

Dear Michael Hall Community,

We had a very interesting discussion about AI in our College meeting yesterday evening. Having experimented myself with ChatGPT, I have found it fascinating yet terrifying at the same time. It can write top grade essays to PhD level (which has huge implications for education), stand-up comedy routines about random subjects, write poems in the style of Byron and create newspaper articles and marketing campaigns to skilfully manipulate opinion.

I won't deny that it could become a powerful tool for some beneficial causes, just as the internet has been. But what it definitely can't do is give children the very human experience of a Waldorf education. At the moment, May is giving us the experience of colours, flowers and dancing round the Maypole to joyful, imperfect human music. It is taking us outdoors for games and gardening and reading and sharing. Very human conversations in all their forms are now more relaxed with the warm sun allowing us to converse on a bench without pulling our coats tighter in. Occasionally it has been sending us back indoors laughing and grumbling at the unexpected rainfall. The teaching, as always, comes from imagination and love. It is a truly vibrant place to be each day.

Wishing you an imagination and colour-filled weekend,

Warm regards,

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(the happily imperfect human author of this page)
Director of Studies*



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Gardening Fever

Classes 3 and 4 have enjoyed the breaks in the rain this week.
Please [click here](#) to visit our website to see what they have been up to!



May Celebrations

The sun shone for our Mayday Festival where the children, teachers and parents all danced around the maypole. Heartfelt thanks to everybody who contributed to making this a wonderful celebration. Special thanks to the musicians for their joyful tunes!
Please [click here](#) to see more.



The Alchemist

class 7a



With Thanks to the sant Jordi Associados

Thursday 11th May 7pm

Friday 12th May 7pm

Michael Hall Theatre. Entry: donation



SUMMER MENU

WEEK 1

MON

TUES

WED

THURS

FRI

SOUP

Pea & Mint
(MK)
& Homemade
Bread

Tomato & Herb
& Homemade
Bread

Mexican Bean &
Tomato &
Homemade
Bread

Cream of
Vegetable &
Homemade
Bread

Chefs Choice
Served with
Homemade
Bread

MAIN

Mild Piri Piri Chicken
Thighs, Golden Rice,
Macho Peas,
Coleslaw & Hot
Sauce of Choice
(CE, MK)

Smokey Veggie
Chilli, Loaded
Nachos, Sour
Cream, Cheese,
Jalapenos & Salsa
(G, MK)

Roast Pork,
Stuffing, Apple
Sauce & Gravy Hot
Deli Baguette,
Sautéed Potatoes
& Salad
(G, SE*)

Creamy Mushroom
Stroganoff, Herby
Rice & Green
Vegetables
(V) (SO)

Battered Chicken
Fillet Burger,
Shredded Lettuce
& Mayo with
Wedges
(G, MK, SE*)

ALL DISHES SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEG OR CHEF SALAD

PUD

Lemon Cake with
Lemon Curd Frosting
(E, G, MK)

Fresh Cut Fruit
Selection

Chocolate Fudge
Cake
(E, G, MK)

Fresh Cut Fruit
Selection

Summer Fruit
Cheesecake
(E*, G, MK, SO*)



VEGGIE

Piri Piri Roast
Vegetable & Beans,
Golden Rice, Macho
Peas, Coleslaw &
Hot Sauce
(V)

Roasted Tomato &
Basil Pasta, Grated
Cheese & Garlic
Bread
(G, MK, SE*)

Cheddar, Goats
Cheese Tomato &
Spinach Pesto Hot
Deli Bagel, Sautéed
Potatoes & Salad
(G, MK)

Pesto Pasta,
Grated Cheese &
Garlic Bread
(G, MK, SE*)

Vegan Sausage
Roll & Potato
Wedges
(G)

Eat the Seasons



ORGANIC



Go
Vegan



ALLERGENS KEY...

CE - CELERY
CR - CRUSTACEAN
E - EGGS

F - FISH
G - CEREALS CONTAINING GLUTEN
L - LUPIN

MK - MILK
MO - MOLLUSCS
MU - MUSTARD

N - NUTS
P - PEANUTS
SE - SESAME SEEDS

SO - SOYA
SU - SULPHUR DIOXIDE
*- MAY CONTAIN

Welcome to the “Where are we now?” corner

Take a peek here every Friday to get a picture of where Waldorf Education takes our students in life.

