

THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

Issue 60
February 2014



The Treehouse School

Website: www.thetreehouseschool.org.uk
Blog: www.newschoolproject.wordpress.com



Happy Spring Festival!

The highlight of the week has to be our visit from Jane Liu on Friday. Like so many people we have come to know, Jane has become a very good Friend of The Treehouse, going the extra mile for the children and school.

On this occasion, The Gang gained a real insight into a significant festival, the Spring Festival, sampling Chinese food; sharing tea; playing a traditional game; performing a Chinese dance and receiving a gift from Jane. Opportunities like these help the children to gain a genuine understanding of a different culture first-hand and from an authentic source.

My thanks to Jane for working so hard to make sure the children had such a stimulating day; to all those involved in making the dragon; and to Andrea for rising to the challenge again!

Pancake Race

We have been given permission by the Parish Council to run a pancake race around The Forty on Shrove Tuesday. Please keep the morning free if you can (Tuesday 4th March). We are hoping that adults and children representing different organisations will take part. Please let Jo know if you would like to take part or can help on the day.

Please encourage your child to complete their poster promoting the 10K race by Tuesday (11th February).

Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree!

As you may be aware, Tesco kindly gave us their surplus 'mini' Christmas trees in January, which appear to be thriving. We are now looking to pass the trees on to a good cause or to sell them. If you have any good ideas, please do let us know.

Top Gun

Our thanks to the Corn Exchange, John and Karen Edean, and to Sally for organizing this event for us. The evening will raise somewhere in the region of £500.00.

Three Cheers for Ali!

Ali Fisher, a very good Friend of The Treehouse continues to beaver away behind the scenes raising money for the school. Last week she raised £45.35 on e-bay and with gift aid that will raise another 25%. Thank you Ali.

Our Next Competition

Samuel and James have come up with a brilliant new competition which you are all invited to take part in! Their challenge is to design and make a landmark (e.g. Eiffel tower, Big Ben, Pyramids) out of lego or any type of modelling or junk materials. The competition will be judged on Thursday 3rd April. Entries from children and adults of all ages most welcome.

Dates for Your Diary

10.2.14	Lynn Family Music choice
11.2.14	Wacky Hair Day! £1.00 donation
12.2.14	Swimming am – parents welcome 9.30 – 11.00 am
13.2.14	11.00 am Judo – please come along!
14.2.14	Friday Forest: Wittenham Clumps
17 th – 21 st Feb	Half Term



Going for Gold!

Keeping You in the Loop

The children's Learning Logs, in which their achievements are recorded, are really starting to take off. Ultimately we aim for the children take responsibility for the logs, evaluating and reflecting upon their own learning, and setting their own next learning steps and challenges. This is starting to happen with the older children, but will take some time to become embedded and to make an impact on their learning. You are welcome to take a look at your child's learning log, preferably with them, if you get a chance.

Trees

How many words can you think of ending in -at e.g. sat, mat, that, flat etc. Can you think of more than 10?

Houses

Ask your child to teach you the 'Fraction Game', which will help them to gain a deeper understanding of proper and improper fractions.

Looking for something to do. How about...

Number Smart

- **Playing the fraction game with a member of your family (Samuel)**
- **Working on your times tables (Lucy)**

Practically Smart

- **Making a board game linked to an area of interest (Martha)**
- **Making a tray garden (Gracie)**

Nature Smart

- **Walking in the woods...spot bulbs or fungi (James)**

Self Smart

- **Planning what you are going to do with your hair for Wacky Hair Day on Tuesday...don't forget your £1 donation for a good cause (Paige)**

Body Smart

- **Doing something active...turn the TV off! (Harry)**
- **Practising blowing bubbles for a count of 3 in the bath (Freya)**

Word Smart

- **Doing some italic writing (Alice)**
- **Making up a word search on a topic that you are interested in (Lee)**

Self Smart

- **Working on your individual project (Freya)**

People Smart

- **Using an atlas to identify the continents (Shaz)**

To Celebrate...

- The fabulous Chinese Dance - well done and thank you to all involved.