

THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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The Treehouse School



A Night at The Treehouse Oscars!

Lights, camera, action! We would like to invite you all to take a walk down the red carpet at The Cornerstone in Didcot on Tuesday 24th February at 6pm to see the premiere of The Treehouse Movies. This is a free event for Treehouse families, trustees and good friends of the Treehouse. More details to follow...

Day Centre Coffee Morning

We are delighted that The Day Centre, who have become really good 'Friends of The Treehouse', have decided to host a coffee morning in aid of The Treehouse. The coffee morning will take place on **Thursday 4th February from 10.00 - 12.00**. Please come along if you are able to, and invite your friends, relatives and neighbours. Any donations of cakes or biscuits would also be most welcome.

Refashion Workshops

Our first refashion workshop went really well thanks to expert help from Anna Miloy (aka Miss Foxglove), Cassie and Emma, and some great ideas and preparation by some members of The Gang. Although there is absolutely no pressure to do so, please feel free to work with your child on their refashion outfit at home. Our aim is that when it's their turn for the workshop, the children make really good use of the expertise on offer.

Bring It On!

'That wasn't really much of a challenge', one of the children remarked as we arrived at Wittenham Clumps yesterday, having walked from Cholsey! And on reflection, she was right. The Treehouse children are some of the fittest I have come across.

Finding new learning challenges for The Gang is becoming more and more difficult as their skill set, attitudes to learning and capabilities increase. It is really gratifying for us to watch them rise to the many and varied challenges they are given, and to see their confidence and self-belief grow as a result. What a brilliant bunch they are!

Friends of the Earth 'Run on Sun' Competition

Many thanks to those who voted for for The Treehouse in the 'Run on Sun' competition. The winning entry will receive solar panels for their school. Over 12,000 people voted in total for their favourite entry. The judging panel will be meeting next week to decide on a shortlist of 5 entries. They'll be judging them, first and foremost, on their creative merits - looking at which is the most creative and inspirational entry, also taking into account the votes received for each entry. We'll let you know if The Treehouse has been shortlisted so that we can drum up some more votes for the final!

Dates for Your Diaries

Monday 19 th January	pm Netball - Crowmarsh Village Hall (Home drop off between 3.15 and 3.45)
Wednesday 21 st Jan	11.00 am Centenary Act of Remembrance at The Pavilion. All welcome. Paige cooking the lunch 1.00 pm Refashion Workshop
Thursday 22 nd January	Judo Magnus baking for Friday Forest
Friday 23 rd January	Year Six IMPS visit – John Radcliffe Friday Forest at the Millennium Woods
Forthcoming Events	
Wednesday 3 rd Feb	7.00 pm Ace Team Meeting (Red Lion)
Thursday 4 th February	Coffee Morning at The Day Centre, 10.00 – 12.00. All proceeds to The Treehouse
Monday 9 th Feb	Netball Match Children versus parents

Whoops! Please note that this year's Film Festival will be held on the evenings of Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th March.



Going for Gold!

Trees

How many different triangles can you spot at home? Are they equilateral, right angled, isosceles or scalene? (If you can't remember what those words mean, look them up)

Houses

How many ways can you make 100, using the digits 1 - 9 and six plus or minus symbols?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 = 100
What strategies did you use?

Keeping You and Your Child in the Loop...

This term, we are giving the children more child-initiated time during the school week to encourage even greater levels of independence and autonomy. Some of the best educational practice we have seen has been in nurseries or Early Years Settings, where the children are focused, engaged and busy, and as a result, making great strides forward in their learning and development. At The Treehouse, over time, we have seen that as we give children more responsibility for their learning, with them selecting what it is they wish to do and achieve, the quality of their learning has improved. This is something that we have always been keen to achieve with children of all ages at The Treehouse, so we are delighted that they are rising to the challenge. Our role is to provide the stimulus, support and resources that they need in order to achieve success. We have decided to hold an Open Morning on Friday 13th March for parents, trustees, teachers and any other interested parties. Please make a note in your diaries and invite anybody along that you feel may be interested.

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

- **Ollie & Edith:** If it snows make a snowman or an igloo!
- **Lee:** Do a weather watch...check the local forecast each day on the internet
- **Owen:** Make some frozen art...water and natural items in a container; leave the weather to do the rest.
- **Freya:** Put out some dog food for hungry hedgehogs (we have been a bit alarmed by several sightings of hedgehogs that should be hibernating! Tony reassured us that hedgehogs will come out looking for food if the temperature is above seasonal norms).
- **Herbie:** Arrange a snow play date (fingers crossed).
- **Tess:** Make an indoor camp to sleep in with your brothers and sisters or friends.
- **Ollie:** Make an outdoor camp to sleep in (on your own)!
- **Lee:** Do some cycling in preparation for our Triathlon.
- **Alex:** Go Geocaching - there are some new ones in Cholsey.

This week, a golden mention to Alfie and Fred Walters for valeting and servicing our minibus. Also to 'Patch' Emma for giving us a netball post so that the children can practise their shooting in the garden.