

SPRING TERM

Week Five

Monday 8 February 2010

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL:

WHOLE SCHOOL MEETING

Tuesday 16th March 2010 at 8pm in the Dining Room. Tea and coffee will be served from 7.30pm. Looking forward to seeing everyone there. John Doherty, Chair of Council of Trustees.

UPPER SCHOOL CAREERS ORIENTATION MORNING

Saturday 20th March, 10.00am – 1.00pm, in the Dining Room at RSSKL.

This is an opportunity for our Upper School students to explore future career directions with a variety of parents representing their professions. Any other parents wishing to contribute, please contact Geert Alkema .

Parent Seminar 2

Inspiring Teenagers, Tuesday February 9th 2010 7.30pm. Join Julian Paine for an exciting, interactive parent seminar on how to get the best out of living with teenagers! With some inspiring insights, this is a must event for those of you already living with teenagers or parents who will be living with teenagers at some point in the future. The evening will start at 7.30pm with artwork with Teresa Iskra and follow with a short talk and lots of space for all your questions. £3.50 on the door towards costs. We look forward to seeing you there! Priya Mahtani For the Communications Group/PTFA

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

There comes a time in every man's life and I've had many of them.

Casey Stengel

What's Coming Up:

GETTING INVOLVED IN WEST AFRICA

If you were at the Carol Concert before Christmas you will have heard about the **Goderich Waldorf School** in Sierra Leone, to which the concert proceeds were donated. I would like to tell you a little more about the school for a couple of reasons. Firstly, because I am working with some of the teachers to forge links with the Goderich School and other schools in the developing world, for the benefit of the pupils of both those schools and of ours. Secondly, given that the school operates in particularly difficult circumstances, I would like help raising more funds to help it.



The Goderich Waldorf School is the only Steiner-Waldorf school in West Africa. The school was founded by Shannoh Kandoh, a Sierra Leonean social worker, in 2001 at the end of Sierra Leone's ten-year civil war, a war in which thousands of children were conscripted as soldiers and rebel groups destroyed entire villages. It served a population of children orphaned or displaced during the war, children who early in life learn to work for their survival, some as street vendors, others as beggars, drug dealers, or worse. Sierra Leone's weak economy and lack of basic social services mean that the school's students are still at risk of malnutrition, exploitation in child labour, illiteracy and eventual unemployment as young adults. The Goderich Waldorf School offers them not only primary education, but a safe haven where they can receive nutritious meals and medical care.

My own interest in this stems from the fact that I have accepted an invitation to go out to Sierra Leone this coming July once I have finished with my current Class 8. With funding from Freunde der Erziehungskunst Rudolf Steiner in Germany I shall be spending five months in the Goderich Waldorf School, training the teachers there and generally helping as best I can. With assistance from our own school community – teachers, pupils and parents – I hope to make best use of my time there, and to get the most benefit out of it for our own school. If you would like to be involved in any way, particularly with regard to fundraising but also in any other capacity, please get in touch with me. You can email me (jeremy.gwynn@talktalk.net), or leave a message for me in the school office and I shall get back to you. Jeremy Gwynn

Monday 8 February	7.30pm PTFA Meeting in the Staffroom – all welcome!
Tuesday 9 February	7.30pm Parent Seminar 2: Inspiring Teenagers
Wednesday 10 February	8pm Kindergarten Parents' Evening
Friday 12 February	7.30pm Film Club: The Way We Were
Saturday 13 February	7.30pm Film Club: Vera Drake
Tuesday 23 February	8pm Sustainability Group Staffroom (note change of date!)

Community Notices and Adverts

- Thank you to everyone who joined us for **SING FOR HAITI**. The money collected on the day was over £1,800 which will go to Hope, a local charity who will help the women directly. The online total for UNICEF is now £2,600 and rising. Y. Brener.

- Evolving Shakespeare, **Measure for Measure**, weekend conference and workshops at St Pauls' Steiner School, Islington. February 13 and 14 including visit to Almeida production. Ring R.Ramsbotham 07813-049772.

