

THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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A Work of Art

Well done Mags for winning a local art competition. Cassie writes: "Another community event which was good to be part of...people were interested in the children's work and the background. Great decision to enter some of the leaf art, it fitted really well as a representation of the treehouse, I thought."

Green Fingers?

Vicky would love to see you at our community allotment next Saturday (17th May) from 10.00 - 12.00. If you would like to help to plant some seedlings, sow some seeds, clear the plot and make a scarecrow, please either contact Vicky via vickybeardall@hotmail.com or let us know. Please bring a picnic along to eat at the end of the session too if you fancy.

Good News!

PF Charitable Trust

I am pleased to inform you that Mr. Robin Fleming has instructed me, on behalf of the Trustees, to send you a donation of £2,000. We wish the school all the best for the future.

No Two Weeks are the same at The Treehouse...

It seems some time since we experienced a 'normal' week at The Treehouse, if indeed, there is such a thing! For me, this week was a particularly odd one comprising a bank holiday, followed by two days on a forest school first aid course. Friday was here before I knew it, and a day in the Millennium woods, with The Gang. Bliss! As the children busied themselves, whittling, hunting for snow tigers, and tending to the 'babies' (dolls in buggies) that had joined us, a sense of calm descended. Everybody was purposefully engaged, relaxed and making the most of what turned out to be a beautifully sunny spring day in the woods. Thank goodness for Fridays!

A Little Birdie told us abouta competition that The Earth Trust at Wittenham are running. Children of all ages are invited to draw a postcard-sized image of something that children/families enjoy doing at Wittenham Clumps. The deadline for the competition is this Monday (12th May). The winning designs will be made into notelets and cards that will be sold by The Trust. If your child would like to participate, please send their art work into school on Monday.

Dates for Your Diary

- 10.5.14 Nearly New Sale The Regal 2.30 – 4.30 pm
- 11.5.14 Wallingford Car Rally (bike sale) 11.00 – 4.00 pm
- 12.5.14 Ryman Family music choice.
2.00 pm Rounders Tournament with parents in the park.
- 13.5.14 10 – 12.00 Pitt Rivers Museum visit (Aztec Trail)
Treehouse Wildlife Club (Greens and Rymans)
- 14.5.14 Swimming
- 16.5.14 Friday Forest at The Patch tbc
- 17.5.14 10.00 – 12.00 Community Allotment Session with Vicky
- 19.5.14 Shaz's Music Choice
Treehouse Book Week
Jill Hanson and Sue Proudman visiting
2.30 pm Poetry Performance for Parents and Friends of The Treehouse (Scout Hall)
- 20.5.14 Dress up as a book character
Book Surgery – Ali from the local bookshop will be visiting The Treehouse to recommend books to children.
Picnic in the Park (weather permitting)
Treehouse Wildlife Club (Gracie, Ollie and Harry)
- 21.5.14 Swimming
2.00 pm Bring your favourite book to share with somebody at the Day Centre
- 22.5.14 Ruth Galloway (author and illustrator) visiting The Treehouse
- 23.5.14 Friday Forest/Story Sharing at The Old Bakehouse
- 26.5.14 Half Term
- 1.6.14 The Leg-It Challenge
- 10.7.14 School Project Exhibition Day



Going for Gold!

Keeping You in the Loop

You may recall that the criteria for the Smart Awards 2014 was circulated via email at the beginning of the Easter break to enable children to begin to evaluate which awards or badges they think they should receive this year. The idea is that the children, in discussion with an adult at home, decide which badges they have earned, with the onus on individuals reflecting on their achievements, rather than Shaz and I making the decisions. With the award ceremony taking place at the end of the academic year, the children also have time to work on any smart areas or badges that they feel they have not yet fully achieved. Please do not hesitate to talk to either of us if you have any queries about this process.

Trees

Revisit letters in the 'c' family (a, c, d, g, o) remembering that they all start at the top and are anticlockwise. Can you think of any words that contain just the letters in the c family?

Houses

In order to ensure that the children's time tables are committed to their long term memory, it is essential to continue to practise and revisit them on a regular basis.

Looking for something to do? How about...

Practically Smart

- Making a recipe using chocolate (Edith)
- Trying to make your own version of chocolate (Gracie)

Self Smart

- Giving up chocolate for a week (Freya)

Word Smart

- Making a list of as many chocolate manufacturers as you can (Magnus)

Number Smart

- Doing a chocolate survey to find out which is the most popular type of chocolate? (Herbie) You could make this into a graph...(Shaz)
- Comparing the prices of chocolate. Is it better value for money to buy a big bar or small? (Alex)
- Finding out if all packets of say chocolate buttons contain the same number (Tess)

Learner Smart

- Starting to think about, plan and do some research for your individual chocolate project (Lee)

To Celebrate

"Just a brief note to say well done to everyone who organised the first Treehouse Run a couple of weeks ago. I came along to give a bit of moral support to another local fundraising run and I was very impressed with the way everyone pitched in and how well the event went for your first time. Having been through this before ourselves, I can only say..."Watch out!"....before you know it, you will have 2,3,or even 400 runners coming along to support you... Well done and I look forward to (spectating) once again next year.." Regards Sam Gillman