

# THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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The Treehouse School



C.S. Lewis Nature Reserve at Shotover Woods -  
What a wonderful way to spend a sunny Friday.

## Here Comes the Sun

It's that time of year again...please can children apply sun cream during the hotter weather, and make sure that they have a sunhat in school for the summer term. Thank you.

## What a Girl!

Victoria Glancy, a good Friend of The Treehouse, is running the Milton Keynes Marathon on Monday 4th May to raise money for our new Eco School. She's hoping to raise £500 to fund an end window. If you would like to sponsor her, please visit:  
<http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/VictoriaFrancescaGlancyRunforFun>

## All Change for the Spring!

Over the Easter break, we have been busy changing our displays. Please do take a moment to pop in and have a look at the children's work on display in the Craft Room, The Quiet Room and The Study.

## .....Have You Any Wool?

Shirley, another of our good friends, is knitting children's cardigans to sell for The Treehouse. Shirley needs 100g or more suitably coloured double knit wool. If you can help, please either send the wool in to school or drop it off at Fred's house in Papist way. Thank you.

## A Welcome Break

They say a change is as good as a rest, and I do hope that you all feel refreshed after the Easter break. We enjoyed a stimulating training day on Monday, led by early year's specialist, Jo Gordon. The day included much discussion about how we can get the best out of every child, which boiled down to consulting and listening to them! This is something that we have always done but been keen to develop at The Treehouse. Afterwards Jo wrote: "I enjoyed today! Love your place and philosophy – if only more people would follow it! Shame not everyone would stand up together and do what is best for children. If we did maybe the government would sit up and take note!! I will mention your great practice on courses I do." What a positive start to the summer term.

## Dates for Your Diaries

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	3.00 pm Dance Festival Performance for those unable to make the Festival Performance next week. <b>Refashion outfits please.</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	School Production Practise. John Coe visiting.
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	9.30 am Pizza Express visit. Pm: Hula hooping workshop.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Visit to Grundon Recycling Works, Slough. Children to wear boots or wellies please. Home drop off.
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	10K Race and Bunny Run.
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	1.45 – 7.00 pm Wallingford School Dance Festival
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	School Production Practise
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Forest School in Basildon. Home drop off.
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Rounders – Summer PE kit please.
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Lion King Practise all day.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30 am Alison, Joy Whitby, Hugo Brunner and Mary Rose Brunner visiting.

Andrea and family raised over £600.00 from their cake sale for the Meningitis Trust. What a magnificent achievement.

**The Film Festival raised a fantastic £1255.00!**  
**Thank you Awesome Eccleston Team.**



# Going for Gold!

## Trees

Can you explain what you learned about blocked and grated cheese to your parents?

## Houses

Can you get 28/28 in Take Five on Wednesday?

### Keeping You and Your Child in the Loop...

Your children's Learning Log has been coming home for a term now. As you may recall, the purpose of sending them home was to keep you better informed about your child's learning on a weekly basis, and so that your child may record any learning opportunities that they may encounter over the weekend. We welcome parental entries but please do not feel obliged to do this every week. We are also interested in finding out whether seeing your child's learning log is worthwhile.

Where the Learning Logs are working well, the children are taking increasing responsibility for them, and ultimately their next steps and learning. Being able to reflect on what you have learned, how well you did and identifying any areas for development is a highly sophisticated skill. We are delighted that some of the children have embraced this and hope that others will be able to follow when they are ready and able to.

### Looking for something to do outside over the weekend, why not...

- Play out with a chum, independently with time and location boundaries
- Go to a beach
- Have some fun with water, with a sprinkler or paddling pool
- Organise a camp out
- Go on a dog walk with a chum following an agreed route
- Go geo caching with somebody who has never been before
- Visit the café on your own with a budget
- Visit the park independently with another House; Lee suggested one day a week the Gang could go to the park after school with one adult in attendance, to keep an eye from a distance
- Try the bum shuffle challenge under the bridge over the brook...with an adult in attendance (we talked about how easy it was to drown in just inches of water!)
- Sketch wildlife
- Write letters to a friend, establish a pen pal
- Practise for the bunny run

This week, golden mentions to Tess for donating 75% of her takings (£18.00) for The Treehouse from her new trading business. Also to Maurice for being such a good, loyal and supportive Friend of The Treehouse.