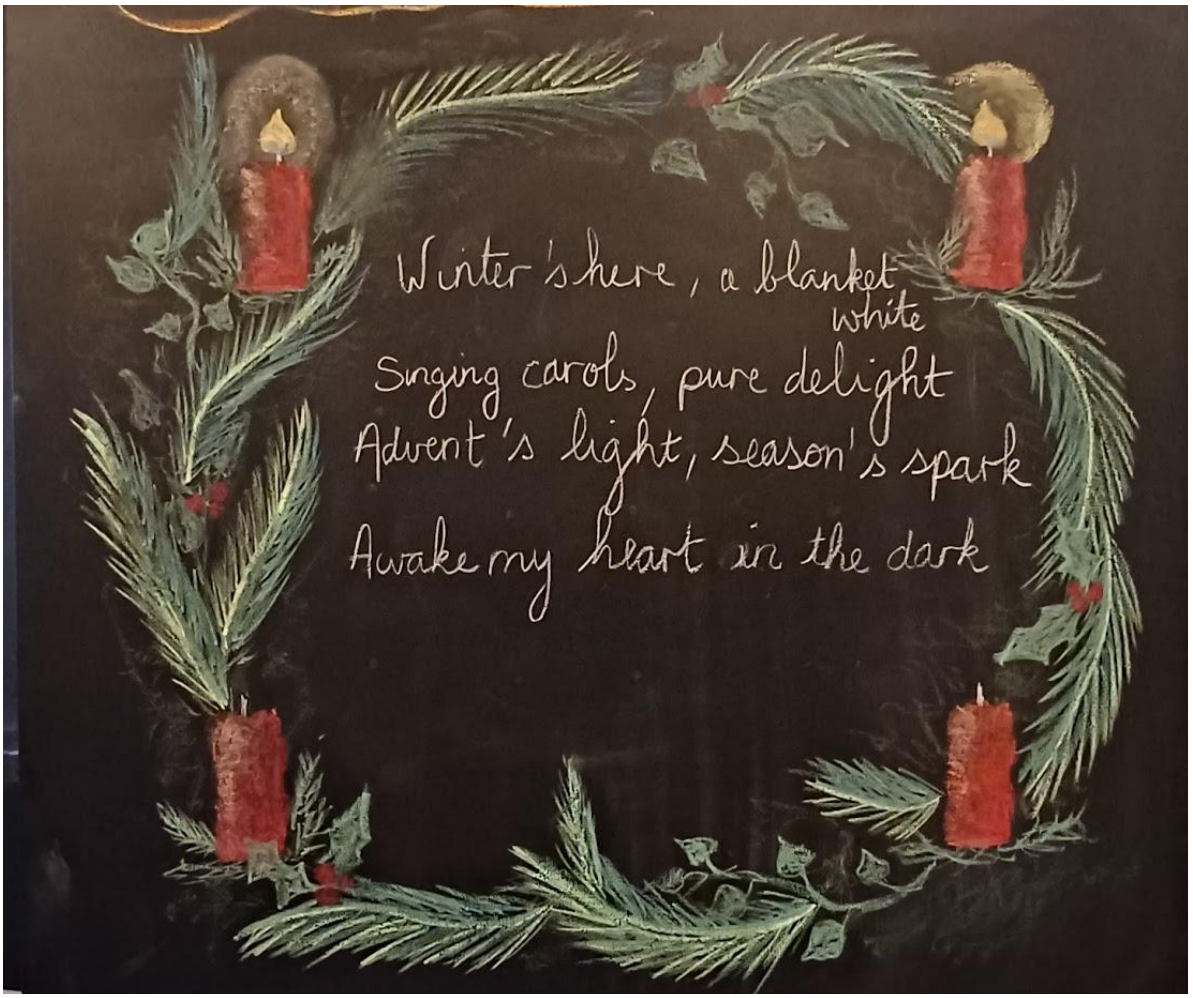
Rowan Kindergarten Spiral

Christmas Market 2022

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Christmas market! The weather remained relatively kind, and was a great success. A big thank you to Nicola Newton and Lisa Betts who coordinated the event, and an equally big thank you to you, the parents and friends of Drumduan who helped out with stalls, eateries, wreath making and logistics. A grand total of £2,747.73 was raised, which will be distributed through the school in areas that need it most.

