

TLC TIMES

Talking Heads

This is our first edition of the Treetops Learning Community (TLC Times), previously known as the Treetops Times. This year has been a momentous year with the temporary classrooms in our new Sports Hall dismantled, as students were able to move into the new Treetops Free School building. The new school and fully functional Sports Hall and gym has allowed us to develop our curriculum further. It's been lovely seeing our students and staff doing textiles, basketball, badminton, indoor football and many more sporting activities which we previously couldn't offer.

It's been great to welcome parents and the wider community back onsite to celebrate our students learning in assemblies and attend coffee mornings. I am also happy to inform you that our newly formed FOTS team hit the ground running and organised some extremely successful Easter and Mother's Day events, which allowed all the students to participate in. They have also been busy organising the much awaited School Fete and have raised money for Tree House Day and our School Prom.

Finally, we have also had our first TLC football match! Our team was made up of past and current students from both schools who played against Hashtag United, it was watched by a lot of parents and the sportsmanship showed by all

was a real credit to themselves, the match also had plenty of goals, was a real crowd pleaser and as an added bonus we won 10 – 6.

In other News, we look forward to seeing you at our version of the Lion King and The Spirit of the Lion.

Mr Brewer and Mr Hattam

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

From September Treetops school will be offering students the opportunity to join the DofE Bronze Award Scheme.



This will be open to Year 9 and 10 students. The scheme involves 4 sections:

-Volunteering -Skills -Physical -The Expedition

This is a great opportunity for young people to test themselves and to improve their social, communication, organisational and teamwork skills.

If you would like to take part in September, then please see Mr Morgan for more details.



Upcoming Events

- **3rd + 4th July** — Treetops School production of The Lion King
- **7th July** — Treetops School Prom
- **13th July**— Treetops School VB production of The Spirit of the Lion
- **15th July 2023** — Treetops School Fete

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"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Maya Angelou

Students at the Salon

In Vocational studies the construction group have been busy renovating a building to convert it into a salon. The very first stage of the construction was to create a concept, followed by a design and plan. They worked all through the winter months to make sure the building was ready to use for the summer term, making sure that the building suited the needs of our students and clients we may have in the future.



The hair and beauty vocational group have been able to gain more experience in the salon, build confidence as a therapist enabling them to interact with clients and confidence in working within a team. Students have experienced the ins and outs of an average day in a salon, from the uniform they must wear, reception duties including booking in clients to carrying out a treatment. Alongside taking on these work-based challenges, they have all completed and passed a BTEC introductory award. This has given them a good insight into a potential job sector/industry which has supported them in getting on their college courses.



Primary Car Wash

The primary department enjoy taking part in the creative curriculum on a Friday. Each half term the students get to take part in cooking, forest school, Mini Duke of Edinburgh awards and self-help skills. Gruffalo class had lots of fun and had fantastic focus when washing a car as a part of their gold mini duke award. The students enjoy taking part in the life skills-based curriculum as they get to explore, enjoy and learn with their peers in new and fun ways. The students have all had amazing focus in the cooking room and love completing their challenges for the Mini Duke awards to earn their certificate and badge at the end of the year. The children have learnt how to cross the road safely and had opportunities to practice fasten buttons, zips, shoelaces and ties to promote their self-help skills.

