



The May Fair approaches!

Drumduan School
May Fair

Saturday 27th May
11am - 3pm

- Maypole dancing
- Stalls
- Crafts
- Cafe
- Barbeque
- Games

All Welcome

Free entry

CLOVENSIDE ROAD, FORRES

Dear school community,

May has arrived in her full abundant glory!

Time to come together and celebrate! Twice a year the whole community comes and works together -children, parents and staff members- and we open our doors to our family, friends and visitors. Once to find each other in Winter's darkness, to kindle our lights and warm our hearts and once to celebrate and share the joy and abundance of life.

Both times we celebrate connection and togetherness.

Our wonderful May Fair is coming up! On Saturday the 27th of May from 11am-3pm we celebrate this lovely, joyous festival.

We meet each other with dance, song, laughter and beauty.

The classes are already busy practising their May Pole dances, to great delight of the kindergarten children, who come out of the kindergarten garden to watch them, after having danced around their own May Pole.

The classes will perform their dances for you between 11am and 12pm, and the choir will sing their merry tunes at noon, therefore, if your child is unable to attend, please could you let reception/their class teacher know.

The parent body has a very active role in creating and holding the festival. There are a variety of activities coordinated and held by the different classes. These activities will rotate each year.

This time round KG will hold: Fairy Cafe & May Crowns

Class 1 Raffle & Lucky Dip

Class 2/3 Cafe (coordinated by Emma)

Class 4/5 Crafts

Class 6/7 BBQ

Class 8/9 Games

Class 10/11 will have their expedition.... but they've promised to be back in time for the Christmas Fair :)

Next to these activities we need help with

♥ **distributing posters**

♥ **set up**

♥ **cooking, baking & salad making**

♥ **clear up**

♥ **beautifying the school**

All the needs and desires to make the fair happen will be communicated to you through the class reps.



They have taken on the class rep role to support the teachers and the school and they truly need all your help, to get the May Fair off the ground.

It can become quite stressful for them, if they don't receive responses, as they also feel responsible for pulling it together.

Could you please help them out? Together we can flow gracefully and we can create so much beauty! It really doesn't need to feel like an enormous effort if we all carry a little bit.

It is a lovely way to get to know people better and it can feel quite gratifying to contribute to making it all happen.

If you have children throughout the school in different classes, please be mindful and see which class is smaller or which activity requires more assistance.

Usually the kindergarten parents with children in the rest of the school, sign up for those activities first.

Please be aware of the upcoming calls for help.

Thank you so much!

I hope - I truly hope- that we can do this, dear school community.

I hope that we can experience that many hands make light work and that we can come together to celebrate life in all its abundance!

I look forward to it and I hope you are too.

Warm, igniting wishes,

Mirjam Booij - Rowan Kindergarten teacher and May Fair coordinator

Class 6/7 Play

The students of class 6/7 performed "King Arthur" to parents and students on Friday 24th March. The group worked hard during rehearsals and pulled together to produce this fantastic performance. Well done 6/7 (and to those in class 5 who had supporting roles)

Bravo!



The story tellers regale the tale of King Arthur



Lady Miles asks for protection from Sir Pellinore



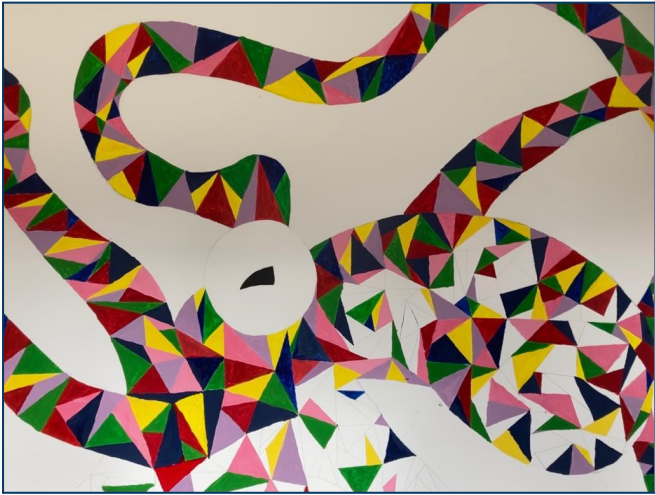
King Arthur battles Sir Accolon



The sword is drawn from the stone!



The whole cast together



A Message from our Upper School Students:

Dear Pupils and Staff of Drumduan, Thank you so much to everyone for bringing your colours and wishes to the big friendly octopus that has come to live in the Upper School. If anyone else would like to paint a section and include their wishes for themselves and the school we still have a few spaces available. Thank you again for helping us to brighten up our space.

Best wishes,

all the students of the Upper School.



Solar Panel Installation

The new solar panels are now up and running within our lower/middle school campus! We are delighted that we are now generating power - which is great for the environment and also our energy budget!



Hello! from Wei Ling

I am Wei Ling, the newly appointed Operational Manager of Drumduan School since March 2023. My children are also attending Drumduan School at the moment and are settling happily into their classes. Last summer, we moved from London to Forres. My children have always been attending Steiner Schools since kindy.



