

# THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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## Rounders

If you fancy a game of rounders in the park, The Gang will be there every Monday afternoon (weather permitting) from 2.20 pm - 3.15 pm until half term. This is also an excellent opportunity for the children to walk home unaccompanied when and if you feel they are ready. For ease of organisation, we will assume that you would like your child to walk back to The Treehouse accompanied by an adult, unless we hear otherwise. In the event of heavy rain, please assume a Treehouse collection as normal.

## Music Smarties

Building on last year's music choices, we are encouraging the children to take more responsibility for their family's selection. As well as choosing a variety of genres to share with The Gang, we would like them to undertake some research in order to do a small presentation on a Monday. This could include some background information about the artist, the instruments used, and their personal response to it. Copies of the lyrics are also very well received.

## A Great Start

There is no doubt that the new school year has got off to a tremendous start, with the children (and adults!) responding positively to the different challenges that they have been presented with. This is particularly encouraging after a long summer holiday, when research has shown that many children 'slip' backwards. In fact at The Treehouse it is quite the opposite, the children are exceeding our (raised) expectations. One of the highlights of the week for me was listening to the presentations made by the children who put themselves forward for the School Elections...they were brimming with confidence, articulate and well, simply awesome.

## Eye Tests

According to a local optician, children should have their eyes tested annually. I would be grateful if you could arrange an appointment for your child(ren) if they have not had a test recently. There is no charge for the test.

## Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Camp Treehouse WAGS Show (details overleaf)
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Optional Rest Day Robson Family Music Choice <b>Please return your completed questionnaires</b>
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Swimming tbc
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Bag-2-School
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Birds of Prey Visit (Thank you Sue and Graham for this treat)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Ryman Music
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Swimming
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 7.00 pm	PTA Meeting
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Lollingdon – bikes if dry Friday Forest
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Eccleston Music Year 6 PE morning at Wallingford School (details to follow)
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Swimming
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Individual Project trip for children and their parents.
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Car Boot Sale at The Red Lion
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Kennedy Music Choice

**Please returned your completed questionnaires on Monday. Thank you.**



# Going for Gold!

## Keeping You in the Loop

Over the next few weeks, the children will be working on an 'Individual Project' which they will share with you all at an exhibition on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 2.30 - 4.30 pm** (All welcome). Undertaking a project of this nature gives the children the opportunity to develop and hone a wide range of essential skills, as well as learning about a subject of their choice in more depth. Following the success of our last project trips, we have set aside **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** when we hope as many parents as possible will take their child(ren) to a museum or place of interest to undertake more research, and gather more resources. Ideally, the older children will undertake some of the planning for this educational visit, for example, using a timetable to find train times, or conducting an Internet search to find a suitable venue.

### **Trees**

Show an adult how to estimate the length of your garden. Measure it to see how close their estimate was.

### **Houses**

Teach an adult how to add hundreds, tens and units together, showing them how to estimate what the answer will be first.

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

### Nature Smart

- Finding out more about some of the wildlife we saw at Red Cow Cottage with Tony Rayner.
- Setting up your own moth trap to see how many different species of moth you can catch.
- Thinking about what you would like to grow with Emma for The Treehouse Flower Show next year.

### Number Smart

- Going shopping with a friend or sibling, calculating how much you have spent and checking your change.

### Self-Smart

- Making your own bed and putting your dirty clothes in the right place at home.

### Body Smart

- Picking some blackberries and doing some baking with them.

### Learner Smart

- Starting to think about and plan your next individual project.
- Thinking about some questions that you would like to find the answer to when we visit Wheatley Birds of Prey Centre.

### Golden Cushion

For John Endean for putting so much time and trouble into finding us a minibus - what a result!

