

# THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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## Bonding and Reminiscing at our First Friday Forest



## Where to start...?

After such a promising and positive start to The Treehouse's fifth year, I could fill the Update with information about the individual and collective achievements of The Treehouse Gang, both past and present, but sadly there simply isn't the space.

Suffice it to say that at the end of the first week back, we are buzzing and feeling really proud of all the children, as we see (and hear) how they have been responding to new settings, adults, challenges and approaches.

Happy Fourth Birthday Treehouse!

## Sad News...

We were all very sad to learn that one of our Trustees, David Hodson, died peacefully at Sobell House on 26th August, aged 73. As well as being one of the founders of The Trust, David, an experienced local solicitor, worked hard on our behalf resolving legal matters and giving us advice as and when needed; he was always accommodating, positive and pleased to help. Our thoughts are with his family at this very sad time.

## Update on The Update

Please note: This is the last weekly edition of The Update, with a monthly publication from next weekend. Please look out for regular 'Head-Up' e-mails in between times. Hopefully this will do the job and free up some time for us all!

## Annual Questionnaires

Thank you for taking the trouble to complete our annual questionnaires, and for your honest and helpful feedback. We will circulate the headlines in due course. With some new families joining The Treehouse, it seems timely to remind you all that we are very open to ideas, suggestions and feedback, any time from adults and children alike. Keep it coming!

Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> September	The Ambling Amigas (Vicky, Sophie, Pat, Asuka and Claire) walking along the Thames Path, from Oxford to Henley, a total of 52 miles in one day!
	Some of The Gang meeting Matthew Pritchard, Agatha Christie's Grandson, at The Corn Exchange.
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Emily Diserens visiting The Treehouse (student teacher). PE - please wear comfy clothing and trainers to school. 2.45 pm Library Visit at The Pavilion. Please join us if you would like to/or collect your child from the Pavilion at 3.15 pm.
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Emily Diserens visiting The Treehouse (student teacher). 2.45 - 3.30 pm Come and find out more about the 'Move to Learn' programme at The Treehouse. All welcome. Crèche available for younger siblings.
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	8.45 am Move to Learn Programme begins. Please drop-off at The Scout Hall. Please bring Camp Treehouse Kit to The Treehouse.
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Camp Treehouse. Details to be circulated.
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Camp Treehouse - more details to follow.

**FANTASTIC GANTASTIC: Great attitude towards The New School Year, well done Alex...Archie...Beatrix...Dylan...Eddie...Edith...Fin...Freya...Grace...Harry...Herb...Jess...Lewis...Louis...Mags...Ollie...Owen...Tess...and Will.**



# Going for Gold!

## Keeping you in the Loop

### Smarties at The Treehouse

Some years ago, we learned about the work of educationalist Howard Gardener, a developmental psychologist known for his 'Theory of Multiple Intelligences.' Gardner identified eight intelligences: linguistic (**word smart**); logic-mathematical (**number smart**); musical (**music smart**); spatial, bodily/kinesthetic (**body and Practically smart**); interpersonal (**people smart**); intrapersonal (**self-smart**) and naturalistic (**nature smart**). This theory allowed for the idea that there is more than one way to define a person's intellect, a liberating and empowering concept for us all. Over the last week, we have been revisiting the smart areas, through our game of 'pass the challenge' so that both the Old Gang and New are (re)acquainted with them. Ask them to tell you about some of the challenges we have completed so far.

### Move to Learn

Inspired by the 'Move to Learn' training, we will be implementing this programme over the next academic year. In many schools, the daily exercises have made an impact on children of all ages and abilities in their learning. To find out more, please come and meet expert Mary Mount-Stephenson who will be visiting The Treehouse on **Tuesday afternoon to talk to parents and any other interested adults, from 2.45 - 3.30 pm.** A crèche will be available for younger children.

## Are You Looking for Something To Do?

Watch the Paralympic advert again; think about a good challenge for yourself.



### Learner Smarties

Following Jo's visit, think about what you already know about Greenland, then what you would like to know (what do arctic foxes eat? Why is the island called Greenland when it is mainly white? Which is the first largest island in the world if Greenland is the second largest?). Do some research to see if you can find the answers to your questions. We would love to know what you learn...

Get your kit ready and pack your case for Camp Treehouse...

### Blackberry Ice Lollies

Prep: 20 mins | Makes 6 lollies

#### What you need

- Two handfuls of blackberries
- 1 cup of apple juice
- 1 teaspoon of honey
- Ice lolly moulds (or empty yoghurt pots and lolly sticks)

Keep your eyes peeled for juicy, ripe berries between August and October. Pick enough for your lollies, but leave enough for birds and other animals.

1. Wash the berries then mash them up in a bowl (or blitz them in a blender if you've got one).
2. Add the apple juice and honey to your blackberry mush and stir well.
3. Pour the mixture through a sieve to get rid of any pips.
4. Stir it again, then pour it into the lolly moulds (or yoghurt pots - remember to add lolly sticks!)

Put them in the freezer and enjoy.

