

# THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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The Treehouse School



Taking in the view at Blewburton Hill

## Advance Notice - A Date for Your Diaries

We would like to invite you to join us on our final visit this academic year to Tony Rayner's delightful garden. The visit will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July from 10.00 am until 12.00 approximately. Tony plans to concentrate on insects during this visit - moths, butterflies and dragonflies, if the weather allows. Please let me know if you are able to attend. You are in for a real treat and right on our doorsteps too!

## Super Stars

Sincere thanks to Planning Consultant Jane Randle, and Arboriculturist (tree expert) Sarah Venners, for working so hard 'behind the scenes' on our planning application. They both deserve a medal for their tenacity, generosity, patience and professionalism. We are still awaiting the outcome of our planning application but will let you know as soon as we receive it.

## The Treehouse Travelling Big Top!

Our eclectic travelling circus walking float is coming together (kind of!) but we are short of a few extras... So if you have any: brightly coloured wigs; large colourful bow ties; a loud claxon-style horn; a ring-master's outfit (!); or know of a one-man-band; unicyclist; or horse handler; please can you let us know! Any other good ideas, props, outfits or accessories gratefully accepted.

## Community Spirit

Over the last school year, the Treehouse community seems to have had more than its share of bad luck and sadness. Long term illness, bereavement, accidents and injuries have plagued our school. However the proverb 'every cloud has a silver lining' really does spring to mind as offers of help have poured in from every direction.

When facing adversity, thoughtful gestures and words, food parcels and flowers really help. Not only are they wonderful acts of kindness in themselves, but also illustrate what a compassionate community we have become. So on behalf of the recipients, I should like to thank you all for reminding us that a little bit of kindness goes a long way.

## Dates for Your Diaries

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	James' Music Choice. Treehouse Telegraph – Shaz. Deadline for Heydon's Telegraph competition. <b>Carnival costumes required please.</b>
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday Trading. Pm: Gang to help Vicky at the allotment. <b>Extra adult help appreciated.</b>
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.
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday Forest: Shotover. Home/School drop off.
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Wallingford Carnival 12 – 2.00 pm Wallingford School/Kincroft. 12.30 – Bucket collectors to Wallingford School please, <b>wearing turquoise 10K t-shirt.</b>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Martha's Music Choice.
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Tuesday Trading.
Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> June	7 – 9.00 am Felting Workshop.

**Hot off the press, Judo Grading: Congratulations to judokas Alex, Martha, Paige and Samuel for being awarded orange belt three, and to Herbie and Owen for moving up to orange belt one.**



# Going for Gold!

## Trees

Can you complete your Take Five sheet in less than five minutes?

## Houses

Practise your tables in preparation for our tables test on Tuesday.

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

One of the queries that we regularly receive from visitors is 'what will happen to the children when they move on to secondary school?' Whilst we won't really know for sure until about a year from now, we work from the principle that giving children a positive primary school experience is the best preparation we can give them for a successful secondary school education.

So as the end of the academic year looms, and the move to secondary school becomes a reality for some members of The Gang, we will continue to offer 'business as usual'. In my experience, this is the best way to help children to cope with change, as well of course, as providing them with opportunities to talk about any concerns that they may have.

There is no doubt that for any child, in any school, the move to secondary school is a big step. It is our job to make sure that the transition is as smooth and as positive as we can manage. The children that are leaving us are a credit to you, and to The Treehouse, and will be an asset any secondary school.

**This week, how about finding some time at home to brush up on your word and number smart skills. You could...**

- Try a book by a new author, for example, Alex has tried an Anthony Horowitz novel recently and it was great!
- Make an origami fortune teller....with Going for Gold choices!
- Read The Treehouse Telegraph, a magazine or puzzle book;
- Set yourself your own reading challenge;
- Look up a new recipe for Tuesday Trading
- Check your email account...use it or lose it!
- Send an email, Shaz and Lee would love to hear from you...
- Have a 'Take 5' off with a sibling or parent...who can complete it in the quickest time?
- Work out some averages for your family...height, age, head circumference...
- Count the contents of your parents' purse or wallet. Double check to be sure that you are right.
- Bake something, taking care to weigh the ingredients accurately.
- Record how many birds visit your garden in 5 minutes. Repeat at different times and analyse your results.

**This week, a special mention to Alex and Freya who chose to cycle to our Friday Forest venue in Blewbury.**