Festive glimpse into the classrooms

Class 1 chalk drawing on the main board, with accompanying Advent wreath



Class 4/5 chalkboard drawing

Class 6/7 festive fireplace garland

A snippet of class 2/3 Advent corner, featuring a floating Angel

Calendar
Santa Lucia: Tuesday 13th December
Shepherd's Play: Wednesday 14th December - 7pm St Leonard's Church
End of term: Friday 16th December - 12.45pm finish
Start of term: Monday 9th January

End of Term festival Notice
Unfortunately we are no longer able to have our end of term festival at St.Leonard's church, we will be able to update you on the Festival location at the beginning of next week.

Early Years Staff Changes
We are sad to say that unfortunately Leah Findlay will be leaving the Early Years Service at the end of this term. We are enormously appreciative of everything that Leah has done for the Early Years Service and her wisdom, warmth and calm presence will be hugely missed. We are grateful that she will still have involvement in Kindergarten as a part of the parent community and we will still get to hear her wonderful heartfelt laugh in the garden!

We are pleased to say that Rachel Middleton, who has been working in our service for a few months, will be covering the vacancy that Leah leaves. Rachel is an experienced Kindergarten teacher and we are delighted to have her on the team.

Class 10/11 Food Bank volunteering session.

Today Class 10/11 spent the morning assisting Moray Food Plus, processing donations that were collated by the upper school into wider community donations, and sorting into food types in order to stock the shelves in the Elgin Food Bank premises.

They also have The "Big Blue" which is a specially reconditioned bus that goes to more remote areas, offering a life-line of essential food to those who are struggling the most. The food bank has seen an increase in demand by 150% in the past year. They are needing pet food, toiletries, baby food, savoury snacks and festive non-perishable food. To find out where you can leave your donations/ donate financially see http://morayfoodplus.org.uk/

If you or your family are experiencing a food crisis and need the support of Moray Food Plus, please get in touch with them. All enquiries are dealt with in the strictest confidence. Enquiries regarding referrals for crisis support should be sent to request@morayfoodplus.org.uk. Office hours: 9.00am - 1.00pm Mon - Fri

203 High Street, Elgin, IV30 1DJ
01343 208293
admin@morayfoodplus.org.uk

JOB VACANCIES

Early Years Bank Staff Team (no fixed hours)

We are creating a team of bank staff to join our wonderful Early Years Service. If you have an interest in Steiner education and would like to join us in Kindergarten and/or The Bothy Aftercare Service on a flexible basis, please get in touch.
£9.95 per hour.
For further information please contact Penny Wilkinson (Early Years Service Manager) on kg.manager@drumduan.org or leave a message at reception.

Kindergarten Assistant (12 hours per week)

Temporary (Until July 2023)
We are delighted to announce that we have an opening for an additional Kindergarten Assistant in Rowan Kindergarten. This person will be working alongside our wonderful team in Rowan Kindergarten on a Monday - Thursday from 10.00am - 1pm.
If you have an interest in Steiner education and would like to join our Early Years Service please get in touch for more information and a job description.
£9.95 per hour.
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Important Trustee Update Regarding Administrative Changes

Dear friends and families of Drumduan School,

We hope this finds you well and looking forward to the coming holidays. Trustees would like to provide an update with regards recent developments in the post of Business Manager in school.

Nick advised us that he has been offered a part time position, out-with the school, which, for a number of personal reasons, he would like to accept. However, he would like to continue supporting the growth and development of the school and so has proposed that he remain in post for 2 days per week.

As is so often the way at Drumduan, this challenge became an opportunity when a donation was offered, to cover the salary of an administrative staff member from January till the end of the school year.

Trustees have agreed that this generous donation will be used to fund Nick's role of 2 days per week and to part-fund Gillian's full time administrative role. This will allow us to recruit a full time operational manager, offering an ongoing, budgeted full time salary. Nick will move to his 2 day role from January 1st 2022 and both Nick and Gillian's roles will be reviewed in June, to establish both their value and available funding for the following school year.

