

THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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Playtime in the park on a fresh, autumn morning.

Hitting the Ground Running

Can you believe that we are nearly at the end of September already? Usually at the start of a new academic year, teachers spend a great deal of time teaching children systems and routines, forming relationships, and establishing their expectations.

Fortunately for us, because of the way our school works, we have been able to hit the ground running, building on and developing the things that we had already put into place.

We continue to be delighted with the progress that the children make in all areas of their development, and to look for ways that both challenge and support them to move forward.

Many Hands Make Light Work

You may have seen the beautiful bunting that the children made with help from Friend of The Treehouse, Rose, adorning our conservatory.

Now, all of the children will have the opportunity to create a wall-hanging for our Meeting Room, with Cassie's help. If you enjoy craft activities and can spare some time on a Wednesday afternoon over the next few weeks, we would love to hear from you.

Treehouse Apple Event

The Robertsons have kindly donated the apples from one of their bramley trees which the children will help to pick on Monday. We have decided to offer the children an 'Apprentice' Style challenge. They will be given a quantity of apples and asked to make some products that can be sold on Friday at The Treehouse Apple Event. The winning team will be the group that makes the most profit! The Apple Event will take place between 2.30 and 3.30 pm. Please spread the word!

Treehouse Nearly New Sale

Our Nearly New Sale will take place on Saturday November 16th in The Regal Centre in Wallingford from 2.30-4.30 pm. Sellers receive receive 75% of all proceeds from their sales and The Treehouse will receive 25%. The timing is ideal for having a clear-out before Christmas and also picking up some bargains too! If you would like to register as a seller please email info@thetreehouseschool.org.uk Please promote this event to anyone that you know in this area that might be interested in selling or buying at our sale.



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Forthcoming Dates for Your Diary

Monday 30 th September	Casey's Music Week
Thursday 3 rd October	Cycling practice (bikes please)
Thursday 3 rd October	PTA Meeting 7.30 pm at The Treehouse
Friday 4 th October	Treehouse Apple Event...2.30 - 3.30 pm.

Rock Stars of the Future!?

We are enjoying listening to a range of music every week provided by each family. There was some great early morning entertainment as certain members of the gang practised their air 'guitaring' to Bon Jovi this week!

Swimming classes will commence on Tuesday 8th October from 1.15pm till 2.45pm. If you have a six-seater car, and can help to ferry children to the pool in Goring, please let us know.



Going for Gold!

Keeping You in the Loop...

This week we have reintroduced our 'star targets'. Whilst we are not all that keen on targets at The Treehouse, we have found that when there is an area that either the children or the adults have identified as requiring some improvement, a target, reviewed daily during our morning meeting, really helps.

The first star target of the year came about when we observed some lethargy amongst some of the children when they were asked to do something that they didn't particularly fancy doing! So the first star target of the year is 'To go for gold in everything that I do,' or in other words, to crack on and get the job done, and to do it well! This can also be reinforced at home, for example, if you ask your child to tidy their bedroom, do they get on with it or drag their heels! If they crack on, then please let us know so that we can reinforce this positive behaviour at school.

Trees

The Trees have been continuing to practice their number bonds in Going for Gold, they now just need to speed up their recall, so some practice at home would be very useful. We have also begun to explore the value of each digit in 2, 3 and 4 digit numbers, how many hundreds, tens and units they have...

We have introduced Reading Passports this week. Ask to see your child's and see if you can complete one of the tasks...

Houses

The Houses have been revisiting their times tables during Going for Gold this week. Our goal is for all children to know all of their tables by the end of this academic year. This will require a great deal of practice at home and at school. The children have all agreed that 'little and often' is the answer so please encourage them to find time on a regular basis to sit down and go for it! Also, any other opportunities, like on the way to school, on car journeys, will pay off.

How about...?

- Making a shop at home to play with and to help you to become even more number smart.
- Going to the shops to buy something. Can you work out how much the item(s) cost and how much change you will get?
- Going on a 'seed-hunt'. How many different types of seed (wind, berry, nut) can you find and identify?
- Finding a conker and doing some research so that you can have a conker fight next week at school.
- Looking through your 'Reading Passport' to help you to decide what you will read next.
- Finding some words inside words to add to our display. Can you find a word with more than four words inside it? Remember the letters have to be consecutive. For example, because - be, cause, use.
- Looking for some poems about Autumn. Can you learn one off by heart to share with us during Morning Meeting.
- Practicing your news for Monday Morning...do you have something that you could bring it to accompany your news?

To Celebrate....

- The progress that all of the children have made with their cycling. The Houses are now gaining more confidence on the road and Trees learning how to cycle with increasing control.