

THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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The Treehouse School

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Five dancers representing three different schools/settings - what a sociable bunch of children!

Ye-Ha!

Our thanks to Disco Divas Kate, Lorraine and Lucy for another well organised Treehouse event...you nailed it girls! The hall looked fab, the food was just what was needed and the mix of dancing, competitions and free play was just right...and all of the children enjoyed the disco enormously! Oh...and the icing on the cake, or cakes should I say...?! Kate's amazing handmade American flag cakes which tasted as good as they looked. Thank you all for making the evening such a success.

An Apple a Day Keeps the Doctor Away!

Thanks to Cassie, and all you Abel and Cole customers, The Treehouse is £950 better off and hopefully you are all fighting fit!

Thank you Paul for resolving our hosepipe difficulties...we can now water our veg patch during dry spells.

The Treehouse School Drinks & Supper Friday 18th July 7pm

The ACE team invite you to join them for drinks and supper to thank you for your continued support of our amazing school. If dry, we will hold it at The Treehouse; if wet, at 10, The Forty. Please RSVP by 16/7/14 to joryman@btinternet.com

Taking the Rough with the Smooth

In any organisation, no matter how big or how small, it is inevitable that from time to time there will be some disagreement. If you throw education and children into the mix, this becomes even more likely: first of all because it matters very much; and secondly, because everybody has an opinion on it, and usually a different one at that! So it is of no surprise that from time to time in a school, even one like The Treehouse, there will be some differences in opinion.

Focusing on what's best for the children always works for me, and quite frankly is why we have ended up with The Treehouse, a school which I am both incredibly fond and proud of. However I do recognise that this has taken a huge effort and is hard work for everybody involved. So at the end of a somewhat challenging and exhausting week, when I think about what's been achieved, and more importantly, how the children are thriving, I hope that like me you feel it's all been worthwhile.

Dates for Your Diary

- 04.7.14 Treehouse School Disco 6.00 – 8.00 pm
- 07.07.14 Kennedy Family Music Choice
- 08.7.14 Treehouse Wildlife Club – Rymans/Greens
- 09.7.14 Last swimming lesson.
- 11.7.14 Treehouse Bake-Off!
- 11.7.14 2.00 pm Celebration Assembly
- 14.7.14 Planning Lee/Shaz; Sally, Jo, Lucy to cover
- 14.7.14 Lee's Music choice
- 15.7.14 Treehouse Wildlife Club Gracie, Harry, Ollie
- 18.7.14 Friday Forest venue tbc
- 18.7.14 End of term/ 7.00 pm Drinks and Supper.
- 21.7.14 Stackpole visit.
- 03.9.14 New School Year begins
Treehouse Birthday Party
- 12.9.14 Camp Treehouse (weather permitting!)
- 5.10.14 Car boot sale at The Red Lion pub.
- 6.10.14 Nearly New sale tbc
- 8.11.14 Corn Exchange Film Night
- 17.2.15 Pancake Race
- 16.3.15 Treehouse Film Festival
- 17.3.15 Treehouse Film Festival
- 28.3.15 Easter Egg Hunt
- 26.4.15 10K Race
- 31.5.15 Leg-It Challenge
- 10.5.15 Car Rally- bikes/nearly new tbc
- July 2015 School Performance
Year Six leaving party



Going for Gold!

Keeping You in the Loop

The children's 'special projects' (aka end of year reports!) are going really well as individuals reflect on their achievements and identify for themselves their next steps in each of the Smart Areas. Although time consuming, this has been a really worthwhile activity, providing the children with the opportunity to become 'smarter' in many areas, for example, word smart as they write for a real audience about real things! Children are so astute, knowing from an early age what they are good at and find easy, and also what they find more of a challenge. Enabling them to articulate this, and to set themselves goals for the next phase of their education, is a real win win; they have some ownership over their learning and we don't need to spend hours writing reports that are of limited value to you and your child (don't tell Mr. Gove, he'll only copy us!) I have no doubt that you will enjoy reading the end of year reports when you receive them on Friday, and am sure that they will become a treasured snapshot of an important phase of your child's life.

Trees

The Trees' handwriting is really taking off, thank you for supporting them with this at home. Please continue to read with and to your child on a regular basis, as you have been doing, to enable them to develop their reading and writing skills further.

Houses

Girls: Keep practicing those tables girls, you are all doing so well.

Boys: Mark making homework due in on Monday – I hope that you have remembered to be a tortoise boys...spending 10 minutes a day on your mark making so that it is **golden** standard.

Looking for something to do? How about....

We are conscious that the year is speedily drawing to a close. With this in mind, the children were asked to suggest activities that would get them out and about, as well as keeping the basic skills ticking over, now and during the holidays.

- Try building a den...outside or inside...and sleep in it;
- Make a snake from toilet rolls, like Alexandra's (she did a search on the Internet, so you might find some other practically smart ideas on there);
- Pick some flowers (with permission) and arrange them indoors or give them to someone as a gift;
- Go on a nature walk or make a nature treasure hunt for some friends to complete;
- Cycle by the river, (with an adult!)
- Swim – several children have visited Coral Reef and South Hinksey recently, venues that were much enjoyed; alternatively Wallingford and Abingdon have sprinklers and paddling pools which cost nothing!
- Begin to pack for Stackpole – you could make a list of all you need, which is useful for checking you have everything both in preparation to leave and when coming home.
- Invite a friend to join you for a picnic and a play outside;
- Make something for the Flower Show (schedules attached to The Update and available from the butchers);
- Cook something for your family;
- Make a stash of birthday cards that will last you all year;
- Make a scrapbook of your holiday...you could use a concertina book like we have for our special project...

To Celebrate...A People Smartie this week

Harry raised £42.00 for Cancer Research after running a tremendous 5K. Well done Harry.