

THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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“These balloons really work; all the things that I have wished for have come true.” James

A Golden Year Ahead...

Our second birthday party, which the children helped to prepare, was a lovely way to start the new school year. Golden balloons were released with the children’s wishes for the year attached. The balloons were also a good way to set the tone for the year ahead, as our expectations rise even further and we expect ‘gold’ standard behaviour, learning and outcomes from The Gang. This will enable children of all ages and abilities to continue to thrive and make good progress at The Treehouse, and for those children who will be leaving us at the end of the year, it will be invaluable.



What an achievement! Freya cycled 100 miles to Wells in the summer holidays.

Dates for Your Diary

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| Saturday 6 th September | 2 - 4 pm Tennis Club Jumble Sale. |
| Monday 8 th September | Shaz’s Music Choice PE kits back to school please. |
| Tuesday 9 th September | James’ 11 th Birthday! pm African Drumming Workshop & performance for relatives and friends 2.45 pm in the Scout Hall. |
| Friday 12 th September | Camp Treehouse - The Patch |
| Saturday 13 th September | Camp Treehouse WAGS Show (details overleaf) |
| Monday 15 th September | Optional Rest Day Robson Family Music Choice |
| Wednesday 17 th September | Bag-2-School |
| Friday 19 th September | Birds of Prey Visit (Thank you Sue and Graham for this treat) |
| Monday 22 nd September | Ryman Music |
| Thursday 25 th September 7.00 pm | PTA Meeting |
| Friday 26 th September | Lollingdon – bikes if dry Friday Forest |
| Monday 29 th September | Eccleston Music |
| Monday 29 th September - am | Year 6 PE Day at Wallingford School |

Dippers and Divers Swimming Lessons will take place on a Tuesday morning, starting on Tuesday 23rd September, and finishing at Christmas. If you can help with the transport arrangements this term, please let us know.



Going for Gold!

Keeping You in the Loop

Building on the 'wishes' that the children identified in their end of year reports, and their growing ability to evaluate their own progress (red, yellow, green, gold), we have developed our practice and assessment system further. We will keep you updated as the year unfolds. In the meantime, please send your child's reports back to school so that we may refer to them. We will return them in a week or so.

Houses and Trees

Prepare a short persuasive 'manifesto' for the School Council Elections. Emphasise why you think you would make either a good chair or secretary of The Treehouse School Meetings. Practise presenting it to an audience at home, so that you feel confident and are fully prepared for the elections at the next School Meeting on Wednesday (10th September).

Looking for something to do?

Nature Smart

- Create a scavenger hunt for your family or friends to do in the garden or local woods.

Practically Smart

- Find out how to make a good shelter to sleep in for Camp Treehouse.
- Create something for the WAGS show (schedule to be circulated with the Update)

Word Smart

- Prepare a 'gold' standard book review to share with The Gang.
- Collect some singular and plural nouns e.g. snail, snails; leaf, leaves, grass grasses. Can you think of a rule that would help us to choose the correct ending for a plural?

People Smart

- Join a new club so that you make some new friends. This will help you to become more people smart.

Body Smart

- Go on a cycle ride and measure the distance. How much further did Freya cycle?

Learner Smart

- Do some research and find out more about the cycle race 'The Friends Life Tour of Britain'.
- Start thinking about and planning your next individual project.

Golden Cushion

Samuel nominated The Gang, Parents, Trustees, Friends of the School and Shaz and I for the golden cushion this week for keeping the Treehouse up and running!