

THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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Fashion Show at The Patch

A Fab Day at the Treehouse

Once again the Treehouse was AMAZING today!! Jobs started the day off and once your job was completed, it was straight to hedge work. The hedge is almost complete for the First News competition. WOW.

Morning Meeting led into maths. I LOVE maths!!! Maths was Four Dice Lottery. Lunch was the FAMOUS Shakshuka cooked by the wonderful Cassie. There was barely any LEFT!!!

Clearing the hedge was the last thing on the list. Alice's and my job was to make a picture of Michaela (the judge) to put up inside the hedge saying WE LOVE MICHAELA!!!

Thanks to Alf for helping with the window, Graham for helping clearing the hedge, Lee for helping out, Shaz for weaving and Alice for the idea. Busy Busy Busy! By Tess

What a Weekend!

Last weekend was back to back, with the Nearly New Sale on Saturday and Bike Sale at the Car Rally on Sunday. Both events were brilliantly orchestrated and successful, promoting recycling on an epic scale; toys, clothes, books, games, puzzles and bikes; raising our status in the local community even further.

Our thanks to the ACE team who work tirelessly to keep The Treehouse afloat. The weekend raised somewhere in the region of a magnificent £700.00! So all that is left is to say a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to you for your contribution towards these events.

'The Best Made Plans of Mice and Men oft Go Astray'

Some of our plans, took a back seat this week after the children decided that they would like to create a den running along the back of the hedge in the school garden, to enter into a national competition, which Alice had spotted in 'First News'. Plans were drawn up, a list made, and jobs delegated, under the management of three key players, Alice, Freya and Gracie. The end result, a base for the 'snow leopards' which includes a hammock, tyre swing, look-out and exit route (two ladders lashed together!) is absolutely brilliant. For me it demonstrates just what children are capable of, with a little help from some enthusiastic adults (Thank you Alfie, Graham and Lucy), in an environment where their ideas are embraced and valued.

Leg-It for The Treehouse

Can you believe that this popular annual event is nearly upon us? This year, we are hoping that some new friends and/or relatives might be persuaded to join us. Your challenge is to recruit one new person or family to participate in the Challenge which takes place on 1st June. We can guarantee that they will feel a great sense of achievement and can look forward to a cream tea at the end of it!

Dates for Your Diary

- 17.5.14 Community Allotment Session with Vicky (10-12)
- 19.5.14 Shaz's Music Choice
Treehouse Book Week
2.30 pm Poetry Sharing Session – bring your favourite poem along to share with us.
- 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 (books for sale).
- 23.5.14 Friday Forest/Stories 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

As you are aware, our book week takes place next week. As well as providing the opportunity for us to promote books as a source of pleasure, enjoyment and information, we intend to focus on the children's ability to read and share books aloud. Using the appropriate volume, reading at the right speed, and with expression and intonation, makes all the difference. The best way for the children to learn how to do this, is to listen to an adult (expert!) reading, so even if your child is already a fluent reader, please continue to read to them and if possible, provide recorded stories for them to listen to as well.

In the meantime, due to unforeseen circumstances, Jill Hanson and Sue Proudman two of our book week visitors, have had to postpone their trip to The Treehouse on Monday. So we have decided to invite any adult or child that would like, to bring along their favourite well-rehearsed poem to share with us all on Monday afternoon, at 2.30 pm in the Scout Hall. All welcome.

Trees

Can you find a daisy which measures more than 21cm? Ollie is the current record holder for finding the longest daisy at The Treehouse.

Houses

Have a go at the following multiplication sums using the grid method:

$$25 \times 36 =$$

$$34 \times 54 =$$

$$68 \times 13 =$$

Looking for something to do? How about...

Nature Smart

- Visiting our allotment on Saturday so that you can learn how to sow some seeds with a friend or a relative.

Word Smart

- Practising a poem to share with The Gang and any visitors that join us on Monday afternoon.

Writing a book review to share with us on Friday

Writing your own poem

Finding your favourite book and practising reading it so that you are ready for our Day Centre visit on Wednesday afternoon

- Finding a non-fiction book about Aztecs so that you can find out more about this period of history

Body Smart

Going for a bike ride

People Smart

- Planning a play date for a friend that you don't see very often at half term.

To Celebrate

The Treehouse now has a clean oven thanks to Karen and Kate R who gave up their morning to scrub it for us.