Whilst we are very aware of the challenges of recruiting to the operational manager role, we feel confident that the continuity of Nick's role will support a smooth transition. Furthermore, on successful recruitment, we will have an additional 2 days of administrative support in school, which has been much needed for some time.

This information has recently been shared with staff and we felt it important that it is now shared with the wider school community.

We are currently reviewing and revising the administrative roles within the school to ensure that we optimise the benefits available with this new development. Once this has been done, we will advertise for the new, full time, member of the administrative staff.

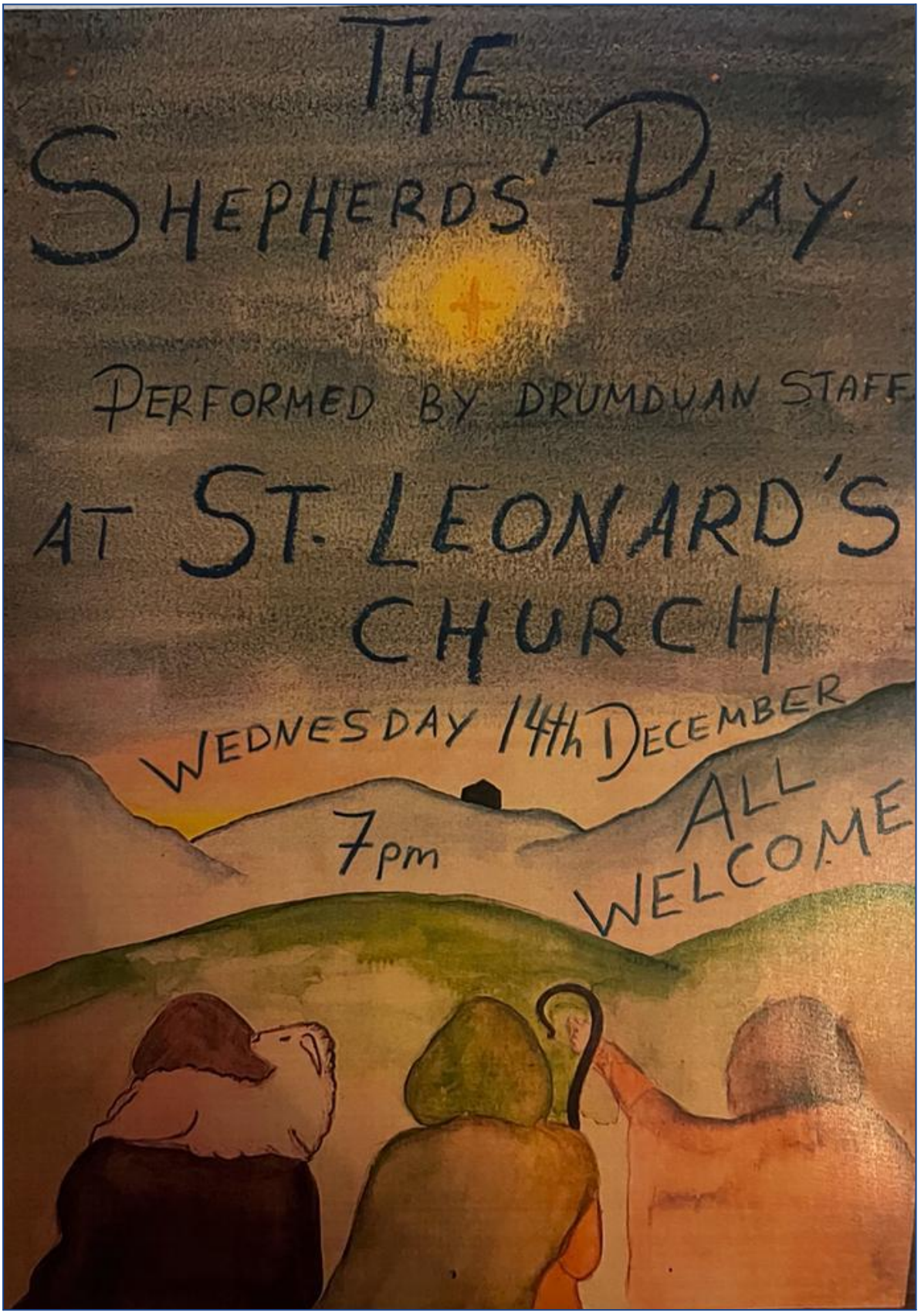
We would like to take this opportunity to thank Nick for all that he has achieved in his current role at Drumduan and to wish him all the very best in his new position. As we head towards the end of this first term, we would like to offer thanks for all the help and support that has been given to the school and to wish everyone a warm and wonderful festive holiday.

