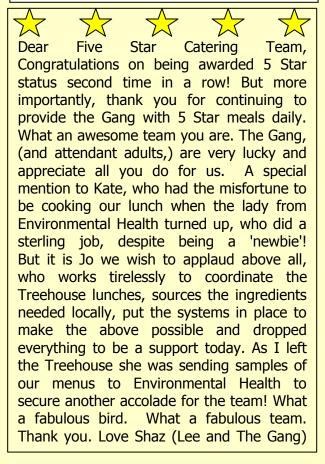
# THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE





## Congratulations Vicky and Sim on the birth of your baby daughter last week.



## A Fresh Pair of Eyes...

It was a real pleasure to meet Film Director Ben Smith this week, who has been commissioned to make a short film about The Treehouse. Talk about an old head on young shoulders! In a very short time, Ben 'got what we were about' at The Treehouse, and could see the value and benefit of our work and approach. He was astounded by the level of voluntary help that we receive, and that we are able to function with no external funding as such. Sometimes it takes a new and fresh pair of eyes to remind me just what we have all achieved. With your help, we have set up and maintained an alternative school for over two years, and whilst I recognise that it's still evolving and may not be perfect, it's so much better than any other school that I have ever visited. So, my sincere thanks to you all for your loyalty and the hard work that you continue to dedicate to the place.

## **Christmas Enterprise SOS!!**

Do you have any surplus: white metal coat hangers; Chistmassy or red/green fabric; jam jars with lids; small or medium (take-away style)brown paper bags; red or green hamma beads; boxes (all sizes) with lids, please?

Dates for Your Diary				
Saturday 8th November	Dirty Dancing at The Corn Exchange			
Monday 10th Nov	Fraser-Jones Music			
Tuesday 11th Nov	Swimming pm			
Wednesday 12th Nov	Oliver Cripps visiting the allotment with			
	Gilly, Vicky (if available) and some children.			
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Friday Forest Shotover Hill			
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Green Music			
Tuesday 18th Nov	Swimming pm			
Wednesday 19th Nov	Polish Wildlife Talk			
Friday 21st November	Friday Forest Lollingdon			
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Nearly New Sale – 2 – 5 pm The Regal			
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Have-a-go Craft Day			
Monday 24th November	Endean Music			
Wednesday 26th Nov	Christmas sale at The Day Centre			
Thursday 27th Nov	Christmas sale at The Scout Hall (tbc)			
Friday 28th November	Friday Forest Boars Hill tbc			
Friday 28th November	Christmas Decs up (Shaz and volunteers)			
Monday 1st Dec	Bob's Music Choice			

Please invite your friends and family to our Christmas Sales on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at The Day Centre, or Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November at The Scout Hall.



## Going for Gold!

## **Trees**

Count the money in your money box or purse. Have you got more/less than £5.00? How much more/less?

Read a story out loud perhaps to a younger brother or sister. Can you make your reading flow and use a 'Samuel' reading voice?

### Houses

Teach your parents column addition. Here are a few to get your started...

> £3.55 £6.45 £2.99 £6.36 £2.74 £2.55

Remember to estimate first.

Keep practising your times tables
(60% of the Houses got 10 out of 10 in
our test last week)

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

Next year, to help the children to develop their gardening skills, each child will grow their own vegetable in the school garden under Emma's supervision. Then, at the end of the season, we will have our own Mini Flower Show and some delicious vegetables to eat. The children have all spent time with Emma and selected something that they wish to grow. They have thought about the growing process and know when their seeds need to be propagated. Emma has asked that the children bring a packet of their selected seeds into school before Christmas. She has left an envelope in the conservatory for the seeds. Please encourage your child to take some responsibility for getting the seeds and bringing them into school. The more that they do for themselves, the greater their sense of achievement, and the more they will gain from the experience.

## It's Nearly That Time of Year Again!

With Christmas on the horizon, in addition to our own sale, the Gang were asked what they could be doing in preparation.

- Meet with their enterprise partner outside school to do further research/preparation/shopping
- Design and make some labels for your products
- Make your own advent calendar
- Make a structure to display your products on
- Start working on your Secret Santa gift
- Go on a seasonal walk to see what has changed
- Look for examples of persuasive marketing from brochures and magazines
- Attend the local have-a-go day
- Find out how to make a wreath and begin to collect resources

Golden Gardeners: A special mention to Freya, Harry and Samuel for their sterling efforts when tidying The Community Allotment with Gilly and JC on Wednesday. Vicky will be pleased.