

# THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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The Treehouse School

Tension mounts during the Lion King auditions directed by actress and voice coach Laura Lee



## Hitting the Ground Running!

We have had a great start to the new term, with lots of positive feedback, visitors and interest in the school following our tremendous Film Launch in half term. Our thanks to all those involved.

As usual, a highly organised and interesting evening. Films were so compelling. Jonathan was amazing as compere, children so natural and goody bag so well thought out with the links. Well done everyone! Eve

Hi Ladies,

I have to say again I am truly amazed and incredibly impressed by what you've all accomplished with the fabulous Treehouse School. I feel privileged to know such committed, caring and go-getting individuals! What you have achieved so far is amazing and I have every faith you'll succeed in reaching the new goals you've set yourselves. Your incredible drive and philosophy carry others along with you and I think it's just plain wonderful. Keep up the good work. With love, from Penny Stragnell.

## Looking in to the Future...?

Wow! Two hundred editions of the update! It feels like only yesterday when we were celebrating the 100th edition, and just think how much we have accomplished since then... We are now settled in our larger Eco school accommodating 60 pupils; plans for a secondary Treehouse school are in the pipeline; and let's not forget The Treehouse school being awarded a National Accolade. This week ended with a special VIP lunch on Friday with all The Old Treehousians; it was an emotional day. Some of our former children are preparing for their G.C.S.E's, we wish them lots of luck, but then again they've had an excellent start to their education so they shouldn't really need it.... *By Kate Casey.*

## Dates for Your Diaries

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	3.00 pm Refashion dress rehearsal All welcome
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March,	Refashion Event Oxford Town Hall – 2.30 pm. Home drop off.
Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Sewing Workshop - Rose Noredon
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Judo
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday Forest - Lollington (bikes tbc)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Triathlon training
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	5.30pm Treehouse AGM
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Plasticine competition ends
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Day Centre visit- 2.00 pm. Please bring a story that your parents or grandparents enjoyed
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Judo Lesson
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Open Morning 10.00 – 11.30 am
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Triathlon training
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Fortnight starts– stories that parents and grandparents enjoyed when they were younger.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Book Marathon Month – can your family read 26 books in a month?
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Story Museum 1 – 3.00 pm tbc
Treehouse Film Festival	7.00 pm Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March/Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March

Are any families able to offer Alexandra a 'play day' on Monday April 13<sup>th</sup> so that Dru can attend our INSET Day please?

**Please find enclosed a small donation towards The Treehouse. Best wishes for 2015.  
Vanessa and Colin East Harding.**



# Going for Gold!

## Trees

Take Five Challenge - Can you start anywhere on the sheet and get 28 questions correct in five minutes or under?

## Houses

Use your best handwriting (italic or cursive) whenever you are writing to help establish a good standard.

## Keeping You and Your Child in the Loop...The Treehouse School ReFashion 2015

As you know, for the last half term The Gang have been working on their outfits for this year's ReFashion event, which are amazing! Inspired by a visit from our Kenyan visitor Austin, and the prospect of putting on a performance of The Lion King, the outfits are all unique but linked through an African theme.

The children used pictures and discussion to come up with their individual designs which experts Anna, Cassie, Emma and Sue helped to turn into reality. In addition to altering the shape and purpose of the original items, using recycled materials wherever possible, tie dyeing, collage and embroidery were all used to finish off the outfits.

A child led dance workshop enabled the children to put together a sequence of movements to show off their efforts to best effect. If you are able to, we would love you to see The Gang on the catwalk at Oxford's ReFashion Event on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 2.30 pm. Alternatively, come along to The Scout Hall on Monday at 3.00 pm to watch the dress rehearsal.

On Tuesday, we plan to spend much of the day in Oxford, leaving at 3.30 pm so please expect your child home (drop off) sometime between 4.00 and 4.30 pm. I hope that this does not cause any inconvenience. Children may wish to bring some pocket money with them to spend at the Event.

## If you are looking for something to do at home, how about:

- Going on a four leaf clover hunt (Tess)
- Working on your nature smart individual wish...(Lee)
- Organising a play date locally with someone who is not a Gang member (Mags)
- Inviting some friends to The Film Festival - WE NEED THEIR VOTES! (Lee)
- Doing some woodwork (Ollie)
- Making a scrapbook to record a special visit or holiday (Alex)
- Snail pet...whilst remaining nature smart! (Herbie)
- Finding or making an accessory for your refashion outfit (Lee)
- Completing your plasticine model for Herbie's competition (Herbie)
- Canoeing on The Thames (Alex)

This week, a golden mention to Martha, Ollie, Owen, Paige and Samuel for superb 'Golden Standard with sparkles' Log Book Entries. That's thirteen consecutive outstanding entries in a row...No pressure Tess and Alex!