

THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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Old and New Gang Members Hang Out at The Arboretum



Hello to The Gang!

I wanted to say a big, big thank you for the two days you welcomed me to your school. I was so impressed by all of you and your passion for learning and growing your brains, as well as how eager you were to try new things and get stuck in with whatever you were doing from skipping to eating like Indian children. More than that, I was taken aback by how friendly and welcoming you were. I have worked with quite a few children across different jobs but never have I met such a forward thinking and sociable bunch of children, you are all very 'people' smart, thank you so much for making me feel so welcome and part of your little community (and Lee and Shaz you should be very proud of your gang)!

Hopefully I will see you all again,
Thank you again,
Emily

A Great Start...

What a tremendous start to the term we have had, with The New Gang and their families quickly becoming part of The Treehouse team. New Friend of The Treehouse, Jo Lindholm got the year off to a great start with her inspiring presentations about the journey she made across Greenland, setting the scene for a 'Year of Challenge' for us all. The children are certainly rising to the many and varied challenges they have been given, developing and demonstrating many positive qualities in the process.

My personal challenge is to get the new school built by the time I am 50, so that longer term, more children and their families can benefit from our educational approach. My goal is to find 50 people who will each raise £7k for the school. The good news is that yesterday, we secured a grant for £30K towards our new build, and the number of individuals/organisations who have pledged to raise £7k each, has now reached double figures!

I feel overwhelmingly grateful to be part of such a positive team and even more excited about the future of the Treehouse. Our journey has only just begun!

Congratulations Archie for winning the bookmark competition.

Harvest Lunch

If you can spare some root vegetables for our harvest soup, please send them into school on Monday.



Wow! Collectively, The Ambling Amigos raised a staggering £1507.00 for The Treehouse. Vicky and the team set off at 9am, a few Saturdays ago, finishing at 1am in the morning! She said, "It was a long walk but well worth it. We have some lovely memories and only one lost toe nail!"



Treehouse Apple Sale
Wednesday 19th October, 2pm at The Day Centre

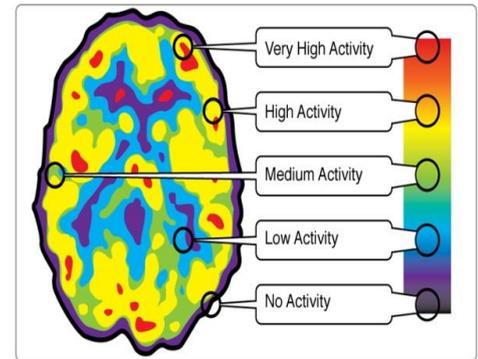




Going for Gold!

Keeping you in the Loop - Your Child's Well-Being and Involvement

Although it is early days, indicators show that the new strategies we have implemented this term, such as Move-to-Learn, 'A Year of Challenge,' and focus on children's well-being, and their levels of engagement, are already making a positive impact. Not surprisingly, research has shown that children make far more progress when their well-being is high, as well as their ability to engage with learning. Our goal is to provide experiences, find contexts and develop strategies that will lead to high activity in the brain, so that the progress they make is at an optimum level. We'll discuss how your child is doing in these areas, as well as overall at The Treehouse, when it's their turn to be the 'focus child.'



Looking for Something To Do?

Our Going for Gold Challenge

Think about how you can achieve our whole school self-smart 'Going for Gold' leaf Challenge. If you want to develop your number and word smart pathways, you need to work on these pathways at home, most days.

Think about:

- When you will do your 5 minutes handwriting and mental maths practise;
- Where you will do it;
- What will help you to do it (a timer, an adult reminding you, a poster, a diary);
- How you can make the most of your time and give your brain a good workout (set yourself a goal);

If you have any questions, please e-mail Lee or Shaz.

Practically Smarties

Decide what you are going to make for the apple sale and have a practise. Set yourself a challenge, and think about the best way to achieve it.

Also, how about:

- thinking about how you will package your product;
- making a colourful poster or sign to accompany your product;
- figuring out a reasonable price for your product.

Please bring your goodies to The Treehouse on Wednesday morning.



Body Smarties

Practise skipping at home, aiming to skip 20 times on the spot, with good rhythm. Then, you can experiment with some fancy steps, like the ones we looked at on YouTube (Google: 'video of skip hop skills with professional rope').

Why not ask Father Christmas for a skipping rope for Christmas?

Word Smarties

Share a picture book with a sibling or parent, using your bookmark to ask and answer questions.

Half Term Challenge

Create an eye-catching poster based on your 'Out-and-About' Visit. Bring it into school so that we can all become more Learner smart.



Month at a Glance

Monday 17 th Oct	2.45 pm	Library visit, please return books and collect your child from The Pavilion.
Tuesday 18 th Oct No Tuesday Trading	8.45 am	Move to Learn (Scout Hall)
	am	Apple Pressing - plastic bottles and lids needed.
	2.30 pm	Little Red Hen Dress Rehearsal in the Scout Hall for parents, relatives and Friends of The Treehouse.
	pm	Handwriting/spelling homework due in.
Wednesday 19 th Oct	8.45 am	Move to Learn (Scout Hall)
		Harvest Lunch at The Day Centre.
	2.00 pm	Apple Sale - All welcome. Trees/New Gang can go home with their parents when they have finished 'shopping'. Houses to help sell and pack away.
Thursday 20 th Oct	8.45 am	Move to Learn (Scout Hall)
		Alex visiting for the day.
Friday 21 st Oct		Treehouse 'Out and About' Day.
Sunday 23 rd Oct	11.00 am	Centenary Service at The Pavilion: Dudley Sidney Lawrence.
		Happy Birthday Harry and JC.
Monday 24 th - Friday 28 th October		Half Term (26 th October - Happy Birthday Sally)
Monday 31 st Oct	8.45 am	New term begins: please bring your posters in.
	pm	Skipping/Dance at The Scout Hall tbc.
Tuesday 1 st Nov	8.45 am	Move to Learn (Scout Hall)
		Houses to Portsmouth for a Science Conference.
	pm	Handwriting/spelling homework due in.
	2.45 pm	Tuesday Trading
Wednesday 2 nd Nov	8.45 am	Move to Learn (Scout Hall)
		Houses in Portsmouth for a Science Conference.
Thursday 3 rd Nov	8.45 am	Move to Learn (Scout Hall)
		Houses rest day.
Friday 4 th Nov		Forest School at The Patch: Hot dogs and fireworks! Home drop off.
		We will be sending home 'bags2school' to fill with unwanted clothing etc. Please return your filled bags on 25/11/16.
Monday 7 th Nov		2.45 pm: Library visit, please return books and collect your child from The Pavilion.
Tues 8 th Nov	8.45 am	Move to Learn (Scout Hall)
	2.45 pm	Swap shop
Weds 9 th Nov	8.45 am	Move to Learn (Scout Hall)
Thurs 10 th Nov	8.45 am	Move to Learn (Scout Hall)
Friday 11 th Nov		Friday Forest: Basildon. Home drop off.
	11.00 am	Remembrance Day.
Saturday 12 th Nov	11.00 am	Centenary of Remembrance Service at The Pavilion: Frederick William Vaughan. All welcome.
Sunday 13 th Nov		World Kindness Day

Sunday April 2nd 2017 - Treehouse 10K and Bunny Run

Please note: Dates, times and events all subject to change! Please check the blackboard and your e-mails for any changes.

