomas, Sept 29, 7.30pm. WORKSHOPS START SEPT:- PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, and TRANSFORMING THE SOUL from 21st, 7.30pm. 5o'clock tea WITH A TOUCH OF PHILOSOPHY, 4.20pm and PHILOSOPHY OF FREEDOM THROUGH EYES OF EURYTHMY, 6.45 and THE KALEVALA - A FINNISH EPIC at 6.45 from 22nd. CHRISTIAN FESTIVALS IN CYCLE OF THE YEAR, M.Wijnberg, 6.15pm from 22nd. HOME EDUCATORS ART SESSIONS FOR 6+, 1.30pm from 23rd, and RSH SINGERS (*ICampbell*), 6pm, and MEMBERS STUDYGROUP, 6.30pm. THINKING ABOUT CURRENT EVENTS, 11 am from 24th. HOW TO LOVE (*T.Lovemore*) 10.30am from 26th, & CONFIDENCE, LOVE & FREEDOM for children 10.30am from 27th. DISCOVER EURYTHMY, 6.15 pm from 28th. SNOWDROP PARENT/TODDLER GROUP, 10 am from 30th. [www.rsh.anth.org.uk](http://www.rsh.anth.org.uk). and RSH Programmes in KL School Reception

(£35 or £60 for 2) To book pls call Bruni Maslen 07989 674144  
[brunhildmaslen@hotmail.com](mailto:brunhildmaslen@hotmail.com)

- **Reduced price EFT (“Tapping”) sessions for limited time!** Having qualified a few months ago I am pleased to be offering reduced price EFT sessions to the Steiner community. EFT is like acupuncture for the emotions (no needles!), and is excellent at releasing stress, negative emotions, blocks and trauma as well as helping in pain management. Usual price is £55ph but I am offering it at **£35** (1 hr) for a limited time period (to woman only I’m afraid). Please call Tamara on 01923 260 050.
- **Rabbit Hutch and Indoor Tray Bed** (both in very good condition) cleaning spray and other accessories available. Donation towards school fund. Please call Agnes on 01923 264117
- **Nia - a creative, fun, dance class for vitality, fitness and wellbeing** - is starting again on Monday Sept 14th at 3.45 in the Long Room. All parents, teachers and Upper School pupils are welcome. For more information and other Nia classes [www.niamichele.co.uk](http://www.niamichele.co.uk) or call 01923 266355
- **Babysitting & Odd Jobs Offered** - Reuben Wachs (Class 10, at our school since kindergarten) is available for babysitting and odd jobs in Kings Langley or nearby area - please call 07870 977 676

## A Determined Spirit

Author Unknown

Once upon a time, a small bird named Tasoo lived in a vast jungle. One hot summer day, a terrible wildfire erupted and the flames devoured many trees and animals living in the jungle. Other birds flew high into the sky and far away to safety, but Tasoo couldn't bear to leave her precious jungle home to burn. Day and night, she flew with all her might back and forth to the river, filling her tiny beak with water to drop on the raging fires. Tasoo's rare heart of courage and unshakable determination moved the heavenly gods to shed tears, and a great rain poured down upon the jungle, extinguishing the flames. And so it is that even the smallest actions of a determined spirit can change the world.

**This beautiful story is from a popular parable that originated with the Quechua (Incan) Indians of South America.**

## Sportspace Activities, Kings Langley

### Junior activities

**Cricket coaching** 7 – 12 year olds Mondays 4.45 – 5.45 pm Beginners 5.45 – 6.45 pm Improvers

Sept 28th 4 week course £20 Sports Pass £18 Dacorum Card £15 (or pro rata)

**Basketball** 8 – 14 year olds Mondays 6.30 – 7.30 pm

Sept 28th 4 week course £20 Sports Pass £18 Dacorum Card £15 (or pro rata)

**Mini Football** 4 – 6 year olds Fridays 4.45 – 5.30 pm

Sept 25th 5 week course £25 Sports Pass £22.50 Dacorum Card £19 (or pro rata)

**Sports Club** 8 – 14 year olds Wednesdays 5.00 – 6.00 pm

Pay on the Day from Sept 23rd £2.50 Sports Pass £2.00 Dacorum Card £1.50

### Adult activities

**Pilates** Mondays 2.15 – 3.00 pm

Sept 28th 4 week course £24.40 Sports Pass £20.40 Dacorum Card £18 (or pro rata)

**Badminton** Wednesdays 7.45 – 9.30 pm

Sept 23rd 8 week course £48.80 Sports Pass £40.80 Dacorum Card £37 (or pro rata)

**Pilates Men Only** Thursdays 8.30 – 9.30 pm Oct 1st 4 week course £24.40 Sports Pass £20.40 Dacorum Card £18 (or pro rata)

### Pay on the Day

**Circuit Training** Mondays 8.30 – 9.30 pm

From Sept 28th £5.00 Sports Pass £4.00 Dacorum Card £3.80

**Dance Aerobics** Thursdays 7.15 – 8.00 pm

From Sept 24th £5.00 Sports Pass £4.00 Dacorum Card £3.80

For the pay on the day Circuit training on Mondays and the Dance aerobics on Thursdays the first session attended is FREE

### Wetside

**Public swimming** Tuesdays 7.00 – 8.00 pm

Pay on the Day from Sept 22nd Junior £2.00 Sports Pass £1.50 Dacorum Card £1.50

Adult £4.00 Sports Pass £3.00 Dacorum Card £3.00

**Public swimming** Fridays 7.00 – 8.00 pm & Adults only 8.00 – 9.00 pm

Pay on the Day from Sept 25th Junior £2.00 Sports Pass £1.50 Dacorum Card £1.50

Adult £4.00 Sports Pass £3.00 Dacorum Card £3.00

**Private individual swimming lessons** Tuesdays 7.15 – 7.45 pm

£17.00 Sports Pass £16.00 Dacorum Card £12.75

For more information or to book on a course please contact Sportspace Kings Langley 01923 266868 or email [carol.gahan@dacorum.gov.uk](mailto:carol.gahan@dacorum.gov.uk)

### Free Taster Session at BOOST Performing Arts!

BOOST is a successful and highly respected Performing Arts school dedicated to teaching singing, acting and dance to people of all ages to aid in the promotion of creativity, imagination and confidence. All our teachers are experienced West-End working professionals and performers/directors themselves, ensuring our staff are passionate about and experts of the subjects they teach.

We have just opened a new branch of BOOST in YOUR school and would love to see you there. Classes are on Saturdays at 2.30-5.30pm with a shorter class for children ages 3-5. Your first session will be FREE and all subsequent classes are given at a discounted rate to students of the Rudolf Steiner School. Come along this Saturday.

Email Adam at [adam@boostpa.co.uk](mailto:adam@boostpa.co.uk) for more info or phone 07792 892 613