

Dear Parents and Carers

This half term has flown by and has been full of activities. Eighteen intrepid pupils in Year 12 and 13 enjoyed five days of adventure sports, fresh air and fun in the New Forest. Organising an educational visit of this scale is a huge undertaking and I am exceptionally grateful to all the school team for working together to support this important part of our school curriculum.

Thank you to everyone who came along to join in Arts Day in February and the e-safety (online safety) workshop that we ran beforehand. The morning workshop was very informative and all of us who attended learnt something new about keeping safe online. We also went away with a very useful set of resources. The 3 part guide includes information about 1) The Risks 2) Social Networking, Privacy settings and Tracking Software 3) Parental Filters and Controls. The resource are available in booklet and CD formats. We purchased some additional packs to share with parents who were unable to attend the training but would still like the information and support. If you would like to purchase a set of the resources, please contact Deborah McQuade who will be happy to help you.



Becky Jones

We had a Governing Body meeting on 25 March. The agenda was focussed on reviewing key policies as part of our compliance diary. The policies reviewed included: Teaching and Learning Policy, First Aid and Health Care Policy, Intimate Care Policy, Home-School Agreement, Exclusions Policy, and our Absconding Policy. We also discussed the impact of the implementation of the new SEND Code of Practice and the Children and Families Act. The key changes for children with SEN and their families are: the introduction of a single assessment process and an Education Health and Care plan (EHC plan); a focus on preparing for adulthood; a focus on outcomes (the benefit or difference made to an individual as a result of an intervention); the publication of the 'local offer' by each Local Authority which includes information about what provision it expects will be available for children and young people with SEND aged 0-25 years both within and outside their local area; and joint commissioning. Significantly, the Local Authority should continue to maintain an EHC plan for a 19-25 year old where the young person wants to remain in education or training, when special educational provision is still required and when remaining in education or training would enable the young person to progress and achieve the outcomes identified in their EHC plan. Our Chair of Governors, Lorraine Petersen, reminded Governors that the SEN transfer from a Statement to EHC plan is the Local Authority's duty, not the school's, although of course the school plays an important role in gathering information and assessments necessary for the transfer review. The Local Authority must trigger the transfer in a letter to school and parents/carers. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about what this might mean for your son or daughter.

TreeHouse School reopens to pupils on Tuesday 14 April. We have a staff INSET Day on Monday 13 April. Colleagues will be engaged in professional development workshops including On-line Safety, Safer Recruitment training and Team Teach Refreshers.

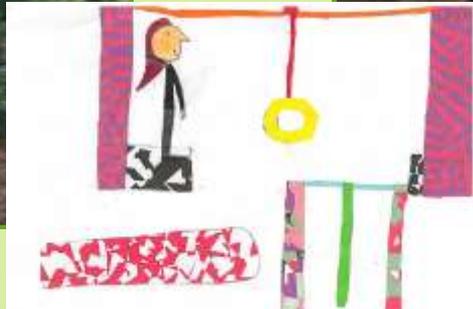
With best wishes for the holiday,



Dates for your diary

13 April	School Closed (INSET Day)
14 April	Term starts. School open to pupils from 9am
15 April 9.45 - 12	Wendy Bellis, Dentist, in school
22 April	Parents' Transition Talk
13 May 9.45 - 12	Wendy Bellis, Dentist, in school
14-15 May	Scout Park Visit (Year 7 and 8)
25 - 29 May	School Closed (Half-Term Holiday)

Avon Tyrrell



Artwork and highlights of the week at Avon Tyrrell from Cece...

Day 1: I went to the tube station with my teachers and friends. I took the train to New Milton. I played badminton with Reece. My favourite was to go on the train because it was exciting.

Day 2: I went to the lake and did canoeing, my favourite thing was rowing. I went on the ropes, it was fun. I went climbing, it was exciting. I went for a walk in the woods. My favourite thing today was canoeing because it was exciting and relaxing.

Day 3: I went on an adventure course. I went horse riding, I took a picture. I made a card for Mummy. I went to the disco. My favourite thing today was art and dancing because it was great.

Day 4: I rode a bike around the woods. I did an adventure course. I went on the flying fox. I went to Burley village. I ate some cake at the café. I watched a movie. My favourite thing today was the adventure course because it was amazing.





RHS School Gardening Prizes

TreeHouse School has entered our school gardens into the Royal Horticulture Society's exciting 'Gardening in Schools' campaign. The RHS campaign aims to encourage and support schools to develop and actively use a school garden. Due to some amazing work from our students throughout the school, we have already completed the first two levels and received our certificate and prizes - a beautiful RHS book on 'How to Grow Practically Everything' and a set of three cards on garden, grassland and woodland habitats. We have three more levels to complete and will update you soon on how we are progressing.

Paul Atkinson (Horticulture Specialist)



Pupils and Staff Get Creative at Arts Day

The Arts Day this term was an opportunity for us all to experiment and enjoy art together, and pupils and families did not fail to get stuck in! The highlights of the day were the collaborative projects we made. The Dining Hall played host to an Arty disco,

with large rolls of paper on the floor, lots of pens and lively music. Pupils especially impressed with their ability to spontaneously create and draw. Teachers impressed with their dance moves! In the Music Room we had a splash zone where everyone got a chance to dress up in boiler suits and create a large splash artwork together to hang in the school. Pupils also took part in creating portraits of themselves by recording their heights and tracing their silhouettes. Some pupils chose images they liked to be projected onto them as they were photographed which made for some very individual and beautiful artworks.

Thank you to everyone who supported the afternoon.
Roll on Arts Day 2016!!!

Naomi Delamore (Creative Arts Specialist)



On-line Safety

On 10 February 2015, TreeHouse School pupils participated in Safer Internet Day. The day offered the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. The pupils participated in online safety activities, completed worksheets, games and group sessions which helped them understand and increase their awareness of the reasons why we have to be safe online. They also learnt what to do if they came across a website or content that seemed unsafe. Each class took part in a competition to create a Safer Internet Day poster on what they learnt throughout the day. Below are the winning posters. *Kaz Birk (Assistant Head) and Indira Ramraj (Digital Media Specialist)*



A Curious Visit to the West End

On Wednesday 4 March, the Performing Arts Pathway students went on a very special visit to The Gielgud Theatre, currently showing *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. We all travelled to Leicester Square and were met by the incredible theatre management team who took us for a backstage tour of the theatre. We learnt about the stage, the lights, the costumes and the props.

Our students were then invited to stand on the beautiful West End stage and look out in to the 1000 seat auditorium. The spotlights lit up the stage and our pupils were able to explore the space – finding secret trap doors, using the props and seeing what it feels like to be a big, show-biz actor. As a gift, the theatre manager gave us one of the props in the show to take home for us to remember what a magical morning we had. A fantastic trip!

Kirsty Allnutt (Performing Arts Vocational Specialist)



Staff Updates

Welcome back to...
Rachel Holgate, ABA Tutor
Esther Thomas, Senior Behaviour Analyst

Congratulations to...
Jessica Floyd, ABA Senior Tutor
Adam Goodge, ABA Senior Tutor
Birte Kleine, ABA Supervisor

Goodbye to...
Niall Conlon, Behaviour Analyst
Dean De Conceicao, ABA Tutor
Katy Lee, Head of Learning Support
Emily Martin, ABA Tutor
Yosel Mouzo, ABA Tutor
Sarah Statham, Behaviour Analyst
Andy Swartfigure, Senior Behaviour Analyst



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