

THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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The Treehouse School



Ollie shares a poem he wrote during the World War 1 Centenary of Remembrance at The Pavilion.

If You Go Down in The Woods Today...

Did you know...childhood lasts just 6,574 days? And that only 3% of these on average are spent outdoors, yet these are the days we remember. Assuming the numbers are based on 24 hours in a day that's just over 5 hours per week. If it refers to waking hours available to go outside, the picture is much more gloomy...maybe 2.5 hours per child per week? It would be interesting to see what the figure was for previous generations.

After a particularly busy week at The Treehouse, it was a real joy to spend much of the day on Friday in the woods playing 'goodies' and 'baddies' with The Gang. As well as being physically demanding, time was spent negotiating, collaborating, laughing, and learning how to accept, without dispute or debate, the consequences when captured, which was a real challenge for some! That was four and a half hours outside well spent I would say.

Dear Shaz, Lee and the Gang
Thanks so much for welcoming us to the Treehouse School today. We really enjoyed our delicious lunch and loved seeing the hedge den. We really appreciated being able to take photos at the school and would love to visit again in the summer,
Wild wishes
Fiona and Jo (Authors The 'Wild' Series of Books)

Stackpole Update

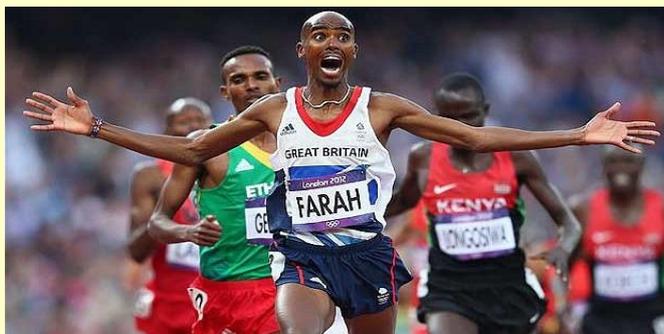
After some discussion and consultation, we have decided to visit Stackpole every other year. This will mean that our next visit will be July 2016, giving families a 'year off' to save up and make other plans if they wish to. I should like to take this opportunity to thank all 'Stackpolians' for making the trips such an enjoyable and educational experience for the children.

Although the Lion King Production is some way off (Friday 22nd May 2015, 7.00 pm), scripts have been sent home so that your child can start to learn their lines.

Dates for Your Diaries

Monday 16 th March	PE: Dance
Monday 16 th March	Book Fortnight starts- stories that parents and grandparents enjoyed when they were younger.
Monday 16 th March – Thursday 16 th April	Book Marathon Month – can your family read 26 books in a month?
Tuesday 17 th March	Story Museum - Late home drop off
Weds 18 th March/ Thurs 19 th March	Treehouse Film Festival - 7.00 pm. Photographs on the red carpet at 6.45 pm both evenings.
Thursday 19 th March	Judo: please come along to watch the last session if you can. 10.45 – 11.45 am
Friday 20 th March	Friday Forest The Holies, Streatley (Let us know drop off)
Monday 23 rd March	PE: Dance
Tuesday 24 th March	Jill Hanson - Poetry workshop. 2.30 pm Grans and Grandads invited to join us to hear some poetry.
Thursday 26 th March	Dress up as a fictional character from the past. Please provide a picnic dish from a story for lunch.
Friday 27 th March	Easter Egg Hunt Wittenham Clumps
Friday 27 th March	End of term
Tuesday 14 th April.	New Term starts

We hope to see you at The Film Festival on Wednesday or Thursday Evening, 7.00 pm at The Corn Exchange



Going for Gold!

Trees

Can you find a verb with an 'ed' ending for each letter of the alphabet?

Houses

Make an entry in your Learning Log over the weekend, using your best 'working handwriting'.

Keeping You and Your Child in the Loop... The Treehouse Telegraph

The Gang are becoming increasingly adventurous and sophisticated in their Log Book Entries, which for the past month or so have all been outstanding. As well as getting into the habit of doing 'homework', and doing a good job at that, the children are also learning about, and experimenting with, different types and styles of writing.

Recently, 'The Treehouse Telegraph' appeared as a Log Book entry and we all thought it would be a good idea for the children to publish a weekly newspaper containing a selection of articles that would interest The Gang. At a School Meeting, it was decided that 'The Treehouse Telegraph' should be written on a rota basis, in family groups with help from older siblings or parents if needed. Initially, if possible, ten copies of the paper should be printed out and brought in to school on a Monday for distribution. Eventually, this will be replaced by e-mail circulation, giving the children a reason to log on and check their messages on a weekly basis. Please make a note of your child's turn to write and publish the school newspaper.

Monday 16th March - Alex

Monday 27th April - Harry

Monday 23rd March - Alice and Edith

Monday 4th May - James

Monday 13th April - Freya

Monday 11th May - Mags and Ollie

Monday 20th April - Gracie

Monday 18th May - Samuel

The Telegraph can include articles of interest, games, puzzles, word searches, recipes, notification of forthcoming events, children's writing etc.

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

- planting your seeds and thinking about how you are going to remember to look after them;
- creating a mammal and slow worm habitat in your back garden;
- making a card or gift for Mother's Day;
- organising a meal for your mum on Sunday;
- reading through your Lion King script, highlighting your part and starting to learn some of your lines or the words in the songs;
- thinking about the qualities that you would add to the 'Judo Code' that Steve discussed with you last week, which included honesty, respect, courtesy and honour.

This week a golden mention to Ollie for reading the poem he had written at the World War I Centenary of Remembrance. Ollie did a great job despite being a little reluctant to undertake this responsibility.