

THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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Paige and The Year Six Team cook bread independently for the Harvest Lunch

Helping or Hindering Progress?

It is noticeable how independent The Gang have become within the school environment over the last year or so. Being 'self-smart' or able to think and do things for themselves will enable the children to flourish in the future as their independence and confidence grows.

At The Treehouse we have done this by showing or explaining to the children 'how it goes', for example by cooking alongside them and talking them through the steps involved, and then next time giving them the opportunity to take responsibility for the cooking, only stepping in if asked or needed. As we have come to expect, the children have risen to the challenge, and even if things go a little pear shaped, they have found strategies to cope.

It can be really hard, sometimes very messy and highly frustrating when we stand back and hand but long term it will pay off. So next time you step in to do something for your child, why not step back and see what happens!

A Really Lovely Occasion

Thank you very much for inviting me to the Harvest Lunch at the Day Centre today. It was a really lovely occasion - just how a Harvest Lunch should be. A warm and welcoming atmosphere, beautifully laid tables, delicious home cooked food with the ingredients harvested from various sources within the Treehouse community, good entertainment and lively conversation. I looked around and saw lots of good conversations going on. For my part, I sat next to Edith and we talked about all sorts of interesting things. I am sure all your other guests enjoyed it as much as I did and I know the Day Centre really appreciates having you all among them. Well done to you all.

Hat's off (or on if you were there!) and thank you to everyone who supported, sold or helped at the Car Boot Sale last Sunday. A particular thank you to Gilly, Grace, Freya & Martha who raised £22.20, and to Georgina who raised £14.15 on her stall, so added to our overall total, £124.85.

Did you know...? Of the four breakfast cereals that the Houses chose to study, Weetabix was the one they recommend because it has a high fibre content and less sugar than most other cereals.

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 13 th October	Casey Music Choice
Tuesday 14 th October	Swimming pm - home drop off
Wednesday 15 th Oct	Alice and friend to visit to Ray Parks
Thursday 16 th October	Trees bring bikes to school please 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 - Foraging Focus! Home drop off.
Monday 20 th October	Heydon Music Choice
Tuesday 21 st October	Art competition ends
Wednesday 22 nd October	Individual Project Exhibition deadline for all tasks!
Thursday 23 rd October	Harry's Birthday 10 - 11.30 am Exhibition at The Treehouse 2.30 - 4.30 pm Exhibition at The Treehouse
Friday 24 th October	Friday Forest at the Millennium Woods End of term
27 th - 31 st October	Half Term (can you believe it!)

**Dirty Dancing at The Corn Exchange
Saturday 8th November**



Going for Gold!

Trees

Be a capital letter detective and find 5 words that start with a capital letter and are not at the beginning of a sentence. Can you work out why they have a capital letter? Write them in your journal.

Houses

Find 10 words with an apostrophe for omission e.g. don't, and list them in your journal. Write the full word next to the contracted word e.g. don't - do not, can't - can not.

Keeping You in the Loop

The quality of the children's writing, particularly their authorship skills, continues to improve and impress us. The children are beginning to use a wide range of strategies to engage the reader (See Magnus' recent Log Book Entry below), such as a variety of sentence starters, including verbs and nouns, and carefully selected vocabulary. There is no doubt that the more reading they do, the easier the children find this.

The Greeks are in the city! Run for your lives! But the horse was a trick!

The Trojan horse was the centre of excitement at The Treehouse today, as we were all sliding in and out.

Following morning meeting, we completed the final task of our cereal study! The outcome of it told us that Weetabix is the best cereal because of the fibre content.

Lunch was some rice and some chilli (slightly spicy). Yum!

There were some fish in the pool today for Ollie swam a whole LENGTH! Heavy rain cut off our running today so we watched the other groups swim. By Magnus.

Update Ideas - Less than two weeks to go until our exhibition!

- Edith: Create a list of the tasks you hope to finish at home and those you plan to do at school.
- Ollie: Think about a dressing up element you could add to your display for the exhibition. Could you come as a Roman soldier or Greek God for example! (People loved this idea, the room was buzzing.)
- Shaz/Tess: Come up with a timetable of what you need to do before the exhibition and plan what to do and when.
- Lee: Keep your eyes open for opportunities to help other people's projects. E.g. Alice is going to Ray Parks to see an animal being butchered, Lee spotted a Roman poster in KP for Mags to use.
- Shaz : Gather resources that might help your display on the day e.g. Edith might bring some shells, beach toys and fishing net in.

This week's Golden Cushion goes to everybody that helps us with our gardening at The Treehouse. Thank you Alison, Emma, Gilly, JC and Vicky.

