

# THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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Laser-based machines sort rubbish at Grundon

## Food Glorious Food!

Mega thanks to Cassie for managing the Abel and Cole organic veg and fruit box scheme on our behalf. Cassie also offers a home delivery service! So far, the scheme has raised £1348 since its inception. Abel and Cole have now launched a salad bag, which next week will include: tomatoes, avocado, and baby leaf salad. It costs £7.50 (£1.88 of that goes to the Treehouse) If you are interested, please visit the website <http://www.abelandcole.co.uk/what-are-the-bags-like> or contact Cassie.

## Super Year Sixes

Dear Alice, James, Samuel, Paige and Gracie, Thank you all for being such good, intelligent and well behaved children today. It was a pleasure to be out with you all and to listen to your well thought out queries and comments. I am sure that all the people who went by when we were sitting talking on The Forty were impressed with your behaviour. I hope that you all have a lovely time at Pizza Express and that your bus trip goes well, which I am sure it will. Look forward to hearing how it went. Gilly

Can you bake something for the 10K Café please?

## What a Waste!

"Mind boggling...interesting...overwhelming... so much rubbish..." (comments from members of The Gang). There is no doubt that our visit to Grundon's recycling plant in Slough was an eye opener for us all on Friday. Hats off to Grundon for their commitment to recycling our waste, but my goodness, there is so much of it...

During our visit, as tonnes of paper, card, plastic, aluminium, steel, food waste and glass arrived, and was tipped, sorted, baled and transported away again, I thought back to a story that I vividly remember my Gran telling me. When she was a child, tea leaves were sold in boxes which were lined with a sheet of greaseproof paper. Gran and her siblings were thrilled when it was 'their turn' to have the paper, which they cherished for drawing. Now paper, like so many other things in our lives, has become a readily available, cheap, commodity. Perhaps that's just how it is, and I should 'get over it'; after all, it's not the end of the world is it?

## Dates for Your Diaries

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 - <b>Packed tea please.</b> 6 – 7.00 pm Performance.
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April <b>Tuesday Trading!</b>	Late start for those who need it (10.00 am). School Production Practise
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Forest School in Basildon woods. Home drop off. <b>All Leg-It details to Lee please.</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday James writing The Treehouse Telegraph
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.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00 – 10.00 am Red Cross Collection outside The Forty Forest School in Lollingdon – bikes if dry please.
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Wallingford Car Rally and Bike Sale

**Are you Legging-it-along-The-Ridgeway on May 31<sup>st</sup>?**



# Going for Gold!

## Trees

Practise weighing different things on your kitchen scales, working out how much each 'notch' is worth.

## Houses

Work through, work out and become familiar with your Take Five Sheet. We will have a timed test on Wednesday.

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

Preparations for our production of The Lion King are well under way; we have been so impressed with the hard work that the children have put into learning their scripts. Thank you for your help with this. The children have also benefited tremendously from spending time with Laura Lee, a gifted actress and vocalist.

Over time, Shaz and I have come to learn that 'less is more', and so have dedicated a day each week this term to The Lion King. This will hopefully ensure that we are ready for the performance which takes place at **The Great Hall on Friday 22d May at 7.00 pm.**

Opportunities for children to hone and develop a wealth of skills and qualities, not least the ability to stand and perform in front of an audience, will be of huge benefit to the Gang.

Looking for something to do outside over the weekend, why not...Lee asked for ideas which link with the things we are doing in school...

- Make a family talking tub
- Practise your words for the production
- Borrow the Cool Science book and do some experiments at home
- Show your parents experiments you have done
- Plan an investigation for the summer, comparing vegetables you have grown v those you have bought
- Look in reduced section of the local shop, the Houses discovered today there were some bargains to be had
- Have a ready meal one day and then cook the same meal from scratch the following day, compare the culinary experience!
- Make your own crisps
- Practise your Hula hooping
- Practise your cheerleading chant and moves
- Plant some potatoes...they grow very well in a large pot...
- Look for fossils

This week, a golden mention to the 10K team who have worked tirelessly for months now preparing for this event. Thank you Emma, Kate, Sally and Bob.