

THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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Fred learns more about the Solar System.

Raising the Bar

Our first individual project exhibition was a tremendous success on so many levels. Providing the children with the time that they need to pursue their own interests, along with a range of opportunities and experiences which enabled them to become 'experts' in their chosen subject, led to some high quality learning.

We were really impressed with the way that the children conducted themselves and rose to the challenge during the exhibition, speaking confidently to the numerous visitors in attendance.

However for me, what really stood out was the quality of the children's work. Whilst I realise that the majority of the children have needed quite a lot of adult input at this stage, they have also seen some excellent examples of what is possible and achievable.

Swimming Success

The children have made tremendous progress with their swimming this term. We hope that you will be able to join us at our last session this term on Wednesday (2nd March). The sessions start at 9.30 and end at 11.00 am.

126 Days No Food Waste!

Surplus Seeds

Emma and Vicky are starting to prepare our school and allotment gardens, and would be very grateful if you could let them have any surplus seeds.

Recycling for Good Causes

Thank you sending in the Bags-2-School, and shoes for Malawi. As well as raising funds for The Treehouse, our involvement in campaigns like these help the children to develop an awareness of others who are less fortunate than themselves and to recycle unwanted clothing and shoes.

Landmark Competition

Please send your entries for Samuel and James' landmark competition into The Treehouse on Thursday (3rd March). There are three categories, Under Fives, Six to Eleven and Eleven plus (includes adults!)

Dates for Your Diary

- 31.3.14 Lee's Music choice
- 2.4.14 Swimming session – Parents welcome. Please come if you can!
- 3.4.14 Landmark competition
- 4.4.14 Easter egg hunt – Arboretum. Home drop off.
- 7.4.14 Easter holidays
- 23.4.14 Term starts.
- Endean Family music.
- 10K Run
- 27.4.14 Wallingford Dance Festival 6pm tbc
- 28.4.14 Nature Walk with Tony Rayner
- 29.4.14 Trip to Cadbury's World tbc
- 1.5.14 Nearly New Sale 2.30 – 4.30 pm
- 10.5.14 Wallingford Car Rally (bike sale)
- 11.5.14 Treehouse Book Week (20.5.14 Dress up as a book character)
- 19-23.5.14



Going for Gold!

Keeping You in the Loop

We are keen to build on the success of the individual projects, as well as the children's interests, and have selected 'Chocolate' as our next theme. A trip to Cadbury's World on May 1st (tbc) will help the children to understand and learn more about the history of chocolate and the Cadbury's family in particular. As well as some shared experiences, the children will have the opportunity to pursue their own particular area of interest e.g. the Aztecs, Cadbury's family, cooking, which will be shared at our next exhibition.

Trees

Make a number sequence e.g. 1, 3, 5 __, 9, 11, __ 15 for your child, and ask them to identify the missing numbers.

Houses

Ask your child to teach you how to play 'Dice Lottery'. Can you get to level 3? Which strategies did you use?

Looking for something to do? How about...

Word:

- Reading a picture book for your passport (Martha)
- Devising a way of sending a secret message (Shaz)
- Making a lift the flap poster (Herbie)
- Reading a book by a new author (Mags)

People:

- Inviting an old school friend round to play (Gracie)
- Planning an April fool (Lee)

Body:

- Encouraging your family to aim for 0g food wasted (Alice)

Number:

- Making a 100 square to practise your counting (Harry)
- Working on your times tables...the Houses are working on having rapid recall of these by the end of this year! (Samuel)

Music:

- Playing or making a new instrument (James)

Practical:

- Making a board game (Edith)
- Practical/Word/Picture: Make a geocache...draw a map and challenge someone to find it (Lee)

To Celebrate - Distance Swimming

James for swimming 60 metres; Harry for swimming 50 metres; Freya, Gracie and Samuel for swimming 50 metres.