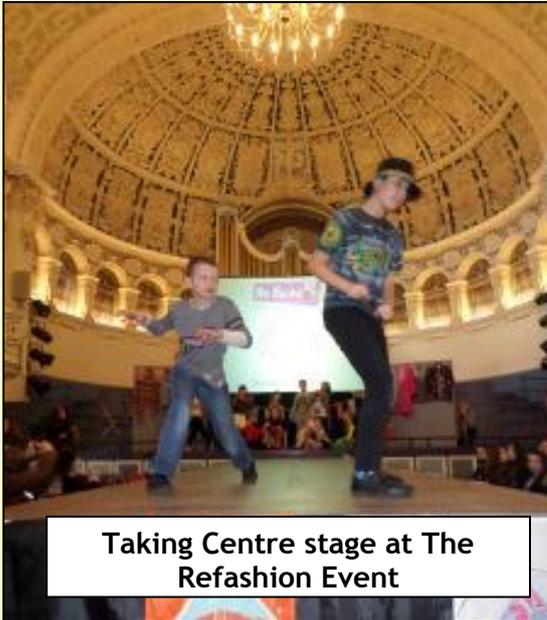


# THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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The Treehouse School



Taking Centre stage at The Refashion Event

## Out of the Mouths of Babes...

Last week, a child wrote in her Learning Log: 'When I first joined The Treehouse, I was shy and didn't talk to anyone. Now, I am confident and can speak in front of an audience. I have gone from being a carrot (at my old school), to Mary, in the Nativities! The Treehouse believed in me, and gave me a chance to show that I can overcome challenges.'

When we opened The Treehouse, one of our main goals was to equip the children with the skills, capacities and attitudes that they would need for a successful future. Vignettes, like the one above, not only demonstrate that we are on the right track, but also the children's growing ability to be able to reflect upon and articulate their thoughts, feelings and achievements.

Dear Lee and Shaz,

I thought the Treehouse children were brilliant at yesterday's ReFashion Show, really professional and fantastic clothing. I stayed until the end and they were by far the best of the whole event, please send my congratulations to all involved. All the best, Mad

## Lights...Camera...Action!

We are delighted that this year, even more schools are taking part in our annual Film Festival. We hope that you will be able to join us at The Corn Exchange on either Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> of March from 7.00 – 8.15 pm approx. Children (and adults if they wish!) should dress in their finery; there will be a red carpet, balloons and photographs from 6.40pm on both nights. If anyone is available to take photos on either night it would be appreciated.

## Book Worms!

**Parents, Grandparents, Friends and Trustees:** Please can you look out a book or a story that you enjoyed as a child? We are starting to collect resources for our Book Fortnight.

## Dates for Your Diaries

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	5.30pm Treehouse AGM. All welcome.
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Plasticine competition ends
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Day Centre visit- 2.00 pm. <b>Please bring a story that your parents or grandparents enjoyed</b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Judo Lesson
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday Forest: Streatley Hill. <b>Please note the Open Morning has been postponed.</b>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	PE: Dance
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 1.00 pm Late drop off
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> March/ Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Treehouse Film Festival - 7.00 pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Judo: please come along to watch the last session. 10.45 – 11.45 am
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday Forest Millennium Woods (Let us know drop off)
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	PE: Dance
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Jill Hanson - Poetry workshop. <b>2.30 pm Grans and Grandads invited to join us to hear some poetry.</b>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Dress up as a fictional character from the past. Please provide a picnic dish from a story for lunch.



# Going for Gold!

## Trees

How many words can you find that end in 'ed'? Make a list in your reading journal.

## Houses

Challenge your parents to solve 11 x 54. Can you solve the problem before they do?! Try another one...

## Keeping You and Your Child in the Loop... Stories from Yesteryear...

As you may recall, this year's theme for our book fortnight is 'Stories from Yesteryear'. We would like to share some of the stories that parents and older generations enjoyed when they were children. These could be classics like 'The Wind in the Willows' or 'Beatrix Potter's Peter Rabbit', or more contemporary stories like 'Paddington Bear' for example. Our fortnight kicks off next Monday, 16th March and ends on Friday 27th March. Our plans include:

- A visit to The Day Centre before our fortnight commences to find out what the members favourite childhood stories were, and to share some of the children's (Please remind your child to find and bring in their favourite story book/a book they enjoyed when they were younger for Wednesday 11th March)
- A book marathon - can your child/family read 26 books in a month? (commences Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March, ends Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April).
- A visit to The Story Museum in Oxford (Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March).
- A poetry workshop with a presentation for parents, grandparents, friends and trustees (Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30 pm).
- A dress-up-as-your-favourite 'yesteryear' character (Thursday 26th March).
- A picnic lunch comprising food from stories from the past (Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March).

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

- Ice skating with some friends (Samuel)
- Planning a party or sleep over (Paige)
- Organising a fundraiser for Red Nose Day (James)
- Making your own crossword (Alex)
- Training for our book fortnight marathon...(Tess)
- Creating your outfit for book week...(character from a story that your parents/grandparents enjoyed) can you do it independently this year? (Lee)
- Making an item of clothing (Martha)
- Making a pillow case (Gracie)
- Adding finishing touches to your plasticine model (Herbie)
- Taking a dog for a walk (Harry)
- Swimming top up (Edith)
- Going to the park without an adult, agree a time limit, take a watch and stick to it (Martha)

This week our Golden Boy is Fred Derreck....for coming to The Treehouse every week to maintain our garden and equipment. Thank you very much Fred.