

THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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Great Shot Lorraine - Thank you!

Treehouse Plasticine Animal Competition

Make any plasticine animal to enter. Categories are Pre-Trees, Trees, Houses and Adults. Closing date: Wednesday 11th March. Prizes awarded. Ask Herbie if you need advice.

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

Where: The Cornerstone, Didcot OX11 7NE

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

RSVP by Friday 13th Feb
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Just a 'Normal' Week at The Treehouse...

It tickled me when one member of The Gang commented that she was really enjoying a 'normal' week at The Treehouse. After a snowy play day on Tuesday; coffee morning at The Day Centre on Wednesday; and celebratory lunch for thirty six on Thursday, I was reminded how awesome you ALL are, children and adults alike, taking everything in your stride, and pulling out the stops so that we can make the most of the opportunities that arise. Whether it's pulling sledge 'trains'; creating snow creatures; baking; socialising and supporting events; organising helium balloons, crockery, cutlery or whatever else we need; feeding the 5000 or cleaning up afterwards... You continue to rise to the challenge. What a team!

Dates for Your Diaries

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| Monday 9 th February | 2 – 3 pm Netball Match – Crowmarsh Village Hall. Parents versus children! |
| Thursday 12 th February | 11.00 am Judo Lesson |
| Friday 13 th February | Friday Forest - The Patch Bikes please |
| Half Term | Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February |
| Tuesday 17 th February | Pancake Race – 10.00 am The Forty, all welcome! |
| Tuesday 17 th February | Optional Dance Workshop – 12.00 -1.00 pm. Crowmarsh Village Hall |
| Tuesday 17 th February | Cornerstone Event: 5.45 pm for 6.00 pm start. Children to wear their 'posh' clothes please. |
| New Term | Monday 23 rd February |
| Monday 23 rd February | pm Refashion Dance with Andrea |
| Thursday 26 th February | Judo Lesson |
| Friday 27 th February | Lion King auditions |

We hope that you can make it to this event...it's going to be good! The children are starring in two short films; please could they wear their 'posh' clothes. Friends and relatives most welcome, please let Jo H know how many tickets you would like.

Would anyone be interested in a weekly Treehouse Netball Session for parents and Houses/older siblings? Mondays 6 - 7 pm in Crowmarsh. Please Lee know if you fancy it.

Thank you for supporting The Day Centre Coffee Morning, it was heaving! The morning raised £91.00 for The Treehouse.



Going for Gold!

Trees

Add these numbers together, lining them up into hundreds, tens and units.

Double check your answer every time.

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| $325 + 244 =$ | $533 + 57 =$ |
| $843 + 156 =$ | $734 + 81 =$ |
| $546 + 372 =$ | $433 + 67 =$ |
| $653 + 239 =$ | $390 + 88 =$ |

Houses

Use the bus stop method to solve these division sums:

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| $363 \div 3 =$ | $840 \div 6 =$ |
| $840 \div 4 =$ | $786 \div 3 =$ |
| $963 \div 3 =$ | $860 \div 5 =$ |
| $755 \div 5 =$ | $765 \div 3 =$ |
| $917 \div 7 =$ | $976 \div 8 =$ |

Keeping You and Your Child in the Loop...

Competing with screens in today's technology-saturated world is quite a challenge, after all, screens keep children (and adults!) quiet, occupied and to a certain extent, stimulated. There is certainly a place for technology; it can be useful, helpful and save us a great deal of time. So, what's the problem? Put bluntly too much time in front of a screen, be it the television, computer, tablet or phone, is unhealthy. Just like food, we need a 'balanced diet' which might include: some time on our own, some time with others; some time inside; some time outside; some time being creative; some time being quiet; some time being active; and some time relaxing.

At school we aim to reflect this in our timetable, so that over the course of a week, the children have some structured and some unstructured periods. Increasingly, we are seeing the majority of the children using the unstructured time really productively and effectively, working on progressively sophisticated projects, with greater levels of independence and more care. Thank you for supporting this approach at home too, it is always lovely to see and hear about what the children get up to when they are not at school.

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

- Getting stuck in to a good book at home, which you could also bring in to read for 'Free choice Friday' (Good idea Samuel);
- Completing or creating a crossword;
- Working on your 'News in a Sentence' for Monday morning;
- Making a 'Friday Forest' entry in your Learning Log;
- Working on your plasticine model for Herbie's competition;
- Training for the Pancake race, Bunny Run and Triathlon;
- Baking something (with no help if you can manage it);
- Practicing your times tables – play 'sausages' with your family.
- Checking the weather forecast for the week – any more snow coming our way?

This week, a golden mention to Edith, Alice and Freya for their outstanding Log Book Entries, and to Grace for her superbly written Book Review.