

HOW TO BOOK

Please fill out and return a Booking Form, which is available on the school's website (www.kildaresteinerschool.org) or by contacting the school on info@kildaresteinerschool.org / 045 401919. Early booking is advised in order to secure a place on the workshop/s of your choice.

Registration will start at 10.00am on the morning of each workshop. Workshop 1 will take place in the 'Le Chéile' building, Workshop 2 in the 'Coill Og Bhríde' building and Workshops 3, 4 and 5 in the 'Misneach' building. Please contact us if you have any further queries.

DIRECTIONS

The school is situated between the towns of Kilcullen and Dunlavin in Co. Kildare (R413 / R 412). A map and directions to the school are available on our website.

ABOUT THE KILDARE STEINER SCHOOL

The Kildare Steiner Waldorf School & Kindergarten provides a unique education for children from birth to 12 years in a beautiful 4.2 acre rural setting. Funding for up to two years of Kindergarten is available under the Irish Government's ECCE Scheme and there is a twice-weekly Parent & Child group for younger children and babies.

The aim of Steiner Waldorf education is to inspire in each student a lifelong love of learning and to enable them to fully develop their unique capacities. It offers a curriculum tailored to your child's needs and stage of development and focuses on educating the whole child—balancing academic, artistic and practical learning.

There is an emphasis on 21st century skills such as independent thinking, self-confidence, resourcefulness and creativity, along with small class sizes, a very positive peer group and inspiring teachers.

With their excellent and imaginative approach, Steiner Waldorf Schools and Kindergartens are increasingly recognised as a creative and compassionate alternative to traditional avenues of education. They are highly successful and sought-after in Europe and North America and are part of the fastest-growing independent educational movement worldwide.



Kildare Steiner School presents: 'Steiner Education & Your Growing Child'

A series of 5
workshops on how the
Steiner educational
approach works with
your child at each
stage of development
to support healthy and
balanced development

January to June 2016

PROGRAMME

DETAILS OF WORKSHOPS

1. The Very Young Child: Birth to 3 years

Saturday 23rd January 2016, 10.30am-3.30pm

The theme will be "Steiner Education and the Very Young Child: From birth to three years". In the workshop, Linda Grant, a Steiner kindergarten teacher and mentor who also leads our weekly Parent & Child group, will explore key questions in raising very young children such as:

- Are we simply replicating the adult world for the young child?
- What does the young child really need for their growth and development?
- How can Steiner education support parents and children in meeting those needs?

Linda will also take participants through the experience of a session at the Steiner Parent & Child group and after lunch, participants will create a felted landscape to foster storytelling and play for the young child.

2. I wonder Why—The Kindergarten Child: 3 to 6 years

Saturday 6th February, 2016, 10.30am to 1.30pm

The world of early childhood is one of wonder and exploration and the young child's way of thinking is fundamentally different from that of an adult. These insights underpin the way the Kindergarten Teacher works with the young child. In this workshop, Sinead Uí Thiarnaigh, a Steiner Kindergarten teacher at Kildare Steiner School will explore the needs and development of the young child and the theory underpinning the rhythm and content of the Steiner Kindergarten curriculum. Participants will experience the 'wonder' of a typical day in a Steiner Kindergarten and discover what happens behind the Kindergarten doors and why a Steiner Teacher does things in a particular way. Participants are asked to come comfortably dressed and to bring slippers or indoor shoes as well as suitable outdoor clothing and footwear.

3. Education towards Freedom: The Primary School Child (6-12 years)

Saturday 5th March 2016; 10.30am-3.30pm

"The need for Imagination,

A sense for Truth

And a feeling of Responsibility-

These are the three forces which are the very nerve of education."

- Rudolf Steiner

Have you ever wondered whether there is a different approach to education? Join us in exploring the Steiner way, where we seek to develop the heart, the will power and the mind using methods that appeal to the child while nurturing their longing to learn. This workshop will be led by a team of experienced Steiner teachers from

the Kildare Steiner School who will give you much food for thought, fun-filled activities and put you in touch with your inner artist.

4. The Four Temperaments in Education

Saturday 9th April 2016, 10.30am-3.30pm

In Waldorf Education, the four temperaments (four basic personality types) are used as a tool to help teachers and parents understand and support the child as a "whole" human being. This workshop will begin with a solid introduction to the temperaments and explore their use in the Steiner curriculum. Participants will then work with the temperaments creatively through the medium of wet-on-wet watercolour painting. Participants are asked to please bring an apron for the painting work. This workshop is led by Vicky Livingstone Syme, a Steiner teacher and long-term worker with Camphill Communities in Ireland and the UK.

5. Adolescence: The Turning Point

Saturday 18th June 2016, 10.30am-3.30pm

Why do so many wise cultures in the world regard 12 years as a turning point to be marked by a rite of passage? How do we meet our teenagers as their world turns and extraordinary changes mark this cusp from childhood and the steps towards adulthood? As sleep and food patterns change, as emotions take on new depths of light and darkness, as physical bodies sprout and grow, new cognitive abilities emerge. Come and find out how Steiner education meets this often turbulent but richly wonderful phase of human development in preparing our young people to navigate the world. Our workshop will explore the archetypal themes that meet early teen development in the curriculum and how as adults we can support this unfolding with strength and joy! This workshop is led by Nell Smyth, a Steiner teacher and author who teaches history, English and drama on the ALFA second-level Steiner programme in Co. Clare (www.alfaproject.org)

Each workshop except the February one will run from 10.30am to 3.30 pm, with a break for lunch. Participants at each workshop are asked to bring a contribution for a shared lunch.

SCHOOL OPEN DAY, Sat. 6th Feb, 2-4pm

There will be a **School Open Day** taking place on the afternoon of the February 6th workshop and workshop participants are welcome to come along, meet our Kindergarten and primary school teachers and find out more about our school. As places are limited, please e-mail the school if you would like to attend.