

THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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The Treehouse School



Collaborating with children from other local schools who will moving on to Secondary School in September

New School Uniform Supplier

Jo has managed to get Trutex in Didcot to quote for Treehouse uniform, and they are happy to print one garment at a time if necessary. This means orders can be placed by individual families throughout the year rather than collating a group order. Trutex welcome visits from families to try clothing on for sizing although they won't stock our school colours. Please note, fleeces will be embroidered so they need a minimum order of 12. If you are thinking of ordering a fleece for your child/ren please email round to see if anyone else would be interested. Trutex are located in Didcot at 14 Cockcroft Rd, OX11 8LL, Tel: 01235 211011.

Dear Lee, Shaz and the Gang,
I just wanted to say a HUGE thank you for being so lovely to Louis on Thursday. He had such a wonderful day with you all that this morning he asked me how long it was going to be until he could come back and visit you all again. He asked me to make a chart so he could do a countdown of how many sleeps it was!! You are all so lovely and have created such an incredible school that even someone who up until a week ago found school a very distressing place is now counting down the sleeps until he comes back! Amazing...

Thank you, thank you, thank you, Ellie xx

Here's to The Future...

With only three weeks to go, the end of the academic year will be here before we know it, and six founder members of The Treehouse will move on.

Preparing children for the future has always been, and will continue to be, one of our main goals and reasons for setting up The Treehouse. Developing each child's social and communication skills; their ability to learn; and their levels of independence and self-confidence are key. Increasingly, I see more and more evidence of this from The Gang whether participating in the Carnival, collaborating with other children at a transition event, or applying themselves to a task or request at The Treehouse.

Thank you for having faith in us, letting us get on with it and for supporting us throughout.

Dates for Your Diaries

Monday 29 th June	Greens away on holiday. Samuel's Music Choice. 9.00 am Head of Wallingford School's Y7 visiting The Treehouse. Treehouse Telegraph: Rymans Rounders at the Park.
Tuesday 30 th June	Tuesday Trading. All to Community Allotment pm tbc
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.
Tuesday 7 th July	Tuesday Trading Year Six to Wallingford School for the day. Archie, Eddie, Gracie, Jess, Lewis and Will joining The Treehouse for the day.
Wednesday 8 th July	No shoes day. Laura Lee visiting am.
Thurs 9 th July	10.00 am Visit to Tony's garden

Thank you for your help with the bucket collection at The Carnival. We raised £712.00.



Going for Gold!

Trees

Can you write a 'meaty' paragraph or two at home for your reports? How about using the computer and e-mailing any finished work to Shaz to check.

Houses

How about cracking on with your report writing at home? You could use the computer and e-mail them to Lee to check. Remember to include a 'sandwich' and some 'meaty' paragraphs.

Keeping You and Your Child in the Loop...Growing Up

As The Gang get older it is worth spending some time thinking about how to manage discussions concerning the physical changes that will start to occur as they grow. In the mainstream system, usually after SATs, a school nurse visits year six classes to deliver a sex education and personal hygiene package. I have always felt uncomfortable with this 'blanket' approach because I think that the best place for discussions of this nature is at home within the family setting. Furthermore, in my experience, some of the children have not been mature enough to deal with the content, whereas others needed it earlier. At The Treehouse we believe our role is to respond honestly and with sensitivity to any questions that a child may ask as they arise, and that it is the parents' role to judge when their child is ready for discussions around puberty, sex and personal hygiene. We are very happy to advise and help with this, and can suggest some child-friendly resources that would help too. Please just ask.

Been Inside...? How about...

We have been spending quite a lot of time inside recently, writing our reports, and recognise that when the older children move on to secondary school they may not get to spend as much time outdoors as we do now. The Gang were challenged to think of some ideas that could be done after a long day at school for a bit of a breather:

- Go for a walk with a friend.
- Have a water fight, or turn the sprinkler on if it is a hot day.
- Take your dog out for a walk or if you haven't got a dog, ask a friend or neighbour if you can walk theirs for them.
- Run...
- Make a tree swing
- Organise your own Friday Forest
- Watch the wildlife in your garden...use binoculars and listen
- Eat a meal outside...

This week a golden mention to Alex, Mags and Ollie who have started to use their e-mail accounts really effectively.