

# THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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Magnus cuts lengths of bamboo for the bug hotel.



## Our Amazing Bug Hotel

Please do make the time to come and have a look at our wonderful new (well recycled really) bug hotel. Friend of The Treehouse, Shirley Skeats, did an amazing job of transforming some old pallets and unwanted building and natural materials into a real des res for a range of insects.

## Forthcoming Dates for Your Diary

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Nature Walk with Tony Rayner:** TBC  
Children should wear their Friday forest clothes please. They will need a sun hat and sun cream (with luck!)

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July - Friday Forest at The Patch**  
Children will need their bikes and helmets, waterproofs and long-sleeved tops and trousers.

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July - Celebration Assembly at The Scout Hall**  
2.00 - 3.15 pm - Parents, relatives, Trustees and Friends of the School very welcome.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July - The Treehouse Summer Concert**  
3.30 pm - Cream Tea. 4.30 pm Concert commences. Please note: all of the children will be singing at the concert.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July - Legoland Trip**  
To make the most of the day, please can the children be at school by 8.30 am. We will drop them off at home between 4 - 6.00 pm (weather and traffic dependent!)

## Yippee!

We have now taken £1000 in ebay sales. Thank you all for your donations and to our fantastic and efficient selling team.

## The Big Picture

With the end of the year approaching, it is a good time to think about our achievements, and also the challenges that we face at The Treehouse.

As the school evolves, we are learning ever more about how children learn, and thinking more deeply about how we can best equip them for their future. The ability to be literate (*word smart*) and numerate (*number smart*) go without saying, but alongside that we believe that children need to develop other qualities such as being able to get on with others (*people smart*), make their own choices and decisions (*self smart*) and learn how to live healthy lives (*body smart*). In our ever-changing world, they also need to learn how to learn (*learner smart*) and as resources diminish, think about how they can look after our environment too (*nature smart*). In summary, cramming children full of facts and knowledge is quite simply a waste of their time.

Educating children is a huge responsibility but also a real privilege. Alongside having the 'freedom' to make some decisions about what and how the children will learn at The Treehouse, comes the challenge of securing our own funding. However, **thanks to the hard work and commitment of you all**, at the end of our first year, I am delighted to inform you that we have a grand total of £33,000 in the bank. Thanks to low running costs; the hard work and commitment of our ever-growing band of volunteers; and the generosity of our supporters; we are able to keep the school open and start to make plans for the future.

## Three cheers for The Treehouse!

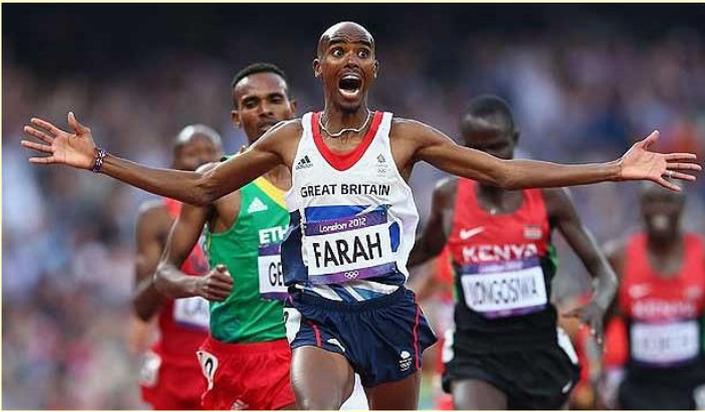
## The Early Bird...

We are reviewing the school's start time (currently between 8.45 and 9.00 am).

Any feedback gratefully received.

## Home Visits

We are now almost halfway through these visits and would like to thank you for your hospitality and feedback. Please sign and return a copy of your parent/pupil progress sheets.



# Going for Gold!

This week we are going to focus on our 'information centre', producing a piece of writing and picture to be displayed inside.

In mathematics, The Houses will learn how to find the area and volume of a cube, looking at the same time for patterns and relationships between numbers. They will continue to work on their times tables (up to 5x) in random order. The Trees will consolidate their number bond work.

In PE, the children will continue to learn how to play Tennis. Karen and Jenny are pleased with the progress that the children have made as they become more focused and skilled ~ who knows, we may have a future Wimbledon contender! As usual, they will need their scooters and helmets on Wednesday.

On Friday, we will be visiting The Patch for our Friday Forest sessions so the children need their bikes and helmets.

Please reinforce our current star target, 'being people smart and sharing things with others' 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.
- Find opportunities for your child to count in twos and spot odd and even numbers in the environment.

## Houses

- We have started to learn italic handwriting so please encourage your child to bring their purple books in to school so that they can be given patterns to practice at home.
- Help your child to learn their times tables up to 5x so that they know them instantly.

## Other Ideas

- Please help your child to learn the words for Thank you for the Music (Abba) and World in Union, the two songs that we will be singing with Brightwell choir at our Summer Concert. Words and music available on You Tube:  
Abba: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1n\\_1nOFTx5E](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1n_1nOFTx5E)  
World in Union: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ANWXW65zH28>
- Consider providing your child with their own vegetable patch which will help them to become even more nature and self-smart.
- Take a look with your child at the National Trust's 50 Things to do before you are 11¾ <https://www.50things.org.uk>

## To Celebrate this week...

Camp Treehouse - well done to all who participated.