

THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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Judge Amy Beth, who awarded 'little Gracie' highly commended for her Elderflower loaf, and 'Big Gracie' this year's Bake-Off winner for her salted caramel tarts.

What a Smart Lot!

It was a real privilege to be amongst such talented young people and children at our Smartie Assembly yesterday afternoon. Baking expert Amy Beth; ballet dancer Beth Russell; and talented Friend of The Treehouse, Laura Lee, were inspiring and entertained us so confidently and capably. How wonderful to see what can be achieved when children's gifts, strengths and talents are nurtured and developed by parents and schools working in partnership. As well as celebrating The Gangs' achievements over the last year, our Smartie Assembly is a wonderful opportunity for the children to see just what is possible when you have a gift or smart area, work hard at it and apply yourself.

Dear Lee and Shaz,
Thank you so much for inviting me to the Smartie awards, they were as I expected, wonderful and inspirational! It was lovely to see The Gang all shine and watch their growing independence and confidence. Laura was incredible as always and the Gangs' cakes were delicious. Emma (Patch)

End of Term Bash – Friday 17th July

We look forward to seeing those of you who are able to join us for our end of term supper at **The Old Bakehouse** this year, not The Treehouse as previously arranged. Our thanks to Alison and James Robertson for agreeing to host this for us.

Forest School Session on Monday 13th July

Please can you ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for a Forest School session on **Monday**, and also send in a towel and swimming costume. We are able to use the swimming pool at Holmwood. Please note: Late home drop off, between 4.30 and 5.30 pm to make full use of the day and facilities!

Dates for Your Diaries

Sat 11 th July	Year six long weekend away
Sunday 12 th July	Year six long weekend away
Monday 13 th July	Gang to join year Six at Holmwood for a 'Monday Forest School' Day. Forest School clothes/swimming kit please. Late home drop off – 4.30 – 5.30 pm.
Tuesday 14 th July	Rest day for Year Six and any other child who needs it! Treehouse open as usual for those that don't.
Weds 15 th July	9.25 am Cholsey Station please, to catch the train to London for The Lion King. Pocket money only needed if your child would like to purchase a souvenir programme. Late return.
Thursday 16 th July	10.00 am start for as many of The Gang as possible please, following a very tiring day in London. Please let your child/ren sleep in if possible; they will be very tired!
Friday 17 th July	10.00 am Year Six Leaving Assembly, all welcome. Bring and share picnic lunch. 2.00 pm End of Term. 7.00 pm Treehouse Supper at The Old Bakehouse.

Good News: Planning Permission for our new eco-school has been granted by SODC!!



Going for Gold!

Keeping You and Your Child in the Loop...The Summer Holidays

Whilst we all need a break from school, after the summer holidays some children take a 'dip' in their learning during this period. Having seen all members of The Gang really take off over the last year, it would be good if you could find a little time, on a regular basis, to visit some of the Smart Areas with them. The list below is far from exhaustive, but may inspire you or your children to think of your own ideas.

Body Smart

Keep active: Give up your car for a week, and walk, cycle or use public transport instead. Record the distances/amount of time that you spend exercising, noting how you feel too.

Keep cooking: Plan for your child/ren to cook or bake once a week. Revisit the food groups so that they remember the components of a healthy, well-balanced diet.

Learner Smart

Keep visiting: Visit museums, libraries, new places and find out as much as you can while you are there. Keep a diary or scrap book of your new learning.

Music Smart

Keep learning: The ideal time for your child to start to learn an instrument, find out who teaches locally and see if they might consider offering some 'taster' sessions.

Keep listening: Turn the television off and turn some music on instead. Try some new genres; many of the children enjoy Classic FM at The Treehouse. Revisit The Lion King music.

Nature Smart

Keep growing: Try planting and growing some herbs, like Ollie did. Use them in salads and your cooking. Visit the Treehouse garden or allotment weekly to see what's growing.

Keep your eyes open: Go on a 'nature detective' hunt. How many plants, insects, mammals and birds can you spot? Set up a moth trap in your garden and see how many different species you catch.

Number Smart

Keep the basics ticking over: Ask your child what the time is...? How long until...? To be ready by...? etc.

Keep up the tables and mental maths practise: If you have time, create your own Take Five Sheets.

People Smart

Keep forest schooling: Invite your friends to the woods for the day. Take a picnic with you too.

Keep meeting new people: Join a club, or take part in a day's course (Earth Trust, Steve Hutton and the craft shop in Didcot run some good ones).

Picture Smart

Keep your eyes open: Take a sketch pad on holiday with you, or out and about with you. Encourage your child to draw from observation for a short period of time every day.

Teach your child how to use a camera, download the pictures and to print them off. Create a holiday album.

Practically Smart

Keep creating: Make cards or gifts for friends or relatives birthdays.

Word Smart

Keep reading: Read with or to your child every day. This is SOOOOO important and will make such an impact on all areas of their learning.

Keep learning: Find a touch typing program and teach your child how to touch type. It is such a good investment for the future. Do a little every day.

This week a golden mention to Gracie for being this year's Bake-Off Champion, and to Paige for being awarded The Castle Cup .