

THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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The Treehouse School



Look What We've Found...

A ripple of excitement ran through The Treehouse last week when a newt was discovered in the newly installed pond at The Community Allotment.

In today's world where children are surrounded by technology, I think that it's wonderful that they marvel over such things. Increasingly, I believe that developing an appreciation of the natural world at an early age is important on so many levels, not least, how much we can learn from wildlife. So you can imagine my delight when I see the children getting so much out of experiences and finds like this.

A tiny newt is examined before being returned to its new home in the allotment pond.

Treehouse Amnesty

We are getting low on handwriting pens, pencils etc. which seem to disappear (like lots of things!) at The Treehouse. Reluctant to keep replacing them, we have asked the children to have a look at home to see if they have borrowed any school equipment that could be returned. Please can you remind your child to have a search this weekend.

A Trip Down Memory Lane...

Big thanks to Sally, Paul, Keri Harvey and her partner Andrew, and the Corn Exchange for hosting the film 'Dirty Dancing' last weekend. The total raised was a staggering £823.50! Our thanks to all those who supported this event too.

Recycling Fund Raiser

Please keep donating your empty inkjet cartridges (not toner style) and old mobiles to The Treehouse. We receive £1.00 for each cartridge and up to £70.00 for every mobile phone.

Seeds Please...

Please can you remind your child that they need to bring the seeds they intend to grow with Emma in to school by the end of term. Encourage your child to take responsibility for this project...where could they get the seeds from?

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 17 th Nov	Green Music
Tuesday 18 th Nov	Swimming pm Please bring a t-shirt to swim in
Wednesday 19 th Nov	7pm Polish Wildlife Talk
Thursday 20 th November	Ben filming at The Treehouse
Friday 21 st November	Friday Forest Lollingdon
Friday 21 st November	7pm Tennis quiz at The Scout Hall
Saturday 22 nd Nov	Nearly New Sale – 2 – 5 pm The Regal
Sunday 23 rd November	11.00 – 4.00 pm Have-a-go Craft Day
Monday 24 th November	Endean Music
Tuesday 25 th November	Swimming
Wednesday 26 th Nov	2pm Christmas sale at The Day Centre
Thursday 27 th Nov	2pm Christmas sale at The Scout Hall (tbc)
Friday 28 th November	Friday Forest Shotover Woods tbc
Friday 28 th November	Decorations up at The Treehouse – volunteers please.
Saturday 29 th November	2.00 – 3.00 pm Michael Rosen – Story Museum
Monday 1 st December	Bob's Music Choice
Tuesday 2 nd December	Swimming
Thursday 4 th December	Ollie's birthday
Friday 5 th December	Fix-it-Friday am Pantaloons performance pm
Sunday 7 th December	Nativity at Wallingford Christmas Festival 12.30 pm and 2.30 pm
Tuesday 9 th December	Trip to London to see Handel's Messiah (details tbc)
Thursdays 11 th Dec	Charity Christmas Shopping in Wallingford

Phew... we have decided to make the Christmas Carol Concert a bi-annual event so will not be holding one this year.



Going for Gold!

Trees

When you are shopping, please draw attention to the cost of different items, and the way in which they are written (£, decimal points).

If your child is not ready for this, put some different coins on the table, discuss the value of each one, and then hide one. Do they know which coin is missing?

Houses

Teach your parents how we divide. Here are a few to get your started...

$$45 \div 5 = \quad 73 \div 9 = \quad 684 \div 4 =$$

Remember to double check using the 'back-flip' (inverse operation).

Keep practising your times tables (70% of the Houses got 10 out of 10 in our test last week)

Keeping You and Your Child in the Loop...

As you know, at The Treehouse we steer clear of the 'Big Write' preferring instead to find real audiences and purposes for the children's writing. Last week, we were invited to take part in the Young Writers' Competition, 'Once Upon a Time...'

Children are asked to write a mini saga, which is a complete story in 100 words. They may add a title which is not included in the 100 word limit. Not only is this a challenging and fun activity, they may see themselves as published writers if their story is selected. There is an entry sheet at school which the children can copy their stories on to. The deadline for the competition is Monday 15th December. Please encourage your child to enter this competition, reminding them that their saga will need a beginning, middle and end, some carefully chosen vocabulary and a good story line.

If you are looking for something to do, how about:

Self-Smart

- Spending some time on your Christmas Enterprise this weekend, thinking about how much you could sell your product for, and how you will package or display it.

Word Smart

- **Collecting some persuasive words and phrases from catalogues and magazines that we can use to promote our Christmas Enterprise.**

Practically Smart

- **Making some more products to sell, but remember that they must pass quality control (Shaz)!**

Learner Smart

- **Finding out more about the materials that you are using to create your product. Are they biodegradable/ recyclable? What are they made from?**

A special mention this week to our Year Sixes (Alice, Gracie, James, Martha, Paige and Samuel), who all walked to the shops safely and sensibly to buy some fruit. Next week, they will practise walking further afield with Lorraine's guidance.

