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Another Week Bites the Dust!

As another busy and action packed week draws to a close, I am sure that most of the Treehouse Gang would find it quite difficult to pick a highlight...we all enjoyed spending time with Nick creating the music-making-machine; loved the performance from the Bookshop Band; and learned a great deal from Earth Trust's nature experts, Jenny and Oliver at Wittenham Clumps on Friday.

However, probably one of the highlights of the week for me was an unexpected visit from a member of the Day Centre on Thursday morning. Mr. Robinson was delivering a personal donation and message of encouragement to us all at The Treehouse. What a kind and thoughtful act.

Busy Bees!

As we were ticking off maintenance jobs both on and off-site at The Treehouse on Saturday morning (thank you all), The Casey family entertained the troops at their Film Morning (thank you Kate and Ian) and Eve, Jo and Andrea were running an extended General Stall in Wallingford (thank you girls), I can't help but marvel at the level of support we continue to receive from you all. You are a top team. x

We are in the process of reapplying for planning permission for Number 37, so that our temporary permission becomes permanent. One of the things that the planning officers want to be sure about is that the school has implemented its travel plan. This aims to reduce the amount of traffic in and around the site and for that reason, I am going to ask that from this point, that unless you are involved in transporting children on a trip or dropping something off at the school (please do not park outside the school), drivers use the Memories of Bengal car park and not The Red Lion. I should like to thank you in advance for your support with this matter.

Forthcoming Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 18th June - All day

Visit to Withymead Nature Reserve, Goring.

Children should wear their Friday Forest clothing and some comfortable footwear. A packed lunch will be provided. If convenient, please bring your child to Cholsey station at 9.25 pm and collect them from there at 3.15 pm. If not convenient, please speak to Lee.

Wednesday 19th June

Tennis in the park. Children will need their scooters.

Friday 21st June - Friday Forest at The Patch

Children will need their bikes and helmets please.

Friday 21st June - Treehouse Sports' Night
6.00 - 8.00 pm - At The Scout Hall.



Cholsey Golf Society kindly presented us with a (giant!) cheque for £100.00 last Friday. Thank you Dave and the Society for your generosity and support.



Going for Gold!

The main focus of our week will be the trip to Withymead Nature reserve which has one of the largest collections of Loddon Lilies in Europe. The nature reserve is also home to a wealth of wildlife including otters, foxes and birds. We will learn how to make a bug hotel and hedgehog home as well as helping out with some small conservation projects.

In mathematics this week, The Houses will continue to learn how to find the area and perimeter of a given object. They will continue to work on their times tables (up to 5x) in random order. The Trees will consolidate their number work.

Following our visit to the Nature Reserve, the children will be writing up their nature notes using a range of sentence starters and a wide range of interesting and relevant vocabulary.

In PE, the children will develop their skipping routine for our sports' night and continue to learn how to play Tennis. They will need their scooters and helmets on Wednesday.

We are doing really well with our new star target (using our time well). Please reinforce this at home if you get the opportunity.

Trees

- Please continue to read with and to your child on a regular basis.
- Number bonds to 10 and 20.
- Counting groups and sets of everyday objects up to 20 with accuracy.

Houses

- Handwriting practice on a regular basis.
- Help your child to learn their times tables up to 5x so that they know them instantly.
- Read with and to your child on a regular basis.

Other Ideas

- Take a look at this stop frame music video using Lego that a Friend of the Treehouse sent to me. <http://youtu.be/q27BfBkRHbs> Please note that some of the comments underneath the link are not appropriate for children to read.
- The Royal Mail has just announced that this year's Christmas stamps are being designed by children. For more information, visit <http://www.ichild.co.uk/royalmailchristmasstampdesigncompetition/>
- Pick some elder flowers and make some cordial with your child.
- Go out for a walk and look for the largest leaf that you can find and the tallest wildflower/weed (it needs to be at least 3.5 m to be in with a chance!)

To Celebrate this week...

The quality of the children's written entries in the school log book.