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The finish line - thank goodness!

"Lee, I just wanted to say well done!
I think the 10K race today was not only a huge accomplishment for most of us running, and those involved with the organising (very good btw) but also The Treehouse profile has been well and truly raised. A good day all round!"
(Patch) Emma

Wallingford School Dance Festival

"I was very proud of the performance that the children gave at the Dance Festival on Monday evening; I think it was the best I have seen them perform, and they really stood out from the other schools. I hope The Gang all enjoyed themselves as that is the most important thing with performing and will come across to the audience. They were golden standard behaviour all day and again set the standard amongst the other children there.

Also I would like to say thank you for still being there to cheer me on at the 10K on Sunday as I was practically the last person over the line and the massive amount of cheering really made my day.

I love working with all the Gang." Andrea x

"May I just say that your children are an absolute credit to your school. They stood out today because they were so polite, well behaved and accommodating, moving out of the way for my partner on several occasions, who is wheelchair bound. You must feel very proud of them."

Visitor at Cadbury World.

What a Week for The Treehouse!

Well that was a bit of week! After our first and very successful 10K race (thanks Bob, Emma, Kate and Sally), on Monday The Gang pulled off a fantastic performance at the Dance Festival at Wallingford School (thanks Andrea, and Cassie for the beautiful flag). And as if that wasn't enough excitement, on Tuesday newts, house martins, swallows, common lizards, cowslips, slow worms, and a beautiful grass snake were discovered 'right on our doorstep' during our nature walk (thanks Tony), AND the Treehouse Wildlife Club discovered the first frog of the season in the pond! (Thanks Shirley and Maurice). Midweek Maypole dancing with children at Cholsey School went really well (thanks Heather) and our trip to Cadbury's World on Thursday went down well, as did a lot of chocolate (thanks John and Jo for driving). The creation of a rainforest at The Treehouse on Friday (thanks Janette and Emma) was the icing on the cake or was it? I reckon the real stars of the show are you lot and your children...for rising to the many and varied challenges head on.

Dates for Your Diary

4.5.14	12 – 4.00 pm May Day Celebrations 1.30 pm 'Houses' maypole dancing
5.5.14	Bank holiday
6.5.14	Eccleston family music choice 1.30pm Community Allotment 3.30 – 4.30 – TWC (Ollie, Harry and Gracie)
7.5.14	Swimming Lee on a first aid course/Lucy and Jo covering.
8.5.14	Lee on a first aid course/Lucy covering.
9.5.14	Friday Forest – venue tbc.
10.5.14	Nearly New Sale 2.30 – 4.30 pm
11.5.14	Wallingford Car Rally (bike sale)
12.5.14	Ryman Family music choice. 2.00 pm Rounders Tournament with parents.
13.5.14	Pitt Rivers Museum visit (Aztec Focus)
14.5.14	Swimming
16.5.14	Friday Forest at The Patch tbc
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

Our next project, 'chocolate', which was suggested as a focus by some of the children provides a wealth of curricular opportunities: finding out more about where chocolate originated, how it spread (!) to Europe, and the Cadbury Family will enable us to extend the children's geography and history skills; exploring different recipes and creating a rainforest display will provide some creative opportunities; revisiting the food pyramid and investigating solids and liquids will enable us to extend the children's scientific knowledge and understanding; and finally comparing prices, weights, % of cocoa content and creating graphs gives us the chance to do some contextualized mathematics. Building on the success of the children's individual projects, the children will also select a focus to pursue at school and at home if they so wish. We look forward to sharing the outcomes with you at our final project exhibition of the school year on afternoon of the 10th July.

Trees

Lots of writing opportunities please! Lists, telephone messages, diaries, thank you cards and letters...the more the merrier! Please expect your child to focus on either being an 'author' or 'secretary'.

Houses

If the answer is 100, what might the question be? Can you use all four operations (+, -, x, ÷)? Can you make 100 with four odd numbers? Even numbers? Consecutive numbers?

Looking for something to do? How about...

Word Smart:

- Making a phone call to a friend or relative, and remembering to include a (sandwich) beginning, middle and end.

Practically Smart:

- Looking up and trying out some recipes that contain chocolate (sweet and savory).

Nature Smart:

- Bird watching in your garden or when out for a walk. Can you spot a house martin or a swallow? Have a look around your garden; you never know what you will find (Alice and Mags found newts sheltering under the logs in The Treehouse garden).

Body Smart:

- Having a go at Maypole dancing on Sunday in the park (1.30 pm)

Learner Smart:

- Thinking about what you are going to do for our Whole School Chocolate Project and Exhibition.

Number Smart:

- Doing a survey of your family and friends favourite three Cadbury products and creating a graph to show the results.

To Celebrate - A People, Picture and Practically Smartie!

Tess - for winning the 'Design a Treehouse' Competition.

"Tess had thought about the inside and outside of the Treehouse. She had also labelled her design so that the builder will know which materials to use". Alison Robertson.

Highly Commended: Edith, James and Martha.

All designs are on display in the Craft Room. Please come along and take a look.