

THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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The Treehouse School



Buzzing...after spending time with local bee keeper Bill, during our Forest School session at Lollingdon on Friday.

Car Boot Sale - Sunday 5th October at The Red Lion. Please spread the word!

Leading the way in Learning

The children were asked to think about what they wanted to get out of our visit to Wheatley Birds of Prey Centre before we went. Alice wrote:

'I am going to challenge myself to hold at least one bird on my arm because I have had a fear of big birds for a long time.'

After the visit she reflected:

'Wheatley Birds of Prey was a great treat, especially holding the barn owl and watching the Harris hawk tempted by a little piece of chicken, swoop at full speed, and land on my arm. The European eagle owl was magnificent, broad and camouflaged. My personal challenge was to hold at least one bird of prey but I held two!'

This small vignette captures for me so well what The Treehouse is all about. Getting the children to the stage where they can set and conquer their own learning challenges is highly sophisticated and well, just awesome!

Individual Project Trips on Friday 3rd October

Blacksmith visits...A trip to Millet's Farm Birds of Prey Centre...The Science Museum...a trip to Paris (!) and holiday in Egypt (!) are all planned over the next week or so. What lucky children. If you haven't done so already, please let us know what your plans are for Friday. If you need some ideas, we have a few up our sleeve too...

The main purpose of these visits are for the children to do some more research for their projects, but they might also like to consider how any written or visual information is presented. Any photographs, postcards or other artefacts that they acquire can also be used in their displays.

Rounders will take place on Monday morning in the park this week so please collect your child from The Treehouse at usual after school.

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 29 th September	Eccleston Music Choice Year 6 PE morning at Wallingford School (8.30 am in PE kit at The Treehouse please)
Tuesday 30 th September	Swimming pm – home/Tesco drop off
Friday 3 rd October	Individual Project trip for children and their parents.
Thursday 2 nd October	6.30-8.30pm Wallingford School Open Evening
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 6.30-9.00pm Langtree School Open Evening
Friday 10 th October	Friday Forest at Boars Hill 9.00 or 11.15 am Langtree Open Morning (by appointment only) 01491 680514
Monday 13 th October	Casey Music Choice
Tuesday 14 th October	Swimming pm – home drop off
Thursday 16 th October	Haircuts at The Treehouse! 9.00 or 11.15 am Langtree Open Morning (by appointment only) 01491 680514
Friday 17 th October	Friday Forest at Wittenham



Going for Gold!

Trees

Revisit your number bonds up to 20 to make sure that you are super-fast (1+ 19, 3 + 17, 8 + 2 etc).

Houses

Prepare yourself for our times tables test which will take place sometime over the next two weeks. We are all aiming for 100%!

Keeping You in the Loop

As you will see below, the topics that the children (and adults) have chosen to study this term are really interesting. If you know any experts, or have any books or other resources that might be of use to the children, please can let us know or send them in (named if possible).

We are encouraging the children to take greater levels of responsibility for their project management this term, particularly the older children, relying less on an adult to 'chivvy them along'. They have all been given a deadline to work to and will have some time during the school week when they can work on their projects at The Treehouse. We do however expect the children to undertake some of the work at home independently. Please ask your child for an update on their progress so that you can support them with this.

Individual Projects	
Alex: Ancient Egypt	Lee: Holiday of a Lifetime
Alice: Agriculture (farming in the UK)	Magnus: Romans: An Ancient Civilization
Owen: The Secrets of the Trojan Horse.	Martha: The Art of Judo
Edith: Sunny Seaside (Padstow)	Ollie: Ice Age Investigation
Freya: Royal Ballet School	Paige: Agatha Christie, Murder Mystery
Gracie: Around the World (capital cities)	Samuel: British Owls
Harry: The Story of a Blacksmith	Shaz: Confusing Cofu
Herbie: Sight Seeing (eyes)	Tess: Breathtaking Bellowhead The Folk Band
James: The Secrets of Ancient Greece	

- Looking for something to do? How about...**
- Finding out how many carbohydrates and how much fibre there is in your usual breakfast choice.
 - Looking for capital letters in your reading book - why are they there?
 - Sharing three facts that you learned about bees with your family.

Golden Cushion

To The Gang for cycling to Lollington (via Aston for some) and back on Friday. What a fit bunch you are.