My husband and I met Anthroposophy ten years ago in Malaysia when my eldest daughter was just 8 months old. Since then, we have always been active with its movement in Malaysia. Before this, I was an Electrical Engineer at a multinational company. My expertise was project management & execution and putting systems in place for my clients. When Erika was attending a Waldorf Kindergarten, I took up Steiner/Waldorf Early Year Teacher Training and continued with its training in London. My inspiration to be a Kindergarten teacher came from a spark of thought that to see a change in the world, and it has to start from the littlest one, the new blood on planet Earth, and the possible positive ripple effect created by this individual.

I am genuinely inspired by how Steiner/Waldorf education develops an individual to be a truly free human. The more I study about this in my course, the more I find it essential to put my children in the right education. It's relevant now to say that for children to have a meaningful childhood and continue to have the eagerness and curiosity to learn, parents must make an informed decision of the right education for their children from the beginning. My husband and I believe that having our children be able to attend Steiner School is one of the best gifts that we can offer to them.

Even though I am appointed as the Operational Manager rather than a Steiner Kindergarten Teacher, I believe that my training in the Steiner Early Years Teacher Training and my past career experience will significantly benefit the school. I want to thank all my colleagues, including Nick, our previous Business Manager, for the support that has been given to me in settling into this role. Working with staff members throughout the school, from the Kindergarten to the Upper School, has been a pleasure. Our school has great potential, and I feel the need to be part of the team to support the school to continue to thrive and grow!

I aim to continue progressing in what Nick has done for the school. The primary roles in this position are improving our admissions process, managing and developing human resources, overseeing non-teaching policies and procedures, ensuring school compliance with all relevant regulations and legislation, and administration, ICT and data compliance. These works are ongoing in the background.

Another important responsibility of my role is working with the school community; to connect and bring the community together. You may be aware that some of the events happening around the school recently, such as the PTFA Thurs Tea and Open Day, are some of the efforts initiated together with the staff members and parents of the school. I aim to continue looking into improving our communications with the community and working closely with parents to strengthen the school.

I welcome parents to come forward and contribute skills to strengthen the school while holding its ethos, allowing my colleagues in the teaching departments to continue focusing on providing Steiner Education to our children. In the new term, we hope to see more after-school club activities to support teaching staff's children and parents who may need to

work longer hours. It's also an exciting way for our students to gain different skills and experiences outside the school curriculum.

These initiatives will eventually create opportunities for us to reach the wider community in many ways. Our connection with the broader community allows people to know us better, bringing a positive impact in many ways. Other than that, I also hope to work closely with our colleagues in Steiner Waldorf Schools Fellowship (SWSF) moving forward to benefit from the collaborations among the Steiner Schools in the UK.

Lastly, I look forward to getting to know and working with the school community. The success of Drumduan School relies very much upon the community working together. The effort from each one of us counts and makes a big difference in our children's education.

Thank you!

With warm wishes,

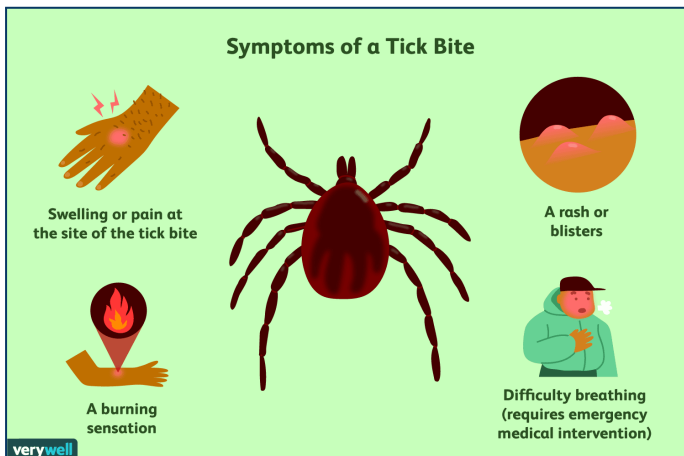
Wei Ling, Yong
Operational Manager
Drumduan School



Handwork with Ruth

Here showcasing his most recent creation from handwork is Isaac, class 7, with his egg collecting apron - made from upcycled materials sourced from a local charity shop. His family has a few egg laying chickens, and he designed this apron to make egg collecting easier. The apron features 17 pockets, including a zipped one, and can carry as many as 34 eggs safely.

Well done Isaac!



From Grampian NHS

"Enjoy the great outdoors but be tick aware"

As the weather warms up more people will be enjoying the Scottish outdoors and countryside. However, it is important to be aware that 'tick' numbers begin to increase in spring and throughout summer. They reside in the countryside vegetation and have the potential to transmit bacterial or viral illness to humans.

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/injuries/skin-injuries/tick-bites>

Calendar

Half Term Break: Monday 15th May – Friday 19th May 2023

May Fair: Saturday 27th May 11am - 3pm

Last day of Summer term: Wednesday 28th June - 12.45pm finish

Staff In-service (student holidays): Thursday 29th and Friday 30th June 2023

Summer Holidays: Thursday 29th June – Tuesday 22nd August 2023

Autumn term starts: Wednesday 23rd August



Nicola's Plant Sale

SATURDAY 20TH MAY
11am - 3pm

At my house/greenhouse.

