

THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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Shaz and Lucy feel a worm's bristles!

Wallingford Car Rally

This event takes place next Sunday (12th May) from 10.30 - 4.00 pm at The Kinecroft in Wallingford. We will be selling children's pre tie-dyed t-shirts that can be embellished further using fabric pens and embroidery. We hope to see you there.

E-Bay Update

To date, we have sold items of clothing on e-bay worth £182.00. Thank you for the donations and to Jo and Lorraine for all their hard work photographing, advertising and posting the goods.

Early Morning Dawn Chorus Walk

The Wyatt brothers have kindly offered to lead an early morning walk along the river this Tuesday (7th May). This is optional.



If you or your child would like take part, we will start at the bottom of Ferry Lane at 6.30 am. Children should have some breakfast before they join us and will also be offered a top-up on their return to The Treehouse!

To make up for the early start, school will finish after lunch at 1.00 pm. Shaz and I are happy to call for children on our way to the venue. Please let me know via e-mail what your child would like to do so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

What a Lucky Lot we Are...

As another week draws to a close, I reflect on how very fortunate we are at The Treehouse to benefit from so much support.

Apart from the tremendous help we receive from you all, we also enjoy visits from experts who bring our curriculum to life for the children. Last week, we all enjoyed a visit from Elma, a local 'worm expert' and Charlotte, a young environmentalist who joined us at our Friday Forest session and told us a lovely story.

This, in addition to our weekly visits from Andrea who has taught all of the children to skip (as well as to dance!); Lisa, a former maths teacher; and Sally and Jo, both primary school teachers.

Next week we look forward to spending time with the Wyatt brothers and local nature expert, Tony Rayner.

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Anyone for Tennis?

The children will have tennis lessons on Wednesday afternoons. Please can they bring their scooters and summer PE kit (shorts, t-shirt and a good pair of trainers) to school every Wednesday.

Drama and Dance Class and Holiday Workshop

**Dance Class, Thursdays Cholsey.
Laurence Hall.**

4-6 years 4.00 - 4.30 pm

7-11 years 4.30 - 5.30 pm

12-18 years 5.30 - 6.30 pm

Holiday workshop

Create a play in a day with a side of Street Dance. 28th May, Didcot.

10-3pm 5 yrs plus. £25

If you are interested, please contact Victoria on 07950 298720



Going for Gold!

Over the next week, we will enjoy developing our knowledge of the local wildlife and plant life that inhabit our local area. On Tuesday the Wyatt brothers will lead an early morning dawn chorus walk, focusing on bird song. On Wednesday, we will spend the morning with Tony Rayner, finding out more about the wildflowers, reptiles and amphibians that reside in his beautiful nature reserve. The children will spend time recording their new knowledge in their nature notebooks, using a combination of drawings and sentences or paragraphs, depending on their ability.

The maths focus for the older children will continue to be looking for patterns and relationships between numbers, with a focus on multiples (times tables) of 2 - 10. The younger children will consolidate their knowledge of different shapes (circle, square, triangle, rectangle, hexagon and pentagon).

In PE, we will continue with our skipping focus and also have a first try at tennis. The children should bring a tennis racket if they have one. They will also need their scooters on Wednesday to scoot to the tennis courts. We will end our week with a Fix-It-Friday Session at school.

Our 'Star Target' continues to focus on manners; we aim for all of the children to remember their 'pleases' and 'thank yous' without the need for a reminder.

Trees

Please help your child to practise forming letters in the ladder' family (up and down) correctly - b, h, k, l, t,

Number bonds to ten/twenty - try using playing cards to practise (e.g. $9 + 1$, $7 + 3$ etc.)

Shape spotting at home and when out and about.

Houses

Play dice snap - roll two dice, add the two numbers together. Who can get the answer first?

Continuing to practise tables - we are getting there, but the more practise the children have the better.

Other Ideas

- Plant your sunflower seeds for our 'who can grow the tallest sunflower' competition;
- Listen (via I player) to David Attenborough's daily dawn chorus slot (6.45 am Radio 4)
- Create a wild flower word search.
- Write a book review about The Iron Man (focusing on likes /dislikes /puzzles /patterns)

To Celebrate...

Ollie for remembering to do his job (sweep the path at the front of the school) without being reminded.