



SteinerAcademyExeter Newsletter

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Dates for your Diary

For meetings outside of school hours please use the West Garth Road pedestrian gate to access the site.
All evening meetings start at 19.30 unless indicated

Sat 12 th May	May Fayre		Tues 22 nd to Fri 25 th May	Class 4 Dartmoor walking trip
Tues 14 th May	Class 1V Moor trip		Mon 21 st to Thurs 24 th May	Class 3 farm trip
Wed 16 th May 19.00	What is a Steiner School - Aegir Morgan		Wed 23 rd May	Early Years Talk - State Funded Steiner Schools - Alan Swindell
Thurs 17 th May	Class 1M Moor trip		Fri 25 th May	Parent Choir
Thurs 17 th May	Class 7 parents evening		Mon 28 th May - Fri 1 st June	Half Term
Fri 18 th May	Coffee and Questions			

May Day celebration



Welcome to Adrian new School Business Manager



My name is Adrian and I would like to take a moment of your time to introduce myself.

I have just joined the school in the new role as the new School Business Manager. So why might the school need a Business Manager? Well, my job is to lead, coordinate and develop all the non-teaching aspects of the school which are vital to making the school operate successfully - such as finance, personnel, administration, facilities and estates and of course our own catering services. I am joining a very dedicated team of experienced and skilled staff with the ambition of delivering a high quality educational environment in which our pupils and staff can learn and work.

In previous lives I have led as County Senior Accountant for all Devon schools, the Business Director for a Multi Academy Trust and most recently as the Business Manager for four primary schools. Prior I have twenty years' experience of running multi-million pound trading units for Transport, Civil Engineering and Waste Management. However, grown up life all started as a Royal Navy Commissioned Officer flying in the Fleet Air Arm - Variety is the spice of life!

I have two sons 22 and 15 and like to unwind with sport, gardening and especially sailing whenever possible. So that is me, what about you? Don't hesitate to say hello if you see me about....!

Desks in class 1 M



Over the February half term, many people from the class 1M community gave up some of their time to help transform the classroom from a full room with desks and chairs, to an open, moveable classroom of endless possibilities, made possible with benches and cushions. Our benches sometimes act as desks, seats, building blocks, obstacle courses, choir seats, walled circles (for collecting marbles), cafe tables, banquet tables, lunch tables, dens, and many more

things. All of our subject teachers have talked about how positive the change to these benches has been for the class - and the kids love it too! *'I'm grateful to have these benches for our class because we can do lots of cool things! - Josephine (Class 1M).* Feel free to pop by class 1M and see the benches in action. **Mike Marks, Class 1 M teacher.**



PTFA May Fayre - this Saturday!

The Cafe relies on donations. Please bring in the following dish on Fri afternoon or Sat before 10am.

- Salads: KG Spindlewood & Elmwood, Classes 1M, 4, 6W & 9
- Savouries (quiche,pies,bakes): KG Redwood & Silverbirch, Classes 2, 5, 7&10
- Cakes & biscuits: KG Cherry Tree, Classes 1V, 3, 6M & 8

Don't forget to bring your family and friends and enjoy the day celebrating another vibrant year with our growing school community. Highlights include: May pole dancing, storytelling, puppet shows, fairground games, craft activities, live music (including performances by students, staff, parents and professional musicians) and delicious food!

Protecting Special Habitats - Thomas Hall Bog Garden



The Thomas Hall Bog Garden has been in existence for at least 50 years, and probably dates back to around 1936, when Thomas Hall was bought for the University by CV Thomas, with the intention of it becoming the botany department (this did not happen), and this is why we have such an unusual collection of plants and trees at Thomas Hall. A bog garden employs permanently moist (but not [waterlogged](#)) soil to create a habitat for plants and creatures which thrive in such conditions; and in Thomas Hall's case provides the perfect habitat for Gunnera Chilensis, which has leaves 6ft across!

A bog garden is a patch of slow-draining, waterlogged soil that mimics natural bog conditions, and it is important that the correct level of water is maintained; we handily have the stream running through our bog garden which keeps the area moist all year round. Furthermore the soil must not become compacted, so it is important that the area is not generally walked on. Therefore the school requests that the area

around the bog garden/stream is not used by children to play in/build dams, as otherwise this important habitat will become damaged.

“Bogland is exciting because it's a transitional habitat, linking the wet and dry ecosystems within a landscape,” says Trevor Dines, botanical specialist for Plantlife. “Like any transitional habitat, bogs offer vital resources to a huge variety of wildlife.” Find out more at www.plantlife.org.uk . So next time you are down near the drive see if you can spot any frogs, dragonflies, butterflies, insects, or even, perhaps, a shrew, but be careful not to damage their habitat and homes. **Alice Knight, Facilities.**



Application to remove oak tree on front meadow



The movement department has made an application to remove the oak tree (Turkey oak) at the centre of the meadow in front of Thomas Hall. Our rationale for doing so is to greatly expand the area of meadow that we can use for sports and games. This will significantly enhance our movement and sporting provision for all classes. We will plant some more trees in order to replenish our tree stock. The Tree Officer at the council, Mark Wadham, will be putting up notices around the school giving members of the public two weeks to make any queries or raise any objections. **Daniel Friedeberg, movement teacher.**

Parent Education...Coffee and Questions...building our community

As our school continues to grow and welcome more children and families into our community we would like to offer you increased opportunities to find out more about Steiner Education. Please find in this newsletter a series of dates and topics outlining parent education opportunities coming up. Please endeavour to come to at least one (or all!) as the more informed you are about what we are doing here and why, the stronger our community will become. The sessions will start at 19.00 and will comprise of a 45 minute talk and a space for questions. We will have 1 every half term dates for next school and topics will be released in Sept. As with the Early Years talks these events are not suitable for children.

