

# THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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Paige and Samuel explaining the rules of their bird game to Emma



## End of Term Easter Egg Competition

Martha, Gracie and Tess would like to invite you all to decorate an egg for their Easter Competition which is open to any child or adult who would like to take part.

## Red Nose Day Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

The children will be hosting a Five Penny Fete in aid of Comic Relief on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March from 2.00 pm (venue tbc). There will be a variety of stalls and activities that visitors can enjoy all at 5p per go. Please spread the word...the more visitors, the more money we raise for **Red Nose Day**.

## Leg-It Challenge Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April

This year's Leg-It Challenge will take place on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April** when we hope as many of you, your friends and our supporters will make their way back from Oxford to Cholsey using a sustainable mode of transport. For those with any energy left, there will be an evening presentation and supper. Sponsor forms will be circulated soon.

## Field Farm Visit

For this visit (on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March), the children will need warm clothes, wellies in a plastic bag and trainers to wear to and from the farm. During the visit the children will have the opportunity to look around a working farm, find out what is produced there and to visit Aston Rowant Nature Reserve to find out more about red kites.

## Time Flies

It doesn't seem possible that it is March already - is it me or does time seem to be flying by at the moment?

Five months on, we can see the impact of The Treehouse on the children in so many areas. Providing them with a positive, stimulating and nurturing environment in which to learn, they are able to thrive and make the progress that are capable of, at their own rate and in their own time.

I can say with some confidence that whilst it is still early days, our approach is working. We can see individuals flourishing, succeeding and gaining confidence as the weeks go by.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for having faith in us - without your support and your children, there would be no school.

Karen has kindly registered the school for Sainsbury's Active kids' vouchers. Please can you encourage as many people as possible to save their vouchers for us?

The children's film club raised £55.00 last Saturday. Thank you all for your support and to the Heydons for hosting the film.

Thank you for sending in such a wonderful variety of fresh and dried fruit for the children to eat last week.

## World Book Day Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

We are looking forward to seeing which book characters the children are coming to school dressed as next Thursday. During the day, the children will be visiting The Barefoot Bookshop in Oxford. If you would like a goodie bag for your child (which will contain a book), please send in £5.00 on Monday.



# Going for Gold!

The children at The Treehouse practice basic and essential skills in English and Mathematics daily during our 'going for gold' session. Using the Olympic competitors as role models, they have come to understand that you have to work hard to achieve success, even if you don't always feel like doing it! Whilst we have never believed in primary aged children having set homework, I thought it may be helpful to share areas that the children could practice at home with a parent if the opportunity arises.

## Trees

Please continue to support your child with their reading...they are flying! Not just their reading book, please just enjoy any books together.

Letter formation: The Trees will be bringing home handwriting books so they can practice the letters rehearsed at school

Number bond challenge: which two numbers make ten? Using objects e.g. counters, help your child to practice their number bonds.

## Houses

Practice adding two numbers together to make 100, e.g.  $20 + 80$ ,  $15 + 85$ ,  $75 + 25$

Encourage your child to do 3 lines of handwriting practice daily.

Ask your child to teach you the dice game (2 dice required) to practice their tables.

Read to your child on a regular basis, asking them to listen out for the best words that the author has used.

## Other Ideas

- Complete a book review to share with the other children on World Book Day (perhaps it could be about the book that they have chosen their character from)
- Encourage your child to conserve energy e.g. by turning off lights when rooms are not in use, turning off the tap when cleaning teeth;
- Celebrate an active rather than passive activity e.g. when your child chooses to play in the garden rather than using the computer;
- Find out about Aston Rowant National Nature Reserve and what a nature reserve is;
- Find out more about Red Kites and make a note of any questions that your child has to ask the expert we will be meeting on Friday;
- Praise your child for putting things back in the right place ( a current focus for us at school).

## To Celebrate...

The quality and presentation of the writing in the school's log book has improved tremendously since September.