

THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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The Treehouse School

Judge (vet) Katie meets the best-loved toys



Trufts at The Treehouse

Hi Lee, Shaz and the Gang, Congratulations to you all for the impeccable behaviour of the gang and their pets this morning. I don't know when I last had such an enjoyable, entertaining morning. Herb and Tess your organisational skills were great, a big undertaking but everything went so well. After such a busy week I hope you will all find time to relax over the half term week. Gilly - Trustee

We are incredibly grateful for the partnership that The Treehouse has developed with Abel and Cole over the last few years, and so sorry that this scheme has come to an end. Abel and Cole have helped feed our children and our wider local community, as well as raising funds for The Treehouse. Thank you Cassie for your superb co-ordination and delivery service, and to all Abel and Cole customers for your support.

Food Glorious Food...

The children will be cooking the first of our three lunches which will be served at The Partridge Inn, Wallingford on Wednesday November 4th. As well as the opportunity for local businesses and organisations to sample our delicious school lunches (please promote amongst your social circle/workplace), perhaps you might like to book a table for yourself or friends. For more information or to book one of our two course lunches, please contact: office@thetreehouseschool.org.uk

Golden Gang

Half a term into our new academic year and The Treehouse feels calm, purposeful and positive. Our newest arrivals have settled in well, familiar now with our routines and expectations, as well as handling any new challenges positivity and with confidence. Our young 'Apprentices', are also thriving; working very hard at school, and indeed at home, on various child and adult initiated projects, demonstrating increasing levels of self-motivation and maturity in the process. Whilst the oldest children, our four year sixes, have stepped quickly and capably into the shoes of their absent peers, impressing us all with their ability to juggle the many demands made of them, as well as being excellent role models for the younger members of the school. So all in all, a really good and positive start to the year.

Dates for Your Diaries

26th – 30th October	Half Term
Sat 31st Oct	10 am Allotment Tidy – adults only.
Sun 1st Nov	First Aid Course in the Scout Hall
Mon 2nd Nov	Craft Taster week at The Treehouse
Tues 3rd Nov	Treehouse Trading Lee visiting D'Overbrooks School
Weds 4th Nov	12.00 – 2.00 pm Food for Thought Lunch at The Partridge Inn
Fri 6th Nov	Friday Forest at The Holies
Tues 11th Nov	Remembrance Day
Mon 9th Nov	Fraser-Jones Family Music Choice
Wed 18th Nov	1.30 pm Country Dancing at Day Centre
Fri 20th Nov	Treehouse Auction of Promises 6.30pm

Compliments to The Chef(s)!

I just wanted to say how impressed I was with the children at the Apple Sale today; it was very nice to be a customer for a change, and to sort tea for Samuel and I. First Samuel had one of Jess and Harry's chocolate apples when he came home from school. Then for tea we had the Autumn Apple stew, made by Mags, which was delicious. Finally, for pudding we had crumble made by Tess. All very scrummy! See you soon. Love Karen and Samuel Endean.



**Thank you all for supporting our Apple Event...
We raised a tremendous £206.50!**





Going for Gold!

Keeping You and Your Child in the Loop...Food and Diet

One of the most important things that we can do for the younger generation is to educate them so that they develop good behaviours, attitudes and values from an early age.

With an obesity problem that doesn't look like it's going to be tackled at a national level anytime soon, coupled with a staggering 4.2 million tonnes of food wasted by UK households each year, I think that we owe it to our children to give them the guidance that they need to make good, healthy, environmentally-friendly decisions both now, and in the future.

Not as easy as it sounds when we are surrounded by cheap, processed foods, which appeal to children, and are quick and easy to prepare. Why would anybody in their right mind want to do battle with their children, and serve up healthy, nutritious time-consuming meals, which may well be rejected, initially at least, when it's so much easier to cave in and give them what they want, when they want it?

Three years on, we are delighted that all members of The Gang, both experienced and less so, eat the delicious, nutritious meals that our team of hard-working volunteers produce daily. Lunchtimes have become a real highlight of the day for us all, when we enjoy good food, conversation and a catch-up together. Furthermore, through careful management, good house-keeping and much hard work, we are responding to the growing problems of childhood obesity and food wastage in the UK.

Looking for something to do at home...

Body Smarties:

- Go out for a cycle ride with an adult. Teach them the 'M' check, and how to start and finish a journey. Show them how to deal with major and minor road junctions and all the other tips you learned from Michael.
- Plan and cook a meal, using seasonal produce, for your family.

Learner Smarties:

- Go back to the skate park in Dicot. Try watching other children so that you can learn some new tricks and stunts.

Practically Smarties:

- Carve a pumpkin for Hallowe'en using ideas from books, magazines or the Internet.

Word Smarties:

- How many words can you find that do not contain a vowel? Write a list to share with the rest of the Gang.
- Read a story and make a leaf for our Story Tree. Include the title, author, your name and a star rating (up to 5 stars);
- Send an e-mail to a friend. Remember to include a 'sandwich' in your message.

Well done Tufts Team, Herb and Tess, for organising our Pet Show. We all loved it!

