

THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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100 Days with No Food Waste at The Treehouse

Dear Parents and Grandparents (Sue!),
We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for working so hard to make sure that we have delicious and healthy meals to eat at school every day. The Treehouse 'No Waste' Restaurant was a real treat, with a three course meal served by waitresses. Probably the luckiest children in the county, if not the UK, we really appreciate the time and trouble that you all go to make sure that we eat the best food possible.
With love from The Treehouse Gang

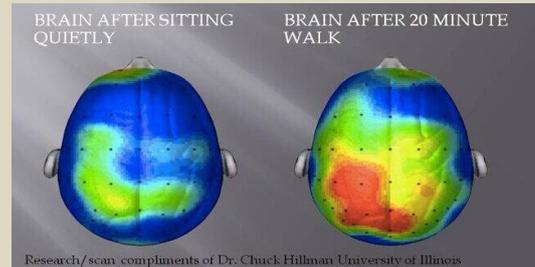
Wallingford Children's Film Festival

Tickets for this exciting event are now on sale via The Corn Exchange box office or online. Please purchase your tickets as soon as possible so that we know how many tickets are available for the other schools. Family, friends and relatives most welcome.

Food For Thought

With one in four children aged eleven now categorized as obese in the UK, in my opinion, promoting healthy lifestyles should be an essential part of every school's curriculum.

At the Treehouse, providing nutritious, wholesome food is one of the ways we help the children to achieve this, along with regular exercise and access to the outdoors. Periods of activity lead to chemical changes in the brain (see below), which in turn, help the individual to become more receptive to learning. As an independent school, we are so fortunate that we are able to be proactive and base our practice on well-grounded research, which longer term, we know will make a real difference to children's lives.



Community Allotment Project

I am delighted that The Treehouse has secured some funding for a community allotment project which Vicky Beardall will be managing for The Trust. If your family are interested in learning how to grow their own vegetables, please let me know. This project is open to any Cholsey families so please spread the word!

Dates for Your Diary

- 3.3.14 Kennedy Family Music choice
- 4.3.14 10.30 am Pancake race – The Forty
- 4.3.14 1.30 pm Tesco DIY SOS!
- 5.3.14 Swimming
- 6.3.14 11.00 am Judo
- 7.3.14 Friday Forest: Lollingdon.
- 10.3.14 Fraser-Jones Family Music choice
- 10.3.14 6.30 pm Film Festival
- 11.3.14 6.30 pm Film Festival
- 12.3.14 Chinese dancing at The Day Centre
- 14.3.14 Friday Forest: Watlington
- 17.3.14 Trustees' Annual General Meeting
- 18.3.14 Individual Project Trip Day



Going for Gold!

Keeping You in the Loop

The children's enjoyment of reading is really developing through a number of strategies, such as our regular reading review slots and story time sessions. Children regularly discuss and exchange books with each other. We are also delighted with the variety of ways that the reading journals are used by the children. In addition to keeping a record of their reading, some of The Gang use their journals as a 'scrapbook' for cuttings, drawings, quizzes, news etc. We feel that it is important to respond to any form of entry and have set aside Monday morning to look at them.

Trees

The children are really enjoying their 'Take Five' sessions which take place daily for 5 minutes after lunch. They have been practising their number formation and how to add and subtract ten from any two digit number. Opportunities to practise this at home will help them to become even more successful.

Houses

The Houses continue to astound us with their understanding of some challenging mathematical concepts. Ask your child to use a dice to make a proper fraction, and then to teach you where to put it on a number line. Repeat to see who has made the greatest/ smallest fraction.

Looking for something to do. How about...

Learner Smart

- **Planning your next Individual Project (Herbie)**
- **Planning your Individual Project Day Trip (18.3.14) Lee**

Practically Smart

- **Making your own board game (Ollie)**
- **Working on your landmark for the forthcoming competition (Paige)**

People Smart

- **Spending time playing amicably with a sibling at home (Samuel)**
- **Wearing your 10k t-shirt to advertise the event (Owen)**

Body Smart

- **Doing some running practise for the 10K event (James)**
- **Learning to tie a knot or tie laces like Edith has recently done (Lee)**
- **Practising running and tossing a pancake for Tuesday's race (Lee)**

Picture Smart

- **Doing a drawing (Gracie showed some ace drawings she had done recently in her journal) We have a doodle book at school with some great doodling ideas.**
- **Drawing a map and creating a treasure hunt - Herbie has done one of their house and then set clues for others to solve (Martha)**

To Celebrate

Freya for completing her Reading Passport.