

THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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36 children for a picnic lunch...
A Treehouse Record Breaker?

“Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.” Robert Louis Stevenson

Increasingly, I believe that our role as primary educators is to 'prepare the soil and sow the seeds', providing the children we teach with rich experiences from which they can learn, and be inspired.

It was lovely this week to see the children so stimulated during our Book Week, especially when author and illustrator, Ruth Galloway joined us for the day. The Gang thoroughly enjoyed drawing alongside Ruth, and planning a collaborative short story. Time flew by and we were all so disappointed when it was time for Ruth to leave us, however she left behind a band of enthusiastic young authors and illustrators. Mission accomplished.

You're All Ace!

How quickly this term has passed again. On behalf of all the trustees, we should like to thank everyone who has helped us with the brilliant fundraising events over the last few months.

Behind the scenes lots of our parents and friends have been beavering away helping to raise much needed funds for our school. Lots of money has been raised but also lots of new contacts and great positive experiences have been received as the Treehouse roots spread even further! Once again a big thank you, to you all, from The Trustees.

Leg-It Update

With our annual 'Leg It' challenge just a week away, we would be grateful if all those taking part could contact Shaz by Tuesday 27th May to confirm participation. It would be helpful if you could also let us know if any bikes, scooters, etc. need to be transported to Oxford so that we can make the necessary arrangements. Those with any energy left are invited to join us for a meal at The Red Lion afterwards...Shaz has circulated a menu. So all that remains, is for you to get some sponsorship, some training under your belt and to hope for some good weather!

Did you know....?

Cholsey's 71st Annual Flower Show takes place on Saturday 9th August from 12.30 pm. Show schedules, which include a children's section, are available from Ray Park's.

Dates for Your Diary

- 26.5.14 Half Term
- 1.6.14 The Leg-It Challenge 10.00 am The Head of the River, Oxford.
- 2.6.14 INSET Day at The Treehouse
- 3.6.14 New term starts.
Lynn Family Music
Treehouse Wildlife Club (Rymans and Greens)
- 4.6.14 Swimming
- 6.6.14 Friday Forest – Downs Walk with Tony Rayner
- 9.6.14 Robson Family Music
Visit to St. Crispin's Farm, Bucklebury
- 10.6.14 Treehouse Wildlife Club (Gracie, Harry, Ollie)
- 11.6.14 Swimming
- 12.6.14 Half term homework due in (see over page)
- 13.6.14 Forest School session with South Stoke School.
6.00/8.00 pm Sports' Evening at The Scout Hall
- 17.6.14 World Wildlife Fund Rainforest Trip – Woking
- 27.6.14 Camp Treehouse
- 28.6.14 Camp Treehouse
- 30.6.14 INSET Day
- 10.7.14 School Project Exhibition Day
- 11.7.14 Celebration Assembly (All welcome)
- 15.7.14 Seaside trip tbc
- 18.7.14 End of term
- 21.7.14 Stackpole visit.
- 3.9.14 New School Year begins



Going for Gold!

Keeping You in the Loop

Well, where did that term go? Thank you all for the smartie/badge sheets that you clearly took so much time over with your child. The Gang are getting really good at using 'smart language' to describe their learning and their achievements. You may recall that an educationalist named Howard Gardener created the multiple Intelligences, or smart areas, to acknowledge that everybody excels at something. Focusing on the things that children are good at helps to raise their self-esteem and means that they are more likely to push themselves in the areas that they do not feel so confident in.

Trees

You are doing so well with your reading Trees....please keep practising during the holidays. How about reading one of Ruth Galloway's stories to a member of your family (using your Jackanory voice)? Is there a sea snail on each page?

Houses

OK Houses...the TIMES TABLES pressure is on...by the end of term, you all need to be able to recall your times tables **instantly**. So keep practising...because practise makes **PERFECT!**

Looking for something to do? How about...

- **Body Smart:** Going for a really long bike ride or walk in preparation for The Leg-It Challenge. Pack and picnic and explore the great outdoors. How about taking a map so that you can see where you're going.
- Can you fit some swimming in? Remember to blow your bubbles, look right down, stretchy arms and to kick!
- **Nature Smart:** Murky water is full of life. Scoop some out into a tub and check out what lurks beneath. Did you know that the best way to pick up the smallest creature when you're pond dipping is to scoop your net 3 times in a figure of 8?
- **Word Smart:** Planning, writing and illustrating your own short story, using some of the techniques that Ruth Galloway showed us during her visit. Remember Ruth uses alliteration ('with a swish and a swirl') and onomatopoeia (Wheeeeeee! Boom! Whoosh!) in her stories.
- Trying to write your own Haiku (a Japanese poem with three lines: 5 syllables in the first and last line; seven in the middle line).
- **Learner Smart:** Following Mr. Pengilly's visit, find out more about your surname. Where did it originate? What does it mean?
- Remember to complete your half term homework, doing some research into the food item that you have been given that comes from a rainforest. Please try to bring an example in on June 12th if you are able to.
- **Number Smart:** Finding out which chocolate bar is the cheapest...most expensive in your local shop. Why do you think that chocolate differs in price?

To Celebrate

Edith, Herbie, Magnus, Ollie and Owen's amazing swimming last week; they can now all swim on their front and their backs, with smiles on their faces too!