

# THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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The Treehouse School

## This Year's Trophy Winner



## A Journey of A Thousand Miles starts with a Single Step...

Educational research has for some years concluded that developing children's confidence and their levels of resilience are two factors which will be of enormous benefit to them in the future.

It has to be said, that during my career, which spans well over twenty years, I have never worked with a group of children with such tenacity and enthusiasm. As our expectations rise, so their capacity to meet, and often exceed them increases.

Last week's Leg-It Challenge was a really good example of this, as children of all ages and abilities, set off along a sixteen/eight mile course, which could also be described as an endurance test. Demanding physically, emotionally and mentally, they all made it to the end without complaint, and afterwards, will have experienced a great sense of achievement.

I believe that we are giving our children the very best start we could as we equip them with the skills, qualities and capacities for a positive and successful future. My thanks to you all for your contribution towards this.

### Inspiring and Amazing!

Well thank you for a truly wonderful day! I am feeling proud as I have never walked that far, and also I talked to some really ace people along the way too:) Your pupils are inspiring and amazing, keeping positive rather than complaining of being tired, and their achievement of completing the challenge is just brill! All the best for the rest of your walk too, Wonder woman! Lou xxx

### Summer Piano Concert

Those of you who enjoyed the piano concert The Treehouse organised a couple of years ago, may be interested to hear that JP will be playing at St Peter's Church, Wallingford at 8pm on Saturday 27 June. Tickets are available on the door (£14.00), or in advance from Just Trading (£12.00).

### Dates for Your Diaries

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Gracie's Music Choice. Treehouse Telegraph – Heydons.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	PE: Sports' Evening practise PE kit please.
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday Trading
Weds 10 <sup>th</sup> June	11.00 am Centenary of Remembrance Cholsey Pavilion, all welcome.
Weds 10 <sup>th</sup> June	7.00 – 9.00 am Felt workshop at The Treehouse, two places available (£15.00)
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	2.15 – 3.15 pm Hula hooping. Please bring hoops in.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	7.00 - 8.00 pm – Adult netball club at Cholsey School. Ask Kate C or Lee for more details.
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday Forest at Blewbury Park. Houses may cycle tbc. Home/school drop off.
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	6 – 8.00 pm Sports' Evening at The Scout Hall. More details to be circulated.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	James' Music Choice Treehouse Telegraph - Alex
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday Trading
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> June	7.00 – 9.00 am Felt workshop at The Treehouse.
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> June	2.15 – 3.15 pm Hula hooping. Please bring hoops in.
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Wallingford Carnival 12 – 2.00 pm – Wallingford School/Kinicroft. <b>Please let Shaz know if your child is unable to take part.</b>

**Thank you all for your contribution to the Leg-It Challenge. We will let you know the total raised, currently £3,500.00 (including gift aid). 😊**



# Going for Gold!

## Trees

Practise your Take Five sheet for Wednesday's Going for Gold session.

## Houses

Go Houses! We are aiming for 100% in this week's Take Five Test on Wednesday.

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

Finding the right balance and enough time to fit everything into a school week or term is a challenge for any school, especially when there are so many enriching events and activities on offer. In a school our size, with the additional pressure of needing to raise funds to keep us going, it becomes even harder. I realise that this sometimes puts us all under some stress, children and adults alike, particularly during the summer term. So, firstly I want to thank you all for working so hard to meet, and often exceed, our demanding and relentless requirements and expectations.

Secondly, it would be helpful, whenever you feel it appropriate, to give us feedback, which is always valued and appreciated, so that we adapt and refine our practice accordingly.

Finally, we are very grateful that you continue to find time to keep the 'basics' ticking over at home, for example, reading and mental maths practise, as well of course as ensuring that your child/ren) is/are always so well prepared, well rested and raring to go! It makes our job so much easier.

**This week, how about finding some time at home to do...**

- **Some hula hooping.** Can you work on a routine for the Carnival Procession?
- **Some running - do some training for the Sports' Evening on Friday!**
- **Some creating...fancy making something for Tuesday Trading?**  
Some planning ahead...which categories could you enter in this year's Flower Show?
- **Some organising...how about creating a folder, like Freya's, for all of your certificates and medals!**
- **Some reading, find a comfy place and settle down with a good book.**
- **Some finding out...When and why did World War I/The Great War start? Why are we commemorating those who died in the War on Wednesday?**  
What can you find out about Blewburton Hill, which we hope to visit on Friday.
- **Some bird spotting - have you heard the cuckoo yet?**
- **Some nurturing...how are you plants doing?**
- **Some catching up...I Player Springwatch. It's a great way to become more nature smart.**

This week, a special mention to Golden Team: Tenieel and Family for our Caribbean feast; Andrea for our scrumptious desserts; Cassie for our potent punch; JC and Kate for setting up the hall and washing up; Kate C for taking photographs; Jo for creating our slideshow; and The 'Green Team' and Fred for making the medals.