

# TLC TIMES



## Talking Heads

Firstly, let us apologise for the delay in getting TLC Times out this term. Treetops Free School had its first official visit from OFSTED in the last week of the Spring Term, the visit went well, and the official report will be published in the coming weeks.

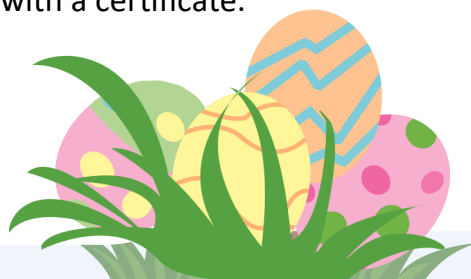
What a great Spring Term we had at the Treetops Learning Community. In January, 16 learners headed off to the Aosta Valley for the annual ski trip in Pila. This year was a bit different as, for the first time, we collaborated on the trip with Castledon School. This gave the opportunity for learners from each school to meet new people and make new friends, which culminated in a presentation evening where learners, parents and staff from both schools could come together and celebrate the success of the trip. At the time of writing this, we have 31 learners from Treetops Learning Community and Castledon signed up to participate in January 2025.

The Spring Term was also a busy time for FOTS. They organised a Mother's Day event as well as an Easter event that all learners across the Treetops Community participated in. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our FOTS volunteers for their continued support.

Mother's Day also saw each school host Mother's day assemblies. We had the opportunity to invite mums, nans and other important women in our learners lives into the schools to say thank you for everything they do to support our young people.

The Spring Term also saw the Jack Petchey Awards evening at the Civic Hall. Learners across the borough were invited to receive their official certificates presented by the Mayor of Thurrock, which was fantastic. In the evening, the cast of last year's Lion King production performed a variety of songs which brought the house down. As a consequence, they were invited to perform at this year's Mayor's dinner.

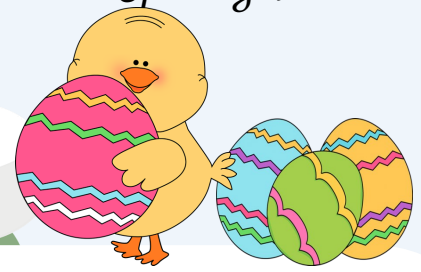
Finally, we ended the term with our awards presentation. This allowed us to celebrate the learners from across the Treetops Learning Community who were identified as our most improved and outstanding learners over the last term. Parents and Carers were invited along to celebrate. Well done to all of those who were presented with a certificate.



Mr Hattam & Mr Brewer

*Headteachers*

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*"It is often the small steps, not giant leaps, that bring about the most lasting change" HRM Queen Elizabeth 11*

## VB6's Shopping Trips

VB6 have started going out into the community to purchase their cooking ingredients that they use for their cooking lessons. They have all been exploring money and using shopping lists to find what they need in the supermarket. They are all doing amazing!

## VITU's College Visit

VITU have been visiting some colleges:

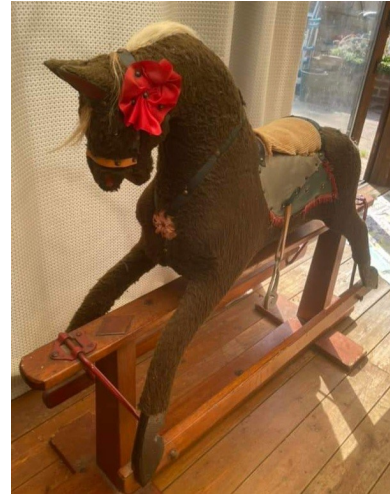
'We have been to South Essex college to look at different courses that may be suitable, we got to look at all of the different rooms. Some of the multi skills rooms were of interest to me.' - Charlie Watts.

'We visited USP and they spoke about the courses, especially the pathway course, we saw the work they were doing and I was interested in the supported internships that they offer.' - Tyleigh Goodman

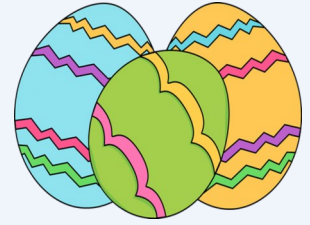
They visited TCHC college in Grays and they got to meet some students there, look round and speak to the teachers. As a team building exercise they had to make a tower out of marshmallows and spaghetti to see which team made the highest tower.

## VIWN's Upcycling

VIWN have been upcycling a 50 year old hobby horse donated by Ben Mumford- Linnegar. The lovely rocking horse has now been sent to VB1FS.



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## VB6FS Getting Active

VB6FS have been enjoying participating in lots of Group work such as Yoga, PE and Food Tech.



## VB2's Group Work

VB2 are doing fantastic, working in small groups where they focus on a different theme each week. They are making good progress with taking part in each activity and learning to share with one another.



## Upcoming Events

**18th May** - FOTS Prom Dress Event

**13th June** - FOTS Father's Day Event

**5th July** - School Prom

**11th July** - Treehouse Day

**13th July** - Summer Fete