

THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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The Treehouse School



Camp Treehouse: "I feel privileged to of been a small part of that day. The kids are all totally awesome and have so much enthusiastic energy. They are so creative and full of fun." James Willis

Ta Dah!

We are now the proud owners of a fabulous minibus. Our thanks to Karen and John Endean, Mark Brett, Force Vans, and to you all for raising the funds to purchase the bus. WE LOVE IT!!



Treehouse School Haircuts!

Becky, our hairdresser, is available for adult haircuts if you fancy giving her a try. The next appointment is Thursday 16th October after school. A wet cut costs £19.00 and a cut and blow dry £25.00. To book an appointment please phone or text: 0794 745774

Rising to The Challenge!

Although exhausting, Camp Treehouse last weekend was a tremendous experience for us all. All involved will have gained something different from the Camp, such as greater confidence or levels of stamina for example. For me, Camp Treehouse reinforced how resilient children can be when given the opportunity. They were 'totally awesome' from start to finish, rising to the many and varied challenges with positive attitudes and enthusiasm. My thanks to all those who helped to make Camp Treehouse 2014 such a positive experience.

Leisure Centre Activities at Wallingford School

Wallingford School Leisure Centre run a variety of sporting activities for all ages from 4 to adult. This includes football, badminton, hockey, archery and lots more. They would particularly like to encourage year 6 students who are aiming to join them next year to attend a course as it would help them to become more familiar with the surroundings of the school and make their transition next year that bit smoother. A booklet containing more information will be circulated electronically via Jo Heydon. Please note the first page is for Wallingford School pupils only, but there are other classes available for all.

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 22 nd September	Ryman Music Choice Rounders in the park pm
Tuesday 23 rd September	Swimming pm - home drop off
Thursday 25 th September	7.00 pm PTA Meeting
Friday 26 th September	Friday Forest Lollington – bikes if dry please
Monday 29 th September	Eccleston Music Choice Year 6 PE morning at Wallingford School
Tuesday 30 th September	Swimming pm – home drop off
Friday 3 rd October	Individual Project trip for children and their parents.
Sunday 5 th October	Car Boot Sale at The Red Lion
Monday 6 th October	Kennedy Music Choice
Tuesday 7 th October	Swimming pm – home drop off
Friday 10 th October	Friday Forest at Boars Hill
Monday 13 th October	Casey Music Choice
Tuesday 14 th October	Swimming pm – home drop off
Thursday 16 th October	Haircuts at The Treehouse!
Friday 17 th October	Friday Forest at Wittenham

Thank you Sue and Graham for our trip to Wheatley Birds of Prey, it was a real treat.



Going for Gold!

Keeping You in the Loop

Our goal for child initiated periods is for the children to work on an activity or project of their own choice over a period of time, thus gaining some new skills or qualities. This could be in any curriculum or 'smart' area. The children are required to make a note of their intentions at the beginning of the project, and to evaluate the end result on completion. In order to encourage the children to try something new, we are using books as a source of inspiration this term and have already seen some exceptionally high quality outcomes. Furthermore, we are encouraging children to set themselves deadlines for the completion of a project, taking things home to work on if they wish to. Our role as teachers and parents is to support and challenge the children so that they achieve the highest possible standards, with increasing levels of independence. Using stars (praise) and wishes (next steps) is a good way to help children to achieve this.

Trees

Make an apple cake at home for your family to enjoy. The recipe is on The Treehouse website. Remember to measure the ingredients out carefully.

Houses

Start to do some research for your Individual Project. Think about what you already know, and what you would like to learn. Use books or the internet to find some of the information.

Looking for something to do? Here are some ideas from The Gang

- Tess: A micro adventure; fill a bag with all the equipment you need, food, tent and clothing, and then see where your adventure takes you (Tess is planning one of these shortly with her dad)
- Mags: Cycle to any clubs you attend in preparation for our Triathlon
- Freya: Find something to attach your badges to like Gracie's hairband
- Owen: Cycle off road
- Samuel: Try having a whole day without the telly. Lee built on this and suggested having a no screens day, each week...for a year!
- Grace: Look out for a Theatre visit to attend. Shaz suggested looking at events at the Cornerstone, Didcot
- Ollie: Cook something independently
- Lee: Plan your Individual Project for this term and plan your related trip on October 3rd
- Tess: Learn to do some tricks, like a wheelie, on your bike

Golden Cushion

To The Gang, Alexandra and Jed for camping outside all night at The Patch. To Alice for planning and cooking an entire meal for The Gang with Cassie's help.

