

THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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The Treehouse School



Hanging Out at The Arboretum

Second Hand Bike Sale

What a fabulous event this has become, raising a staggering £1390.00 this year, as well as the profile of The Treehouse. Sixty two bikes were sold. Huge thanks to all involved.

Leg-It-Along-The-Ridgeway-Challenge Sunday 31st May

Please let me know if you would like a lift to the start of this year's challenge in the minibus, and/or your bikes transported to Sparsholt. You will also need a picnic, snacks and plenty to drink. If you are planning to join us to celebrate the completion of the Challenge on Friday 5th June, please send £5.00 in as soon as you are able. All that remains, is to get some training and sponsorship in.

Pulling Out The Stops (Again)...

Heartfelt thanks to you all for your help creating the scenery, props and costumes for our Lion King extravaganza. Also for the bamboo canes, fabric, torches and various other bits and bobs that have have turned up this week.

Let's hope that The Gang pull it off and live up their Ganqtastic reputation!



What a Top Bloke...

My latest hero, Master of Wellington College and educationalist Anthony Seldon, published his own education manifesto in The Times last week. Anthony writes:

"Enterprise, creativity and entrepreneurship need to be at the heart of our schools. Our pedestrian insistence on exams and testing has ripped the heart out of schools. Young people need to be taught to think for themselves: the economy will never thrive unless schools are liberating, passionate and exciting.

Schools need to focus on character development, grit and resilience. How else are we going to turn out responsible citizens of tomorrow?"

What sense. Let's hope that somebody out there with some influence takes note and listens.

Dates for Your Diaries

Sat 16 th May	10.30 – 12. Nearly New Sale
Monday 18 th May	Samuel – Treehouse Telegraph Rounders 2.00 – 3.15 pm at the park. Herbie's Birthday
Tuesday 19 th May	9 – 12 Lion King rehearsal – Great Hall. Either drop off at 8.30 am at The Treehouse, or meet at 9.00 am at The Great Hall with a scooter please. Named black leggings and t-shirt in a bag please.
Weds 20 th May	9 – 12 Lion King rehearsal – Great Hall. Either drop off at 8.30 am at The Treehouse, or meet at 9.00 am at The Great Hall with a scooter please.
Thurs 21 st May	Thursday Trading
Friday 22 nd May	10.00 am start for those who need or fancy it, at The Great Hall. Usual start for others at The Treehouse. 1.30 pm Pick up from The Great Hall to give children time to recharge their batteries. 6.00 pm Drop off at The Great Hall. 6.45 pm Doors open!
Sunday 31 st May	10.00 am Leg-It-Along-The-Ridgeway-Challenge – 10.00 am Sparsholt car park, above Childrey, to Streatley. (16 miles approximately)

Thank you Tenieel for our delicious Caribbean Feast on Thursday.



Going for Gold!

Trees

Share your new self-smart individual wish with your parents, and see if you can work on it over the weekend.

Houses

Have the weekend off, put your feet up - you all did so well with the Take Five Challenge last week.

Keeping You and Your Child in the Loop...A Message from Jamie Oliver

Hi guys, Jamie here.

I urgently need your help to make a real difference. We're currently facing a global obesity epidemic, with 42 million children under the age of five either overweight or obese across the world. The bottom line is the next generation will live shorter lives than their parents if nothing is done to rectify these alarming stats.

So I'm asking that you do two simple things - first, please sign my petition to show your support for compulsory practical food education in schools across the world, then, most importantly, share it via your social networks.

It's essential that we arm future generations with the life skills they urgently need in order to lead healthier, happier, more productive lives. I passionately believe this is every child's human right and I hope you agree.

If you can help me get millions of people to sign my petition, we can create a movement powerful enough to force all G20 governments to take action. Food education will make a difference to the lives of the next generations, so please help. I can't do it without you. Sign it, share it and let's inspire governments to do the right thing.

Big love, Jamie Oliver x

<http://www.foodrevolutionday.com>

Our production is just a week away, how about....

- Perfecting your lines
- Writing your own Lion King sequel
- Practising your words somewhere noisy
- Planning a programme that the audience can enjoy
- Writing a synopsis (a brief summary of the whole story) of the Lion King for the programme
- Trying mask angles using a mirror, what angle does your head need to be at for it to be seen most clearly?
- Getting someone to film you doing your part, watch and decide what you need to work on
- Looking at the animal you are playing on the internet. How does it move? What characteristics does it have that you could use in your performance.
- Finding a new recipe and make some cakes to sell during the interval

This week, Mags has knocked our socks off for being so brave, and coping so sensibly with a very nasty injury. Golden Boy!