

THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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The Treehouse School



Tuesday Trading at The Treehouse

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Our 'Tuesday Trading' mini market held weekly before school at The Treehouse has really taken off with more and more children selling a range of homemade and unwanted products. Last week as well as a range of baked goodies, children sold soap, books, toys and flower arrangements. What entrepreneurs! At the end of Trading, children calculate what 25% of their takings are and give it to The Treehouse. If you get a chance, do pop around on a Tuesday to see the market in action.

Moving On Event

Our Year Six children have been invited to join other local children at a 'Moving On Event' being held at St. Mary's Church on Tuesday 23rd June. The event will comprise workshops in small groups to discuss any issues and concerns the children may have regarding their transition to secondary school.

Rounders in the Park

Weather permitting, The Gang will be playing rounders during their PE session on Monday in the park. Please can you ensure they have a sun hat, have applied sun cream, and that they wear their PE kit to school on a Monday. If you fancy it, you are more than welcome to join in, we aim to arrive at 2.00 pm. Please can you let your child know what the arrangements are for the end of day i.e. walking home, collection from the park or The Treehouse.

'Green' Schools Boost Learning

Heading off into the woods for our weekly 'Friday Forest fix' has become one of the highlights for many of us at The Treehouse. The combination of being outdoors and 'away from it all', with time to play, explore, investigate and create, is relished by The Gang and adults alike.

It was no surprise to me in an article published in The Guardian last week, that primary school children who go to schools surrounded by greenery show better cognitive development than their peers at less green schools. The research concluded that a green environment could lead to improved memory, attentiveness and academic achievement among children.

Interesting but not surprising in my opinion. I have all my best ideas, and am at my most creative, whilst out walking. Time and space to think are a winning combination.

Dates for Your Diaries

Sat 20 th June	Wallingford Carnival 12 – 2.00 pm 12.30 – Bucket collectors to Wallingford School please, wearing turquoise 10K t-shirt.
Monday 22 nd June	Martha's Music Choice. Alex – Treehouse Telegraph Andrea on her hols for 2 weeks ☹ Rounders at the Park
Tuesday 23 rd June	Tuesday Trading. Moving On Event Community allotment pm
Weds 24 th June	7 – 9.00 am Felting Workshop.
Friday 26 th June	Friday Forest: The Holies
Monday 29 th June	Greens away on holiday. Samuel's Music Choice. Treehouse Telegraph: Rymans Rounders at the Park.
Tuesday 30 th June	All to Community Allotment pm
Wednesday 1 st July	7.00 pm ACE Team Meeting at The Red Lion
Friday 3 rd July	Alex's birthday Friday Forest: Wittenham Clumps
Monday 6 th July	Paige's Music Choice Treehouse Telegraph: Freya Rounders at The Park.

The final total raised for The Leg-It-Along-The-Ridgeway Challenge was a tremendous £5009.90!



Going for Gold!

Trees

Make a collection of interesting ways to start a non-fiction sentence e.g. **Although...Furthermore...** Try looking in a book for ideas. Can you find 10?

Houses

Make a collection of words with hidden vowels inside them e.g. **achieve**, **different**, **favourite**. Can you find 10?

Keeping You and Your Child in the Loop...Annual Reports

Once again, the children are rising to their next challenge, working hard on their annual reports. Although we are still at an early stage in the process, The Gang are already demonstrating their ability to write for a range of purposes and audiences. Furthermore their ability to reflect on achievements and areas for development is becoming increasingly accurate and sophisticated.

Building on last year's reports, we aim for the final outcome to be informative, eye-catching and above all, a keepsake that they can look back in on in the future. As well as written accounts, they will include copies of certificates and medals (from school and extra-curricular activities); crafts and models; photographs and drawings. Please help your child to gather anything from home that could be included so that we can start to pull things together.

The Gang were asked for ideas that might help with the important job of writing our reports. Here are some of the jobs we agreed that could be done at home:

- Complete some of your report writing in rough and ask an adult to check it for you at home.
- Find some photographs, certificates and other artefacts you could photocopy at school to accompany your report.
- Collect some sentence starters so that your writing is varied and interesting.
- Work on some 'fancy fancy' lettering to head each page. This could be done by hand or on the computer.
- Draw some illustrations to accompany your report.
- Make some pop ups or flaps for your report.
- Come into school early and do a bit extra (Lee added it was always an option to stay for an hour after school if you wished).
- Set yourself a challenge you could achieve at home.
- Practise Take 5...it will make you more number smart and help you write another section!

This week, a special mention to all members of The Gang for the quality and standard of their writing (Log Book Entries, Report Writing)