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Seaweed

Below the glass like water there lies a miniature world
Full of reds, transparent pink and bright green.
Seaweed leaves reach towards the dappled sunshine
Treelike kelp sways in the breezy water
Enjoying the rippling motion of the sea.

And then

The waves begin to roar and crash and eat up the sand.
The button like holdfast is ripped forcefully from the rock.
The seaweed is loose in the dark rolling sea
Slapped on the rocks at the mercy of the waves
Dragged along the shore like trees uprooted by the wind
Lying limp and lifeless in a wall of sandy seaweed.

By Maya, Sky, Kensho, Aidan, Arthur
Class 5/6

Seaweed

The salty seaweed rippled in the waves
Like leathery palm trees blowing in the breeze.
The dappled sunlight shining down to reveal long threads of red and brown.
The clumps of hairy seaweed washed up on the shore
To lie limp and lifeless day by day
Waiting for the tide to return them
To be able to dance and ripple again.

By Liam, Eve, Sam, Kasiq Class 5/6

Inspection

The very thorough team of four inspectors from the School Inspection Service (SIS) was in school from Tuesday to Thursday, 14th to 15th. This was an

alternative to an OFSTED inspection, arranged with the Department for Children, Schools and Families by the Steiner Waldorf Schools Fellowship as a response to the diminishing likelihood, following reorganisation of the inspection service, of having OFSTED inspectors with any knowledge of the special features of Steiner schools.

A novel feature of the SIS approach is the inclusion in the inspection team of a so-called lay inspector, approved by the Fellowship, to provide specialised knowledge of Waldorf schools and to evaluate the extent to which Trustees and management are exercising good stewardship of resources and upholding the ethos of the school. This was the first SIS inspection of a Waldorf school and the first use of a Steiner Waldorf lay inspector.

The inspection report should be published and distributed to parents shortly after half term. Teachers have been given initial feedback and are of the opinion that the report will give a good and positive picture of the school.

Our thanks to the whole school community for the feeling of warmth and support, particularly to the parents and older pupils who returned questionnaires, to the cleaners and to Daphne, Steve and everyone else in Maintenance who helped prepare the building, to Lee who primed the website with policies and information at short notice, Frank for an express update of the Health and Safety file and to Peter Brooks who gave the inspectors internet access.

Best humorous note was the slip of paper that embarrassingly fell from the School Incident Book; it bore an old message from one teacher to another, "Don't forget to write up about the maths lesson, and what about the 'arson attack'?"

Michael for the Teachers

Parents – take a break!

Venue: Coffee Bar, Botton Village

Time: 9am – 11am, Friday mornings, weekly

After a busy week why not drop into the coffee bar to relax with friends, meet other parents and carers from across the school and generally have a natter! (Crafts may be available to do if you want.)

The coffee bar is kindly opening its doors at 9am for us – drinks, food etc from 9.30am.

Look forward to seeing you there...

Victoria Murray

PS Friday 23rd – birthday celebration – free cake!!!

Morning blitz cleans for all at the end of each half term. Let's give it a go!

After the successful end of summer term, the Coordinators welcome you all to join in with a blitz clean of the school on **Friday morning of this week**. You can come for as long or short a time as you can manage. The work would easily fall into two sessions: 8.30 -10.30 and 10.45 - 12.15. School will end at 12.15. There will be tea break provided at the same time as the children have break. School children may be asked to help by cleaning in the classrooms as well as with other jobs.

Young children who are not in kindergarten will be looked after in the Caedmon room with some parents. Please ask Diane Hammill for details.

Here are some of the jobs that need to be tackled:

**clean kitchen and dining room and get them ready for fundraiser*

**clean entrances and get rid of cobwebs*

**hang curtains in dining room and Caedmon room*

**mend bench in lobby of new building*

**clean under stage and in the wings*

**sweep leaves and other gardening tasks*

**clean windows*

**clean walls, ledges and floors of toilets*

**ledges, window sills in communal areas*

**remove old notice board from bottom car park area*

**frame needs replacing on hall basket ball equipment*

**balcony needs thorough clean and tidy*

I expect there's more!

We all look forward to a productive and enjoyable communal clean.

Mary

Catering event 30th Oct-1st Nov

Tracey and I sat down to organise the up coming catering event. We managed to get a core team together, but if you'd like to help on any of those days please let us know. We will be in the school kitchen

Friday the 30th from 4pm till 7:30

Saturday the 31st from 10am till 5pm

Sunday the 1st from 10 am till 2:30

We got some very generous offers from people to provide all sorts of dishes, which is wonderful and well appreciated. We'd still need: Cakes, biscuits, flapjacks, snacks for the tea breaks. We also created a shopping list if you prefer to donate some of it: napkins, tea, herb tea, coffee, barley cup, cheese, salami, ham, fruit, custard powder, sugar.

If you can make or donate any of the above please let Valeska know (01287 661211). With this fundraiser we will be able to make a significant amount of money, so thanks for all your help.

Valeska

Advent Fair Reminder (6th December 09)

Those of you who need plenty of time to create lovely crafts for our Craft Stall, and those whose contributions to the Home Produce Stall could be made well before the fair (eg jam, chutney, Christmas cake) may appreciate this reminder that the fair isn't so long away!

Carolyn – for the Advent Fair Group
(See next page for rota)

CALENDAR

Eurythmy class for adults: Thursdays 8.45 School Hall.

Parents' Evening

Kindergarten: Tuesday 20th October at 8 p.m.

Blitz Clean for all: Fri morning 23rd Oct

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Catering event: 30th Oct-1st Nov

Advent Fair: 6th December

Eskdale Trust Council: Tuesdays at 20.00:
3 November, 1 December,
9 March, 4 May, 22 June

Anthroposophical Group: Fridays at 20.00 Nov
20th, Dec 11th, Jan 15th, Feb 12th, Mar 12th, Apr 23rd,
May 21st, June 18th - see Mary for details.

Letter Inserting:

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Monday, 19, 20, 21, 23
November

NESTT: Nov 13th-14th (Class 7/8 parents)

Next Copy date: 5.11.2009

Please send handwritten articles to Marie-Reine
Adams or to the school, and you can also email
articles from the website or from the address at the
top of the Courier.
Lee and Marie-Reine

**Here is the provisional Rota for our advent fair
Sunday 6.12.09 from 1- 5pm**

The underlined person is the contact person for the
stall and should please organise their team& times.
Thanks a lot. The Advent fair group (Mark, Birgit,
Carolyn and Valeska)

Saturday (5.12.09) Preparation group

Birgit, Carolyn, Valeska, Daniella, Diana Alecu

Candle dipping

Mark Ellis & Nick John, Lisa Dixon, Stefan Tyrka

2nd hand books

Peter Ramsbotham, Gabriella, Jem

Gnome garden

Mark Barber & Tracey Corfield, Carol, Jude,
Geetha, Aimee, Victoria Murray

Craft stall/ Home produce

Birgit & Fiona, Julie Tyrka, Kathryn Shaw

Café

Stacey, Liz, Angelica, Sarah, Louise, Nussy, Yoko,
Kari, Julie Easley,
Julia Scott, class 7-8

Café till

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Treasure Hunt

Daniella, school children

One World stall

School children

Willow stars/other activity

Diane, Victoria Stevens, Kate, Nikki, Cathy
Thompson

Waffles

Some children of Class 7-8 Valeska, Margaret

Raffle/school information

Mary, Michael Drake, Carolyn

Tombola

Anthea, Nigel, class 5-6

Tidying up team

Ben Davis, Bogdan, Mick Fearnley, Michael Alecu
and as many volunteers as possible, the more the
merrier.