

# THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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The Treehouse School

## Hope you have a Good Break



**Friend or Foe?**  
Owen stands on guard at our Open Day.

## Didn't They Do Well?

It was lovely to see so many people at our Open Day this week, and for the children to have the opportunity to share and talk about their projects with such a wide range of interested visitors.

Whilst the quality and standard of the children's work was exceptional, for me, what really stood out at our Exhibition was the children's confidence and stamina. Being able to communicate and interact with others effectively is such an important life skill, as is the ability to persevere and see something through to the end, however exhausting! Once again, The Gang were a real credit to the Treehouse, and to you all.

Congratulations on the quality of the exhibition, and, the quality of the people you are so successfully educating and nurturing xx The children have much to feel proud of today and so do you, thank youuuuu!

Just wanted to pass on my thanks for the invitation to your open day. I was blown away with the children's confidence and ability to articulate their ideas. Every child could identify what they had learned in their projects and their passion and pride was very evident.

Alexandra, Madison and I had a fascinating time at the Exhibition today. We really enjoyed the variety of displays, and were very impressed with all the Gang members' professional welcomes, knowledge and enthusiasm. Thank you so much for inviting us!

If you haven't got the time to bake your own Festive goodies and fancy some homemade cooking this Christmas, Andrea is your girl. Please e-mail [theturner9@o2.co.uk](mailto:theturner9@o2.co.uk) for more information.

### Dates for Your Diary

27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Half Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	New Term begins Lynn Music Choice
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Swimming with home drop off Butterfly talk in the evening at Pangbourne
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday Forest at The Patch tbc
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Dirty Dancing at The Corn Exchange
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Fraser-Jones Music
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Friday Forest Shotover Hill
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Green Music
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Polish Wildlife Talk
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Friday Forest Lollingdon
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Endean Music
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Christmas sale at The Day Centre
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Christmas sale at The Scout Hall (tbc)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday Forest Boars Hill tbc
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Decs up (Shaz and volunteers)
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Bob's Music Choice

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December  
Wallingford Christmas Festival and Treehouse  
Nativity



# Going for Gold!

## Trees

Please read your book and practise your number bonds and handwriting.

## Houses

Please complete an evaluation of your Individual Project by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, and practise your times tables.

### Keeping You and Your Child in the Loop...

As you are aware, after half term the children (and adults if they fancy) will be starting their 'Christmas Craft Project' which will involve making a high quality product that can be sold at our Christmas Sales in November. Having met Madeline, a highly creative good 'Friend of The Treehouse', the children discovered that:

- her best sellers are cards, bracelets and craft kits;
- many of her creations are made from recycled objects and charity finds (e.g. bookmarks made into wrist straps, bunting made from unwanted clothing);
- eBay and Amazon are used for any purchases made, for example key ring chains;
- Madeleine puts as much thought into the presentation and packaging of her products as the products themselves;
- the items that cost more, take longer to make;
- the simpler the design the better!

The children's first step is to come up with several ideas, make a sample of each and undertake some market research. The children have been asked to run their ideas past a selection of people before they decide on a final idea. Materials will also feature in this project, as it will be vital to select the right material for the job. There will also be a strong focus on mathematics as the children manage their own budgets, compare the price of their product with manufacturers' products, count their takings, give change and think about profit in terms of a percentage.

### Ideas for Half Term

- Make your own candles for Hallowe'en - Ollie
- Carve a pumpkin - Samuel
- Get your Hallowe'en costume ready - Alex
- Make your own treats for Hallowe'en e.g. biscuits, - Alice,
- Make a witch's hat - Edith
- Throw a Hallowe'en party - Gracie -
- Start making a Christmas list of present ideas for others - Mags
- Go charity shopping for resources and ideas for your craft project - Tess
- Make some Lavender bags - Martha
- Plan a bonfire party and invite some new friends along - Paige
- Try out some chemistry - Harry

**Golden Cushion this week to all members of The Gang for the effort that they put into their Individual Projects.**

