

THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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The Treehouse School

The beginning of a New Chapter



A Big Step forward for The Treehouse

Heavy downpours, a cold wind and hail didn't stop the new hedge from being planted at The Old Bakehouse on Friday. Under Shaz's leadership, and thanks to a tenacious team, all 165 saplings were planted, creating a boundary between the two sites and providing a haven for wildlife in the future. Those present witnessed the planting of the first sapling, which in many ways symbolized the beginning of a new era for The Treehouse. Earlier this was described by Freya as 'a big step forward' for The Treehouse, which of course it is. There is no doubt that thanks to us all, The Treehouse has come a long way. In the words of Margaret Mead, 'Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever has.'

Community Tree planting in Cholsey Park Sat 28th November, 10am

- *Come & help further enhance Cholsey
- *Bring a spade, fork or trowel
- *Chance to label your own tree
- *Refreshments available
- *Look out for the gazebo



For more information please contact Vicky Beardall vickybeardall@hotmail.com

Please note that the trees will not in any way affect any existing amenities.

Christmas Shopping Sunday, Wallingford Festival - Sunday 6th December

We are having a rest from performing The Nativity this year, but have been asked to organise a stall which Lucy has kindly agreed to oversee.

Sally will also be decorating The Treehouse Christmas tree, on display at St. Mary's church which can be viewed during the weekend of 6th-7th December.

Dates for Your Diaries

Mon 16 th Nov	Multiskills PE
Tues 17 th Nov	Treehouse Trading
	Christmas Craft workshop pm - Cassie
Weds 18 th Nov	Open Morning for Prospective Parents
	1.30 pm Country Dancing at The Day Centre
Thurs 19 th Nov	Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents
	Christmas Craft Workshop - Lyndsey Webb
Fri 20 th Nov	Lewis' Birthday
	Friday Forest at Holmewood, Boars Hill
	6.30pm Treehouse Auction of Promises
Mon 23 rd Nov	Visit to London: Royal Academy
Tues 24 th Nov	Rest day/Christmas Craft sale preparation?
Thurs 26 th Nov	2 - 3 pm Christmas Craft Sale at The Scout Hall. Please invite your friends and relatives.
Fri 27 th Nov	Friday Forest: Arboretum.
Sunday 29 th Nov	7.30 pm Wreath making with Vicky Beardall-Richards. Mulled wine and nibbles. Proceeds to The Baby Bar and The Treehouse.
Mon 30 th Nov	Willow wreath making at The Treehouse. Each family to make one.
Thurs 3 rd Nov	Slippers to School for Shelter Charity

Please invite your friends and relatives to The Treehouse Auction of Promises - Friday 20th November, 6.30 pm. Tickets from Jo.



Going for Gold!

Keeping You and Your Child in the Loop...Helping Others at Christmas

As you may recall from last week's Update, our focus in the lead up to Christmas is thinking about and helping others. In full consultation with the children, we have decided on the following key events.

Monday 23rd November - Visit to The Royal Academy

Please send a donation of Lego into The Treehouse which Tess will use to create a portrait of Ai Weiwei. The art work and surplus Lego will be taken to The Royal Academy where it will be donated to Mr. Ai to be used in future works of art.

Thursday 26th November - Christmas Sale, 2 - 3pm in The Scout Hall.

The children decided that they would like one sale this year, with each family making one product to sell. Freya volunteered to co-ordinate this event. Your child will receive e-mails from Freya so please encourage them to check their account regularly.

Friday 11th December - Charity Shop Christmas Shopping

One of the children's favourites, we will travel by bus to Wallingford to look around the Charity shops for gifts. Each child will need some pocket money and a bag to carry their bargains home in.

Thursday 3rd December - Slippers to School

Magnus is co-ordinating this event, which involves wearing our slippers to school and donating £1 - £2.00 to the homeless charity, Shelter.

Monday 14th December - Treehouse Christmas Thanks Party 6.00 pm, The Scout Hall

We hope that you will be able to join us at an informal party/concert that the children would like to organise for you. More details to follow next week.

Looking for something to do at home....

Learner Smarties:

Who is your hero or heroine? Ai Weiwei is going to create images of freedom-of-speech defenders out of Lego, people like Nelson Mandela. If you were going to create a Lego Portrait of somebody that you respect or admire, who would that person be? Print a picture of them and bring it into The Treehouse for us to display.

Number Smarties

Apprentices and Houses: Practise your Take Five Sheet every day starting in a different place. Can you complete the sheet in under five minutes?

Trees: Play your number bond game with a member of your family.

Practically Smarties:

Start planning, manufacturing and costing your Christmas Craft product. Bring a prototype to school to share with The Gang if you would like some feedback.

People Smarties:

Look out some Lego Bricks or a baseboard for our Ai Weiwei project (see above).

Word Smarties:

How many words can you find containing the 'oo' sound? How many different ways can the sound be spelt?

Thank you for planting our saplings Alison, Andrea, Fred, Shaz, Kate, Lucy, Maurice, Rose, Tim and Tony.

