

THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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Three Cheers for The Treehouse!

There is no doubt that The Treehouse is hard work, *really* hard work for us all, but I have been brought up to believe that eventually hard graft pays off. As the weeks go on, I can really see that our collective efforts and commitment to the school are paying off. All of the children, without exception, are making tremendous progress, in most, if not all areas of their development. They are well behaved, polite, highly motivated, healthy individuals, who love learning and enjoy school. So at the end of an exhausting week, I can honestly say that I for one wouldn't want it any other way!

VIP private view – Tuesday 15 July, 5.30 – 7.30pm for House children

We have been invited to Wallingford School's annual art and design exhibition, showcasing a selection of work from some of their talented artists, and to celebrate the students' achievements. A private view has been arranged for invited guests on Tuesday 15th July. If your child would like to go, Jo has offered to coordinate the transport and take them along. Please let her know if you would like to take her up on this offer.

Do you fancy a Midsummer Stroll?

Cholsey 1000 plus are heading off from The Forty on the 21st June at 6.00pm for a walk. The walk will take approx 1.5 hours finishing at The Red Lion for a drink.

Camp Treehouse

As you know, this year Camp Treehouse takes place on Friday 27th June at Emma's Patch on the Reading road, Cholsey. Weather permitting, we plan to leave The Treehouse after lunch on Friday, and cycle to The Patch, where we will stay until Saturday morning. Older siblings and parents are welcome to join us Friday afternoon/evening but will also need to cycle/or be collected from the village, due to limited parking at the site.

If you have a tent that we could borrow for the camp, I should be grateful if you would let Jo Heydon know, specifying the size. More details and a kit list will be circulated this week, but in the meantime, I should be grateful if you could let me know by Monday 16th June how many campers will be joining us from your family!

More coffers for The Treehouse

"Congratulations! The Leg-It it sounds like a good day with a lot of money raised. I pledged £5 per head so I make that £210 in total. I will drop a cheque over. With best wishes, Nick Castle"
(A good Friend of The Treehouse)

Dates for Your Diary

- 16.6.14 Heydon Family Music
- 17.6.14 World Wildlife Fund Rainforest Trip – Woking (home drop off between 3.30 and 4.30 pm)
- 18.6.14 Swimming
- 20.6.14 Forest School at Holmewood Nursery, Oxford
- 21.6.14 Midsummer Stroll 6pm (Cholsey 1000 plus)
- 23.6.14 Fraser-Jones family music
- 25.6.14 Swimming
- 27.6.14 Camp Treehouse
- 28.6.14 Camp Treehouse
- 30.6.14 INSET Day
- 4.7.14 Treehouse School Disco 6.00 – 8.00 pm
- 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

Our trip to the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Centre in Woking this Tuesday, will provide the children with the opportunity to learn more about chocolate: its origins; the stages and process it goes through from cocoa bean to consumer; and how to make and package truffles! Preparation for the trip has also provided opportunities for the children to find out where different foods, spices and nuts originate. So many of the foods that we use on a daily basis, for example black pepper, are grown in tropical rainforests all over the world.

Our chocolate project is also providing us the opportunity to help the children to become even more 'nature smart'. Did you know that rainforests once covered 14% of the earth's land surface and now they cover a mere 6%? Experts estimate that the last remaining rainforests could be consumed in less than 40 years unless something is done to save them. Perhaps you could think about something that you could do to help as a family? The Ecclestons, for example, no longer buy food products containing palm oil. Food for thought...

Trees

Wow! We are so impressed with the Trees joined handwriting. Clearly they are putting a great deal of effort into this area of their learning. There is a strong link between handwriting and spelling so all of this good work will pay dividends in the future. Thank you all for your support.

Houses

Girls: mark making homework in on Monday please.

Boys: timetables practise on your laminated sheets so that you can 'go for gold' this week.

Looking for something to do? How about...

This week, at our School Meeting, we thought about how we could prepare for the forthcoming events.

Camp Treehouse:

- Camping out in a tent (James)
- Going to friend's for sleep over (Lee)

Sports Night:

- Practising your rounder's skills (Gracie)
- Making a flag, or practising a chant for sports' night... (Alex)

Disco:

- Learning some new disco moves (Herbie)
- Getting your outfit ready for the disco (Alice)
- Giving out your invitations (Lucy)

Award Ceremony:

- Working on your weakest smart areas (Freya)
- Practising accepting an award (Herbie)

To Celebrate...

The Trees for putting so much effort into their handwriting practise at home, and at school this week. Magnus and Alex for their mark making homework too.