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Trixie and Bertie our 'Green Lawnmowers'



Wallingford School Dance Festival

There are a few remaining tickets for the Dance Festival, which as you know, takes place this Monday (28th April) at Wallingford School.

After lunch the children will be transported to Wallingford for a rehearsal with the other schools that are participating before they perform at 6.00 pm. They will need to bring a packed tea, black leggings or jogging bottoms, and a Treehouse T-shirt to school. Girls should also bring something to tie their hair up with. A later than usual start is available for those children who need it on Tuesday morning at either 9.45 am (if your child would like to join us for Tony Rayner's nature walk) or 12.00.

Looking Back...

Just wanted to say how much I enjoyed Forest School with The Treehouse Gang and The Old Bakehouse Friday Forest Group at the end of term. I was particularly impressed at how The Treehouse children looked after the younger children making sure they were safe and having fun. It also meant that those of us who went along to help the little ones didn't have much to do but relax and enjoy ourselves! I do know of course that these things don't happen without lots of prior organisation by you and your team. So thank you all very much. Alison

Thank you for The Music...

We all love listening to the different music choices that families make on a weekly basis, and now thanks to the ACE TEAM, have a new, hopefully more reliable and up-to-date music centre play them on. This should mean that we can play music from a variety of sources including iPods.

Hitting the Ground Running!

I hope that you all had a good Easter break and the opportunity to recharge your batteries, as Shaz and I did.

There is no doubt that the summer term is a busy time for schools, especially small schools like The Treehouse. I have always found it a real challenge deciding which events to participate in and which to dodge, and very much hope that I have got the balance right this term (four days in it already feels a bit full on!) Opportunities to develop relationships with other schools and to raise funds for The Treehouse have taken priority, alongside educational experiences, such as the trip to Cadbury's World this week, which I am sure will enhance the children's learning.

I should be grateful, as always, for your thoughts and reflections on our programme as the term unfolds.

Be There or Be Square!

For your interest and enjoyment, if you missed the short live Radio Oxford broadcast that Magnus, Martha and I made from The Four Teas Café on Friday, here is the link:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01wz1lw>
then move the cursor to 2:42.

Dates for Your Diary

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| 28.4.14 | Casey Family Music Choice
Wallingford Dance Festival 6 – 7 pm
No French Club. |
| 29.4.14 | Optional late start: 9.45 or 12.00.
10.00 am Nature Walk with Tony
Maypole practice at Cholsey School
3.30 – 4.30 pm Treehouse Wildlife
Club Starts. |
| 30.4.14 | Swimming
Maypole practice at Cholsey School |
| 1.5.14 | Trip to Cadbury's World 8.45 am.
Home drop off at 4.30 pm approx. |
| 2.5.14 | Rest day for those that need it.
Rainforest display day at The
Treehouse. |
| 4.5.14 | May Day Celebrations and Dancing. |
| 5.5.14 | Bank holiday |
| 6.5.14 | Eccleston family music choice |
| 7.5.14 | Swimming |
| 10.5.14 | Nearly New Sale 2.30 – 4.30 pm |
| 11.5.14 | Wallingford Car Rally (bike sale) |
| 19-23.5.14 | Treehouse Book Week (20.5.14
Dress up as a book character) |
| 10.7.14 | School Project Exhibition Day |



Going for Gold!

Keeping You in the Loop

This term, we aim to spend time further developing the children's ability to reflect upon their own learning. Now that the 'Smart Areas' and associated language are well and truly embedded, we would like the children to be able to evaluate their own learning in more depth, recording significant steps in their Learning Logs. Ultimately, this will help them to become even more effective learners.

Over the course of the term, we aim to raise the profile and status of the Learning Logs through a range of strategies. Please do take a look inside your child's learning log which you can find just inside the front door. From now on, each child will also bring their learning log home when it's their turn to make an entry in the School Log Book. Please use this opportunity to read and share some of the most recent entries with your child and to make a comment too.

Trees

Revisit your number bonds using a pack of playing cards - how many can you do in a minute?

Houses

Practice your times tables using the game Lisa has recommended: Penguin Jump found at www.mathplayground.com

Looking for something to do? How about...

Word Smart:

- Practising answering the telephone and the front door at home.
- Finding some more homophones to add to our list.

Practically Smart:

- Making your costume for book week
- Finding some tights, toilet rolls, green paper/plastic bags, yoghurt pots and anything else that might be useful for the Treehouse Recycled Rainforest.

Nature Smart:

- Joining the Treehouse Wildlife Club (Tuesdays 3.30 - 4.30 pm)

Body Smart:

- Taking part in the Bunny Run

Learner Smart:

- Writing some questions that you would like to find the answers to at Cadbury World on Thursday.

Number Smart:

- Working out how to write roman numerals from 1 - 50 (or more if you want to!)

To Celebrate - A Practically Smartie!

We are now the proud owners of a beautiful, handmade wooden chest, made by Freya's Grandad, containing a range of beautiful wooden pebbles which will help us to identify the different types of wood. What a lovely gift and very clever man.