This half terms opportunities;

Wed 16th May 19.00 - Parent education talk - What is a Steiner School - Aegir Morgan - open to all

Fri 18th May 09.30 - Coffee and Questions - open to all

Wed 23rd May 19.00 - Early years talk - State funded Steiner Schools - Alan Swindell - open to Kindergarten and class 1 and 2 parents

Parents' & Carers' Support Group

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If you're struggling with
any aspects of parenting or
if your child has additional needs,
join us for a friendly, safe and informal chat.

- share experiences
- ask for advice
- provide information
- support each other
- build community

9:30-11.30 am Thursday 24th May
Meeting Room, Thomas Hall



We are delighted to announce that there is going to be a monthly Parents' and Carers' Support Group running at school.

The Group is being set up and run by parents and carers, for parents and carers and is open as a drop in to anyone who is struggling with any aspect of parenting.

The group's purpose is to provide an opportunity to share our experiences, knowledge and ideas (based on real life, not any professional qualifications), to provide information, to support each other and to build community.

The first group will be on Thursday the 24th of May 9.30-11.30 in the meeting room at Thomas Hall, please pop a long for a friendly chat, a cuppa and cake. **Lizze Perks, Parent.**

Thank you to Angel Heart Theatre Company for a wonderful show

Families enjoyed the wonderful puppetry and storytelling of Angel Heart Theatre at a recent performance of Snow White at the school. Thank you to all those who helped make the show possible and also to Carluccio's and Comptoir Libanais for their generous sweet donations. We made almost £300 from the event which will go to the PTFA.

We look forward to presenting more community events like this in the future. **Bernadine Chelvan** (On behalf of the PTFA)

Harp lessons available



Luc Walpot, who has had many years' experience teaching harp to pupils from the South Devon Steiner School came recently to give a very magical and informative demonstration of the harp to some of our younger pupils. Luc would be very happy to teach any of your children from Class 3 upwards if they would like individual harp lessons. Harps can be rented from Luc for a very reasonable price. Lessons are £15/half hour and take place in school during school time. Please email Fran Andre (Upper School Music Lead, and Co-ordinator of Instrumental Lessons) at fran.andre@steineracademyexeter.org.uk if you are interested.



Work day photos - as always thank you for your help!



Community News, Events and Advertising

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Making space for Baby... would you like a fish tank?



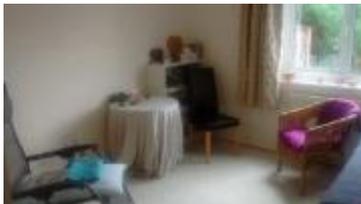
3 years old panoramic 64L fish tank for sale - £30 ONO

The dimensions are 60cm x 33cm x 42cm high. Included are some / all of the following depending on what you would like:

- Internal filter and 3-6 months worth of filter sponges
- Bubble filter and airline (will need a small air pump)
- Heater and thermometer
- Real wood and rock, live plants
- Sand substrate (in the tank already)

And... 1 bristlenose ancistrus, 3 shrimp, 3 assassin snails (that keep down the population of pond snails that appear every so often!), 1 lampeye, 1 neon tetra and a selection of guppies.

I also have this Greek-ish temple ornament (20cm high) that came as part of a purchase - free to anyone who wants it. Any questions or if you are interested - come see me in my classroom - 6W.
Jenny Wragg



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Free trial piano sessions for S.A.E. pupils

On Tuesday afternoons with James Knight, one of the piano teachers at S.A.E.

Member of Incorporated Society of Musicians (www.ism.org) and Association for Steiner Waldorf Music Education (<http://waldorfmusic.org/>)

Sessions by prior arrangement

For more information please contact:

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Born to Rewild!

Guest lecture from Professor Alastair
Driver, Honorary Professor in Applied
Environmental Management

Tuesday 22 May 2018, 19:30 - 20:30,
Forum, University of Exeter

This event is hosted by a parent Richard Brazier to book follow the link;
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/born-to-rewild-registration-44545920046>

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You are invited to our May Fayre Sat 12th May 11.00 - 16.00

Pupet show 11.30 & 14.30

Hairy Tales 12.00 & 15.00

Music in the hall

**11.00 Fayre opens with Song Spiral - Around the Maypole
with Jenny Wragg**

11.10 Jim Sheen

11.20 Mike and Andy

11.45 Bartie Joyce

12.00 Parent and staff choir

**12.30 Steiner School Music students - Amie, Georgia, Laura
Ewings & Poppy Clark,**

**Class 4 girls group (Bess, Josie, Jorja, Bea, Alanna) + special
guest star Meg**

**Class 5 group (Tamlin, Elliot, Jet, Sophia, Hannah,
Tayo, Alitza)**

'A Million Dreams' - SAE Singalong!

George Smith-Easton

**13.15 James Knight's students - Ophelia Ellis, Jack Cragie,
Hannah Bignal and Teo Hine**

13.45 Cath Merrick and sisters

14.00 Etchechuria

14.30 Michael Hillier

15.00 Raffle

15.15 Jess McAllister

15.45 Fayre closed by Alan Swindell, Principal

**Please remember to park considerately and legally in the
local area**