

# THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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With increasing independence, Owen prepares a delicious vegetable stew for our lunch

## All Change!

You may recall that due to other commitments Sam Rhodes has stepped down as the Chair of our Trust. Our thanks to Sam for her work as the Chair.

I am delighted to inform you that Alison Robertson has become the new Chair of our Trust, and Andrea Turner, the Vice Chair. Annie Harris has kindly agreed to continue as our Secretary, and Mitch as the Treasurer.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Trustees for their continued interest in The Treehouse, and the contribution they make. We are very fortunate to have such a hardworking, positive and supportive group of Trustees.

## Life Long Learners

My thanks to you all for taking the children to such a variety of interesting places last week. I have no doubt that they all learned a great deal.

Developing a thirst for learning, and the skills and qualities needed to be an effective learner, or becoming 'Learner Smart', is an area that educationalists have been keen to nail for some years now.

We are all born with the capacity to learn; in fact, the time that we learn the most is between the ages of 0 - 5 years, however due to a range of factors, some individuals find the ability to learn easier than others.

Strategies like the use of coloured thinking hats have been employed by schools to help to promote a range of types of thinking, in some cases successfully, but in most they have been abandoned because they have not made a significant impact.

Our approach has always been far more simplistic: provide children with a wide and rich range of opportunities; the right input at the right time; the confidence to give things a go; and the language to talk about and understand their learning, and they will learn!

## Dates for Your Diary

24.3.14	Heydon Family Music
24.3.14	Forensic taster session – Kate Casey
25.3.14	Community Allotment project begins
26.3.14	Swimming
27.3.14	Student teacher visiting Judo
28.3.14	Student teacher visiting 2.15 – 3.15 pm Exhibition at The Treehouse – all welcome.
31.3.14	Lee's Music choice
2.4.14	Swimming session – Parents welcome.
3.4.14	Landmark competition
4.4.14	Easter egg hunt – Arboretum.
7.4.14	Easter holidays
23.4.14	Term starts.
19-23.5.14	Treehouse Book Week (20.5.14 Dress up as a book character)

**Exhibition of Children's Individual Project Work at The Treehouse -  
This Friday (28.3.14) from 2.15 pm - 3.15 pm. Hope to see you there!**



# Going for Gold!

## Keeping You in the Loop

One of the advantages of being such a small school is that The Treehouse feels like a large extended family. We have always been keen to operate in this way so that the children get a strong sense of security and belonging. We are also keen to ensure that they mix with children from other schools both during and beyond the school day. Following the Film Festival, I am delighted that South Stoke school have asked to partner up for some joint sports and Forest School sessions.

### Trees

Find a book to accompany your individual project, read it with an adult, and bring it along to accompany your individual project.

### Houses

Find a 'Fancy That' fact for the board and copy it out in your best italic handwriting.

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

### Nature Smart

- Finding out more about the stages of an insect's life cycle e.g. butterfly (Martha)
- Planting some vegetable seeds (Emma)
- Building or rebuilding a den (Alex/Samuel)

### Practically Smart

- Making something out of papier mache (Ollie)
- Making something for the Landmark competition (Lee)

### Word Smart

- Preparing a presentation to accompany your project (Shaz)
- Reading a non-fiction book and adding an entry to your reading passport (Gracie)

### People Smart

- Spending some time outside playing (Samuel)

### Body Smart

- Practising your skipping (Edith)
- Going on a bike ride and looking for a geocache (Herbie/Magnus)

### Learner Smart

- Planning a trip to a Museum in the Easter holidays (Paige)

## To Celebrate - Swimming First Timers!

Edith, Magnus and Ollie for swimming unaided for the first time!  
Herbie and Owen for swimming a length on their backs unaided for the first time!  
Alice for mastering a forward roll in the pool for the first time!