

THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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The Treehouse School



Nice to see you, to see you nice! Welcome Archie, Eddie, Grace, Jess, Lewis and Will.

Hi Lee, Sharon,
I hope that all is well at The Treehouse School. I thought you'd like to know that, today, Nathan achieved 4 A*s at A level and will go to Oxford University to study Mathematics. We remember how instrumental his time at Fir Tree was in this and also in making him well-rounded and appreciative of all that others have to offer. Thanks for your efforts and I'm sure the children of Oxfordshire are continuing to benefit! Best Regards, Quillon Harpham.

Happy Third Birthday Treehouse!

We would love to see you all to help celebrate our third birthday. Join us for a cup of tea and some cake at our balloon release on Thursday 3rd September at 3.00 pm.

Do you have any unwanted sandpit toys? We would love to take them off your hands if you do...



Thank you Cassie ☺ and our Abel and Cole Supporters for your custom. Together you have raised over £1500 for the Treehouse this year, a great help which is much appreciated. To view the bags, please see:

<http://www.abelandcole.co.uk/what-are-the-bags-like>

Summer Spruce Up!

I do hope that you have enjoyed the summer break, and that your children are looking forward to returning to The Treehouse on Thursday when we will be celebrating the School's third birthday.

We have had a big sort out at school, aiming to make our resources more accessible for the children, as well as to enhance and improve some of our outdoor areas. I am sure that the changes will lead to an even greater quality and depth of learning for The Gang.

All that remains, is for me to thank, most sincerely, Shirley for her reupholstery and sewing skills; Fred, Sam, Zoe and Dave for decorating; Paul and James for (plastering), modifying and repairing; Andrea, Ben, Cheryl, Emma, Ian, Jane, JC and Kate for cleaning, sorting and disposing of our unwanted rubbish; Barry for repairing our roof; Jean, Anton, Gilly, Maurice and Emma for gardening. Phew!

Dates for Your Diaries

Weds 2 nd Sept	Home/School Agreements at The Treehouse
Thurs 3 rd Sept	8.45 am New academic year begins
Thurs 3 rd Sept	The Treehouse celebrates its third birthday. Join us at 3pm for tea and cake.
Friday 4 th Sept	Friday Forest – Millennium Woods. Waterproofs and named flask please. Collect your child/ren from the woods at 3pm or school at 3.30 pm.
Sunday 6 th Sept	Agatha Christie Event – 2 – 5 pm, Cholsey Pavilion. Paige will be exhibiting some of her work there.
Monday 7 th Sept	Mags' Belated Birthday Lunch! Lee's Music Choice PE begins, indoor kit please.
Tuesday 8 th Sept	Lee and two children to Radio Oxford for live broadcast from 9.10 – 9.20 am
Weds 9 th Sept	Happy Birthday James!
Thurs 10 th Sept	10.30 am/ 6.00 pm Cycling session for 'House' parents. 1.00 pm Camp Treehouse at The Old Bakehouse.
Friday 11 th Sept	10.30 am Camp Treehouse finishes! Early finish.

Camp Treehouse: Thursday 10th September at The Old Bakehouse.



**Going for Gold!
Congratulations Mo for
becoming the first man in
history to pull off a distance
'triple-double'.
WHAT A BOY!!**

Keeping You and Your Child in the Loop...The New School Year

One of our challenges over the next academic year is to ensure that we meet the needs of The Gang, old and new, in all areas of their development. Working in the way that we do, means that we can be flexible and responsive. So, over the next year, sometimes the children will all learn alongside each other, like for example at Friday Forest, or during mealtimes; sometimes they will be grouped according to their stage of development, for example, during mathematics sessions; sometimes a more experienced or 'smart' child may support a younger child; and sometimes, one group of children will be learning something that another do not need or are not ready for, for example, cycling sessions on the road. Whilst we have given this some thought, I am sure we will need to make further changes and adaptations as we go.



We are delighted that 'Choko' Heads, Rosina and Elizabeth, and World Vision Project leader, Ledlie, will be spending the day with us at The Treehouse on Thursday 1st October. In preparation for their visit, the focus of our work over the next few weeks will be comparing and contrasting the UK with South Africa. If you have any artefacts, photographs or books that may be useful, we would love to borrow them. The children will also learn a country dance to share with our visitors, and you all, at a coffee morning to be held at 10.30 am that day. Please do invite anybody that you think may enjoy meeting our visitors.

Academic Diary for the Year Ahead

Over the holidays, Edith has been trialing keeping a diary, noting events and appointments. She has concluded that the diary is useful and would help other children to have the right things, on the right day! With this in mind, I am hoping that each family will purchase an **A5 academic diary** (one per family) to replace Reading Journals, be brought to school daily, and used by children, parents, Shaz and I to record key information. The diary will also provide a purposeful context for reading and writing, and help to prepare the older children for secondary school where they are expected to keep a planner.



To strengthen our Music Provision, we are hoping to start a percussion orchestra at The Treehouse, with help from expert Lindsay Higgs. Also, family music choices and an accompanying book, will be circulated for all families to listen and respond to.

Cycling Sessions at The Treehouse

Professional Cycle Coach, Michael Townshend, has kindly agreed to teach Bikeability levels one and two to children aged 7 - 11 who he assesses are ready for it. After two sessions off-road, the children will learn how to cycle safely and sensibly on the roads around Cholsey. To ensure a consistent approach, we would like all parents to attend a cycling session with Michael at either 10am or 6pm on **Thursday 10th September**. You will need a bike, helmet, and lights if attending the 6pm session. The children's lessons will take place every Tuesday and Thursday morning from Tuesday 15th September for four weeks.