Leaving the University of Nottingham with an MSc in Contemporary Chinese Studies, this old scholar (class of 2008) worked in the City of London before moving to Hong Kong. They now work in the UK for an emerging company setting up and working on a cryptocurrency platform for global companies.

If you have news of an old scholar that you would be happy to share, please let us know here:

scholarsold89@gmail.com

Alumni and Friends of Michael Hall School

We are holding an Alumni Committee Meeting.

**On Saturday 27th May in
the Copper Beech Cafe at
10.30am**

The invitation is open to all Alumni and Friends of Michael Hall School, past and present.

Please come to discuss events and planning of the Alumni programme.

Tea and biscuits will be provided!

Michael Hall Trustee Board

Are you passionate about Michael Hall and would consider joining our Trustee Board? We have a unique school in a magnificent setting, wonderful memories have been made and continue to be made here, but it takes lots of collective as well as specific energies to both nurture and sustain it.

Michael Hall School Trustee Board are seeking expressions of interest from members of our community to augment our group of directors. The directors provide vital strategic oversight to the School. Alongside specialist skills and a commitment to Steiner Waldorf Education, a broad range of Trustee skills would be most welcome. We are particularly seeking individuals with experience in education, business, safeguarding, human resources, construction and conservation both in the natural and built environment. We would be especially keen to have expressions of interest from people with no current links to the School.

The Board collectively supports the School with each individual voluntarily offering their knowledge and time to advise and guide. Whilst primarily specific skills are necessary to fulfil the educational and resource functions, to strengthen our current somewhat stretched team.

The professional skills needed are wide ranging and include safeguarding, management, fundraising, finance, human resources, construction management in a historic setting and of course teaching in the broadest sense both Waldorf and mainstream.

If you, or someone you know, may be inspired to assist our community, please email:
clerktothetrustees@michaelhall.co.uk



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charity no: 307006 this is a fundraising event



Team Michael Hall is undertaking the Swim 22 Challenge!

Members of the team each need to swim 22 miles over the next 3 months. 22 miles works out at 708 lengths in a 25-metre pool, the equivalent of swimming across the English Channel! So far Mr Jones, Mr Dyer, and Ian Howard have joined the team. To sponsor one of them, click on the link below.

Mr Jones has organised this event to aid fundraising for Diabetes UK, a charity that works closely with individuals with diabetes to help improve their lives. The charity researches better treatments with a long-time goal of finding a cure for this condition. Last year, a child in our school was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes.

<https://swim22.diabetes.org.uk/fundraising/teams/michael-hall-school>



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Days	Times	Lessons
Monday	8:15-9:15am	Cardio Tennis
Friday	08:30-09:45am	Mix Doubles, Tactics and Play

For more info and to book your space please contact rosstennis@icloud.com

CELTIC MELODY AND SONG

with Rhyll Godber

Three Saturday morning Sessions 10.00 – 12.30

May 13th June 10th July 8th

Welcome to the magical world of the Celts:
music, dance, song...embedded within the
wisdom of their culture. *SING!*
take up these gifts; enter into the
timeless power and beauty of
these hidden treasures.

All are welcome

Venue: Forest Row Community centre, The Garden Room

Contribution: £30 for three sessions / negotiable

Contact: Rhyll Godber 07587 119 544 / rhyllgodber@gmail.com

*The wonder of music is to claim the heart so totally, as to
cross all barriers, reaching in to the eternal.
Song opens a pathway of love.*

We are a family joining Michael Hall School from September and looking for our new home. Our daughter is 12 years old, she loves to play the piano and adores juggling, long walks in nature and animals, especially our two dogs. We both work mainly from home, Gabor is a civil engineer and also a carpenter, Judi is a lawyer and also a Steiner teacher. We've been part of different Waldorf school communities in the past 9 years, we have friends at Micheal Hall too.

First we would like to get to know the area so now we are looking for a 2-4 bedroom house to rent for 6-12 months with the aim of buying a property in the near future.

Our well behaved dogs usually stay outdoors but spend the evenings and nights inside. They are friendly with people and fully house-trained.

If you have a property you are considering to let for a nice, tidy and reliable family please contact us via e-mail (gabor@topocrew.co.uk or judy.torok@yahoo.co.uk) or mobile (0750 650 3602 or 0753 500 8971).



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