

# THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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*The Gang recorded a total of 400 water fowl at Dorchester Lakes for the BIG School Bird watch*

## Bangers and Mash All Round!

On Monday, The Treehouse will have had 297 with no food waste! What a tremendous achievement. That is more than a school year! On the 300<sup>th</sup> day, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February, sausages, mash and a delicious pudding will be served as a treat in the Scout Hall. **You are ALL invited!** If you would like to join us (£3.00), please let Jo Heydon know by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

**Never a Dull Moment at The Treehouse!**  
The last Update of January, doesn't time fly? It will be Christmas before we know it!

Occasionally I access teaching resources from reputable sources online. Last week, whilst on The Times Educational Supplement website, I was horrified to discover that the 'Top Five Downloads' were:

1. Maths SATS practice
2. Comprehension worksheets
3. Solving word problems
4. Behaviour plans
5. Introductory spelling tests

With the Year Six SATs tests still four months away, it saddens me to think that a large percentage of the ten and eleven year olds in this country are receiving such a dull and uninspiring curriculum. Coaching children to pass tests is one sure way to get good results and an outstanding Ofsted, but also, bound to switch children off. No wonder teachers are having to download behaviour plans alongside SATS practice papers!



Please join us for a **Coffee Morning at The Day Centre on Wednesday between 10 - 12.00.** All proceeds to The Treehouse. Donations of individual cakes, biscuits and cakes most welcome.

**Come and Join The Treehouse School for the next exciting stage in their journey!**

**Where: The Cornerstone, Didcot OX11 7NE**

**When: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2015**  
Drinks served from 5.45pm  
Presentation starts at 6pm

RSVP by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb  
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## Dates for Your Diaries

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Netball Lesson – Crowmarsh Village Hall (Home drop off) <b>Girls, please tie your hair up!</b>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February,	6.00 pm Leg-It Meeting 7.00 pm ACE Team Meeting at The Red Lion
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00 – 12.00 Coffee Morning at The Day Centre 1.30 pm Refashion Workshop
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	am Judo Lesson Shaz off 12.30 Bangers and Mash at The Scout Hall! All welcome.
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday Forest - Shotover Woods Shaz off
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	2 – 3 pm Netball Match – Crowmarsh Village Hall Parents versus children!

**Pancake Race - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**  
10.00 am - The Forty.



# Going for Gold!

## Trees

Have a go at these number sentences. Remember to lay them out so that the hundreds, tens and units are in columns:

$$132 + 45 + 22 = \quad 42 + 126 + 251 =$$

## Houses

How many different ways can you make 27 from the numbers 10, 6, 4, 3, 2?

Please practice your tables and Take Five sums.

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

### Stories from Yesteryear...

This year's theme for our book fortnight is 'Stories from Yesteryear'. We would like to share some of the stories that parents and older generations enjoyed when they were children. These could be classics like 'The Wind in the Willows' or 'Beatrix Potter's Peter Rabbit', or more contemporary stories like 'Paddington Bear' for example. The fortnight will kick off on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March and will end on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. So far, we have planned:

- A visit to The Day Centre before our fortnight commences to hear about their favourite childhood stories and to share some of the children's (Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March)
- A book marathon - can your child/family read 26 books in a month?
- A visit to The Story Museum in Oxford (tbc)
- A dress-up-as-your-favourite 'yesteryear' character - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

If you have any other good ideas, please let us know. In the meantime, please start thinking about and discussing your favourite stories and invite your relatives to do so too.

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

- **Become more familiar with the Lion King by listening to it/finding instruments to accompany it. Listen to our next track, 'Lioness Hunt', and think about what you likes/dislikes/puzzles or patterns that you notice.**
- **Find out (ask parents) more about the Wombles – which character is your favourite?**
- **Extras...do a little more of something you have found tricky at school (back page of the update is a good place to look for ideas)**
- **Make 27, using 5 playing cards chosen at random**
- **Make a treasure hunt for a sibling**
- **Compile your own list of 50 challenges you would like to do**
- **Design and make some accessories for your refashion outfit (we love Mags and Ollie's furry ear muffs!)**
- **Make a snowman design (we live in hope!)**
- **Designing and making a game using Freddie's Top Tips**
- **Do your own water bird watch at home.**

This week, a golden mention to Shaz, Magnus, Owen, Paige and Samuel for their outstanding Log Book Accounts...Five consecutive, excellent entries.