**The Gardeners Cottage, Invererne,
Forres IV36 3TN
(07833164561)**

In recent years I've had a Friday veg plant stall in the weeks running up to the May Fair.

This year it has not fitted into my school schedule so I am offering a one-off sale event on:

I live only 7 mins away from Forres/school for those of you not familiar with where I live.

Please come along and take your pick of the bunch of waiting veg plants and see where I grow my plantlets! (There is less stock this year due to time constraints).

Plants leftover will go to the May Fair plant stall which this year will be covered by Heike as I am on a trip away with class 10/11.

Do contact me on the above phone number if you wish to find out what plants will be available.

Good wishes Nicola



Drumduan School

Parent and Child Group

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For parents and carers with babies and children up to 3 years.

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The sessions have a gentle rhythm of play with simple, natural toys, circle time with a story and seasonal songs.

Each week also includes a seasonal craft and a shared snack.

Booking essential

Please contact Linzi for further information at linzi@drumduan.org



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

As part of the new 'Moray - Let's chat online safety' safety campaign, NSPCC Scotland are delivering sessions for parents and carers via zoom covering what children do online, what the risks are and what you can do to help keep children safe online.

This session will also cover:

- online bullying
- gaming
- parental controls

For more information please email euan.graham@nspcc.org.uk



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.

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

E: rooleytowle@btinternet.com



THE SEASONS IN NATURE AND THE HUMAN SOUL

**Four Goethean in depth studies in 2023 at the Life Science
Centre at Pishwanton Wood, Haddington EH41 4FH**

Facilitated by Dr Renatus Derbidge, researcher and land manager at Fairhill

11 FEB / 20 MAY / 1 JUL / 7 OCT

The cycle of the year is a major element of nature around us. The changing seasons are the environment in which our lives are embedded. If we observe nature we can discover that the seasons and our inner states are intertwined in delicate ways. The seasons open the door to the discovery of the hidden links between the inner and the outer world. By observing nature, we learn about ourselves too and deepen our kinship with nature. In this way, the seasons turn into a guide for soul development.

The workshop will lead through a series of observation exercises and artistic processing of the experiences. Seminar units and sharing circles will add to the experience.

**Contact Renatus Derbidge for more
information:** Renatus.Derbidge@rmt.org

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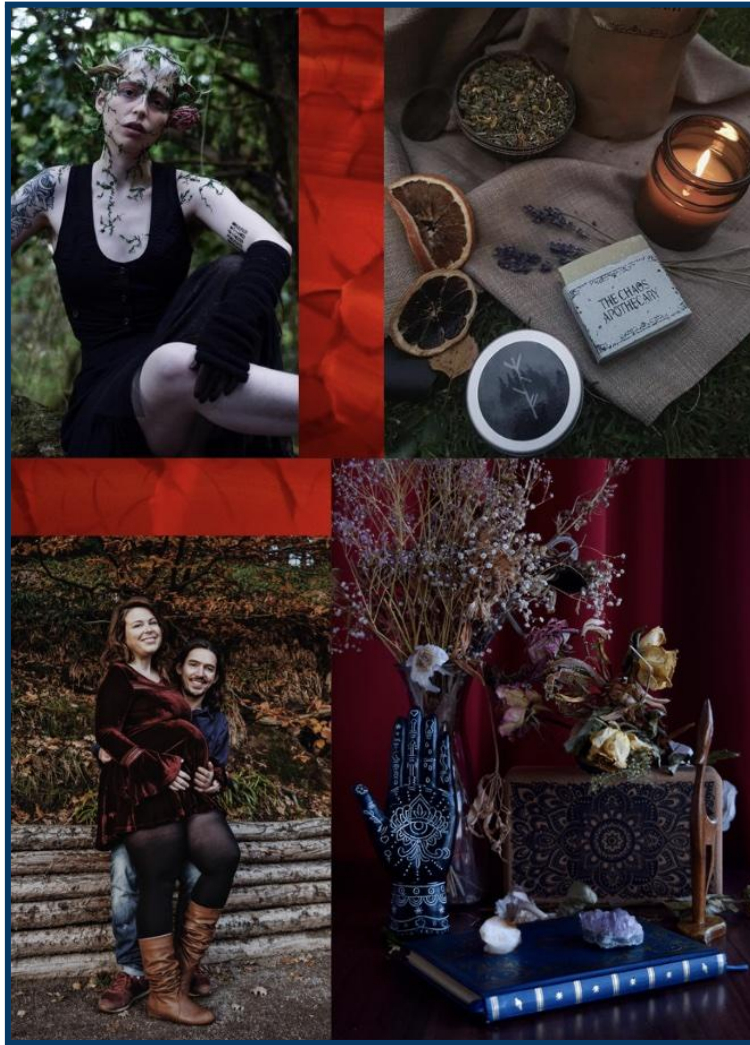
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