- **MoreSouth, Organic Mediterranean Catering.**

Take a break this weekend by ordering a delicious two course meal. Weekly menu is as last week. Order by Thursday noon, delivery Friday. Tel: HAIM 07825 760773

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- **Steiner House in February:** Spiritual Experience Gives Meaning to Life, N.Thomas, 9th, 7.30 pm. The Role of Work Challenges in your Path, A.Jenkinson, 16th, 7.30pm. Community Building, M.Large, 19th, 7.30pm. Parents & Children, How Family Relationships Matter, 14th, 10.30-5 pm. The Relevance of Goethe's Colour Phenomenology for Transformative Painting, Clare Kunze, 19th, 7pm and 20th, 10-5pm, and 21st, 10-1pm. Karma Awareness, M.Daniels, 21st, 9.30-5.30. Who was Rudolf Steiner and What is Anthroposophy? 21st, 2.30-5pm. www.rsh.anth.org.uk

- **Imagine Children's Festival Thursday 11 February – Monday 1 March** Southbank Centre, free shows and workshops with wonderful storytelling, comedy, poetry, music and magic. Brighten up your February with a fortnight of play and delight. www.southbankcentre.co.uk

- Dear Friends, We are a 17 years old Steiner-Waldorf school (from Kindergarten to class 11) in the South-East of France, in Provence. We would like to offer a special opportunity to "Waldorf families" and friends while helping our school. During our summer holidays (July and August) we will rent our buildings which will be organised in order to accommodate 4 families at a time in 4 different independent spaces with garden, giving then the opportunity to meet families from other part of the world, while enjoying our beautiful area. You are very welcome if you want more information and details.

Marie-Claire FAURE
Real Estate Advisor
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- **Car for Sale.** Good runner. Peugeot 206, 1.9 Diesel, Y reg, MOT til August, taxed til December. £450 ono. Michelle 01923 274524.

- **Tennis for Half Term 15-19 Feb:** Langley Tennis Club will be holding a Tennis and Sports Camp suited for girls and boys aged 4 upwards. Location: High Woodhall Lane, Kings Langley, HP3 8RW. Further info: 01442 230234.

www.langleytennis.com

- **Would any parents like to volunteer** to make cakes or biscuits for the National Kindergarten Teachers' Conference on February 13th? Would you consider volunteering in the school kitchen for a short time on that day – it can be great fun! Please contact Charlotte Gwynn on 01923 262475.

- **Room for Rent** in family home in beautiful Sarratt. Call Beth on 07813 098224.

- **Hot Chocolate Fridays!** Please come and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate on Fridays at 3.30pm. This is a fundraiser for our Hadrian's Wall trip. Thank you for your support, from Class Six.

- **Class Seven Fundraiser.** If you would like to pledge something (an item or a service) for this event which will be held on Friday 12th March at 7.30pm please email your pledges to lia@twoplusallfour.com. Thank you.

- **For Sale - a Bebe Confort Hipsos Car Seat.** (15kg - 36kg) £16.00. Well made, secure and comfortable, this car seat has great reviews! Conforms to ECE R44/04. Ours from new, only one child usage. Slight wear to top left hand head piece but in very good overall condition. (RRP 79.99) Please contact Danya on 07858 465448.

- **For Sale – two pairs of Risport Leather Ice Skates.** One white fits shoe size approx. 3-4 (£40), one black fits 4-5 (£50). Both near new condition. Call Gabriele 07721 376997.

- A room to rent in Chesham at a Steiner family's house. 5 min walk from town centre and Chesham Tube Station, Met Line into London. Contact Ester 07901 934534.

- **Leather sofa & seat** for sale - a beautiful matching bespoke leather chocolate-brown 4-seater sofa and large chair. They are 5 years old, but in very good condition. Originally £2000 (for both), we're wanting to move them on - offers from £595. You're very welcome to have a look at it, in Kings Langley. 07973 360 297 - David

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