

# THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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Any Offers?

## Three Cheers to You All...

Well where do I start this week? Perhaps by celebrating the children's amazing woodwork models? Or the marvelous progress that they are all making in their swimming? Or how about how well they are doing in their basic skills? Or the fact that they produced some outstanding natural art work in heavy rain at the Arboretum yesterday without complaint...? Or that we have no food waste since the start of term...? Or that the older children have started to set their own learning goals...? I could go on.

And then of course there's the adult team. Following our amazingly successful Auction of Promises, the famous Churchill quotation 'Never was so much owed by so many to so few' springs to mind. Shaz and I are completely bowled over by you all. We feel incredibly privileged to be part of such a special school. Our sincere thanks to you all.

**DID YOU KNOW....**Our amazing school cooks have produced 235 delicious and nutritious school meals since The Treehouse opened. Our deepest thanks to you all for your hard work. It is very much appreciated, as reflected in the amount of food waste we produce, still 0g since the start of term.

## Woodwork Exhibition

Thanks to help from woodwork experts Dave Evans and Emma Smith, the children have designed and made some superb models. These are currently on display in the Quiet Room for parents, relatives and children's friends to view, either during the school day or the evening by arrangement.

Wow! We raised a staggering **£4498.60** at our Auction of Promises. Thank you all so much for your contribution towards this positive and successful event.

## Pyjama Day

Due to Angela's input, the Treehouse children continue to make good progress during their weekly swimming lessons. **This Tuesday**, Dippers and Divers have invited us to participate in their 'Children in Need' fund raising event, swimming in pyjamas! We have decided that we will go for a pyjama day, with children making a donation, perhaps from their pocket money or savings if they have them, towards this worthy cause. Please could the children wear their pyjamas to school, and bring a set of warm clothes to wear after swimming.

## Forthcoming Dates for Your Diary

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Robson Family's choice of Music
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Pyjama Day and swimming
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Fix it Friday/Day Centre visit.
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Nearly New Sale 2.30 - 4.30 pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Recorder Session - please let us know If your child needs a recorder.
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Nativity at Wallingford Winter Festival 1.30 pm and 3.00 pm.

## Individual Learning Challenges

This week, the children are going to select an area of interest to study over the next few months. Our aim is to help the children to become more 'learner smart' as they take increasing levels of responsibility for their own learning.



# Going for Gold!

## To Answer When Somebody Speaks To Me...

Following a request by our youngest pupil, our new star target aims to help the children to become more 'people smart', or polite, by ensuring that an acknowledgement is made when somebody speaks to them. We have discussed 'selective hearing' with the children, for example that an instant response is guaranteed if they are offered a bar of chocolate, but it may take several requests when they are asked to do something less appealing, like get ready for bed! We have also noticed that sometimes the children don't respond when somebody less familiar greets or speaks to them.

These targets are designed to help the children to modify and improve their behaviour at home and at school, so please do refer to the Star Target if an opportunity arises.

### Trees

- The Trees are working really hard on their handwriting at the moment. Please encourage them to continue to practice at home, making sure that they are forming the letters correctly.
- As the Trees ability to read improves, challenge them to answer some simple questions about what they have read.

### Houses

- The Houses are persevering really well with their italic handwriting. Please encourage your child to practice at home.
- Keep practicing timestables...all of the children have made tremendous progress since the start of term.

## Looking for something to do. How about...

- **Nature Smart**
- **Creating works of art, in the style of Andy Goldsworthy, using natural materials e.g. autumn leaves, seeds and berries.**
- **People Smart**  
**Play a board game with a member of your family or friend. Remember to read the instructions first!**
- **Practically Smart**  
**Creating a hama bead model for Martha's competition (deadline Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December).**
- **Using your woodwork skills to create a new model. Please help yourself to the offcuts of wood that we have at school.**
- **Number Smart**  
**Measure your energy use at home for a week. How many units of gas and/or electricity does your family use?**

## To Celebrate...

- Gracie for amazing progress with her swimming.
- Edith for completing her home handwriting book.