Warm regards

Your Trustees

Class 8 Soap making main lesson

Class 8's recent main lesson saw the traditional soap using traditional methods. The group learned how to light fire with a bow drill in their Fire main lesson, which was followed by using ash from the fire and tallow to make soap. They foraged scented plants from the school gardens to add a pleasant fragrance to their soaps


THE
SHEPHERDS' PLAY
PERFORMED BY DRUMDUAN STAFF
AT ST. LEONARD'S
CHURCH
WEDNESDAY 14th DECEMBER
7pm
ALL
WELCOME

If you would like an advert or notice posted here, email Emma at reception@drumduan.org

Local Potatoes for sale

I have farm fresh potatoes which we are digging to order. This means they go from field to plate in a matter of hours! I am selling them at 50p per kg & in sacks of from 10kg up to 25kg. For every sack sold, I am donating a share of the sale to school.

Please get in touch by text or WhatsApp for a delivery to the school.

Louise McLean 07890350129

Firewood for sale

Hi all, If anyone would like kiln dried logs, we now have our new state of the art kiln drier up and running and I'm able to provide kiln dried softwood logs, guaranteed less than 20% moisture with amazing burn quality, delivered to your door. They are absolutely perfect for log burners, open fires & solid fuel stoves. I am happy to give all those within our close knit school community a reduced rate & again give a donation to school for every order taken.

Lou 07890350129

SINGING LESSONS

Based on the internationally recognised Kodaly teaching method.

I teach musicianship through singing: developing pitch, sight reading skills, singing rounds and duets, giving the student independent music skills.

These core skills in music are applicable for any age group although my specialism is in early/primary years Lessons are personalised and highly interactive. Learn music with a sense of fun and joy!

Price: £16.00 for half an hour

Contact: Abi Rooley-Towle. Qualified Kodaly teacher and internationally awarded songwriter.

E: rooleytowle@btinternet.com

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Develop independent musicianship skills and learn to sight read effortlessly, understand music and play rounds and duets . Joyful person centred music lessons.

Price: £16.00 half an hour lesson

Contact: Abi -qualified Kodaly music teacher and internationally awarded songwriter.

E: rooleytowle@btinternet.com

In order to participate in the Hunt you need to register using the link below. Santa needs to know how many children are coming to prepare gifts for everyone so your registration is essential! You will need a map to find the artists which will be sent to you when you register.
Booking link: https://forms.gle/Zw5kC3WqJUo5fXdK9

East Whins, The Park 3-Month Rental
From Dec 9th 2022 – 3rd March 2023

Fully furnished 2 bedroom eco-flat for rent for 12 weeks from December 9th 2022 to 3rd March 2023. Cosy flat ideal for winter. Under-floor heating, internet, bath, dishwasher and access to communal facilities including communal laundry.

For further information contact Paddy on 079 2018 6451 or email paddy.atkinson@gmail.com

A Solstice Invitation
The Voice of Your Womb
Discovering the Healing Song Within
Sunshine Room
The Park, Findhorn
December 19th
5-7 PM
£20
with Valeria Alberigo & Stacie Whitney
In this evening together we will be focusing on opening our channels of expression & voice and allowing space for what's waiting and wanting to be heard.
We will listen, sing and spend time tuning into our deep belly - the place that holds ancient memories and secret powers. You will take away sounds, or a song, which you can sing anytime you need support, healing, or access to your own creative energy.
Contact: valeria.alberigo@googlemail.com or Stacie 07512 922 694

Hello
I am looking forward to starting Bharatanatyam (South Indian Classical dance) classes in Findhorn Park soon. If there are any adults or children interested in a free trial class, please contact me directly through my website www.kirstennewellindiandance.com
Classes are generally £10, and daytime will be confirmed after talking with everyone interested.
Kirsten