

# THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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The Treehouse School



Boat racing in the Cholsey brook

## Food for Thought...

Please note this event is taking place at **The Partridge** in Wallingford on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm.**

Rack your brains and invite any contacts from local businesses and organisations to join us so that they can find out more about The Treehouse, and help us to raise £4,000 for The Trust from our latest fundraising initiative.

## Hedgerow Jam

Thank you all for collecting and freezing hedgerow fruits for our jam making session with Treehouse neighbour, Mike Morris, on Monday. Please bring your fruit, defrosted, and any clean, lidded label-free jars to school on Monday.



## Second-hand School Uniform

The Endean Family have kindly donated some Treehouse full zip & quarter zip fleeces, open hem sweatshirts and various t-shirts mainly age 9/10 but some slightly larger. Please let Jo know if you are interested.

## Year Six IMPS Visit (Injury Minimization Visit)

Freya, Mags and Tess are off on their travels again on Friday, visiting the John Radcliffe to take part in a first aid course. They will need to wear comfy clothing. We will drop them off at home afterwards.

## Hello Autumn!

Crisp, fresh mornings; beautiful autumnal colours; and shiny, brown conkers, autumn has arrived and I love it!

Yesterday, whilst visiting a large urban primary school, I remembered one of the reasons why I felt the need to set up an alternative primary school. A beautiful autumn morning, and the children were all inside, learning abstract concepts from an interactive whiteboard.

In my opinion, as well as being a rich source of learning opportunities, interaction with the natural world is an essential part of childhood and should be a compulsory part of every child's education. What do you think?

## Dates for Your Diaries

<b>Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	CHOKO Beer Festival
<b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Jam making – please bring jars and defrosted hedgerow fruits to The Treehouse. 11.00 am Centenary of Remembrance. Trees attending. Country Dancing
<b>Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Caseys back from their holidays Cycling – Houses/Apprentices Houses and Apprentices cycling– please note, no cycling on Thursday.
<b>Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>TUESDAY TRADING RESCHEDULED!</b> Choko visitors, Rosina, Elizabeth and Ledlie joining us for the day. 3.15 pm Cream Tea and Country Dancing in the Scout Hall
<b>Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept</b>	Year Six to John Radcliffe for IMPS course Apprentices and Trees gardening. Apprentices Learning Logs home
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	11.00 am Centenary of Remembrance Multiskills PE in Treehouse Garden
<b>Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Cycling- Houses and Apprentices
<b>Weds 7<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	6.30 pm Food for Thought Event

**We hope you are able to join us for a cream tea, to watch the children perform their country dancing and to meet our African Visitors on Thursday at 3.15 pm in the Scout Hall.**



# Going for Gold!

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

As you know, over the last year or so we have been using learning logs to keep a record of each child's achievements and their next steps. Involving you in this process helps you to keep abreast of your child/ren's learning and provides you with the opportunity to record any significant steps that the child has made at home too. To make this more manageable for parents with more than one sibling at The Treehouse, we will be sending each child's Learning Log home every third week (Trees/Apprentices/Houses). Please read through the Learning Log with your child, discussing and responding to entries as you go, and adding any 'home' achievements at the same time.

## Looking for something to do at home....

### Learner Smarties:

- After completing the 'M' check, head off with a parent to practise your new cycling skills. Can you remember how to start and finish a cycling journey? How to cycle around a parked car? How to turn left from a major into a minor road (Apprentices and Houses), and how to turn right from a minor into a major road (Houses)?
- What is the boiling temperature of Jam? Why do things boil? We will be making some hedgerow jam on Monday which needs to reach boiling temperature before it will set. Undertake some research into the boiling point of different liquids and tell us all about it on Monday.



### People Smarties:

- Organise a gift for our South African visitors, something small and lightweight that they can take back to the children in their schools.

### Practically Smarties:

- Find a recipe for scones and learn how to bake them at home. We will be cooking some in school next week for our South African visitors.

### Word Smarties:

- Practise your handwriting at home (Trees). You are doing so well!
- Read the next part of 'The Velveteen Rabbit' (Apprentices) and record a like, dislike, puzzle or pattern in your diary ready to talk about next Wednesday.
- Read the next two chapters of 'Why the Whales Came' (Houses), any puzzles or patterns?

**Well done Alex, Freya, Mags and Tess for making the most of the PE Morning hosted by Wallingford School.**