

THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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Go Herbie...

Dear Treehouse Gang

I just showed Jed and Stan the blog because I wanted to show them the conker creations and I nearly cried! What an amazing treat on Friday..... My boys faces were hilarious, "They went on a train?" "They went to the cinema?" "They went to the park?" "They went to a Skate park?" each time their voices getting more and more high pitched and shocked, and all on a school day! How fabulous and most well deserved.

Many congratulations Treehouse Gang.

Lots of love,

Emma, Jed and Stan xxx

Autumn Watch

Autumn Watch is back this week broadcasting live from RSPB Leighton Moss on the wild Lancashire coast. Don't miss it! It's on BBC2 at 8.00 pm every evening or on I Player.

Two for One!

One of the things that we all struggle with is having enough time to do all of the things that we would like to. This is most definitely the case at The Treehouse!

As well as helping the children to develop essential skills and make progress in the 'smart areas', we also want to nurture a range of qualities and attitudes which we believe are essential in life, for example persevering and trying new things.

Last weekend, as I made my way with some friends along a very steep ridge in high winds towards the summit of Snowdon, I have to say that neither of these things were at the forefront of my mind. However once I had accomplished my goal, I felt a deep sense of achievement and satisfaction.

So a visit to Didcot skate park was not only a great end of term treat but also the opportunity for many of the children to try something new, take risks, get fitter and to enjoy themselves. A real win win!

Auction of Promises

We have some amazing pledges but could still do with some more punters! Please invite your friends and family in order to make the evening a success. If you know someone who may be interested in making a proxy bid, please let Jo know.

Dear Lee

Richard and I have a young French woman working with us for work experience. This morning she was returning home so I put her on the train at Cholsey. I noticed your lovely group of children on the other platform all setting off on a school trip. May I say what a pleasure it was to see them all perfectly engaged and beautifully behaved. It really cheered me up.

I do hope you all had a super day out.

Best wishes, Helga.

Forthcoming Dates for Your Diary

Monday 4th November
Tuesday 5th November
Friday 8th November
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Lynn Family's choice of Music
Swimming
7.00 pm Auction of Promises
Friday Forest at Wittenham Clumps tbc



Going for Gold!

Keeping You in the Loop...

Next week we will complete our 'Tree' project and select the focus for our new topic. As you may recall, Freya suggested that we study trees so that the children would be able to name and identify different species. After several weeks of study, using a variety of activities, the children's interest in this area particularly our native tree species, has really developed.

We see our role as providing the children with a broad and balanced curriculum, in this instance, a largely science or 'nature smart' focused topic. Our next project will focus on a different area of the curriculum or 'smart area,' so that over time, we can ensure that The Treehouse Gang enjoy learning about something different and develop a wide range of knowledge, skills and attitudes.

Trees

- Please continue to read with and to your child during the holidays so that they continue to progress. They are doing so well.
- Ask your child how to play 'sausages' and challenge them to a game using number bonds to 10 or 20 depending on their capability.

Houses

- Please encourage your child to read over the holidays, books, the paper, signs, maps, guides, e-mails... perhaps they could complete a reading task in their reading passports.
- Help your child to practice their current times tables in preparation for their next golden test!

Looking for something to do. How about...

Word Smart

- **Finding words without any vowels inside them e.g. why (Tess's idea)**
- **Nature Smart**
- **Making a trail for others to follow. Use sticks as arrows and mark a path through the woods for friends or family to follow - don't forget to hide a piece of treasure at the end!**
- **Playing conkers. Let the battle commence with a hunt to find your winning conker. Invite your family or friends to a conker championship to see who wins!**

People Smart

Inviting a friend from a different school to play and helping to make the tea for them.

- **Practically Smart**

Making a pompom creature.

Body Smart

- **Revisiting the skate park in Didcot on a dry day (with appropriate protection) with your scooter.**

To Celebrate...

- **Paige for being an amazing author and writing a fantastic story based upon her conker creation, as well as being the first to finish!**