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Newsletter

8th May 2018

Dear Parents

I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing and restful long weekend and the record breaking temperatures which certainly made it feel like a proper holiday. Whilst I am laid low with a particularly unpleasant cold today, hence my abridged offerings this week, it is good to hear the school in full swing and the pupils enjoying the continued good weather and all our outside space. This photograph, of the Lower School at break time on The Park certainly speaks volumes and encapsulates many of the school's aims and values.



In an educational world where the terms pupil wellbeing, mental first aid and mindfulness are now commonplace and in which there is increasing anxiety among children, it is essential that as schools, we ensure our children are given the time, space and encouragement to be children and to remain young for as long as possible. The opportunity to pick wild flowers, climb trees, run and be chased are all invaluable experiences of a carefree childhood. It may be argued by some that these images are simply part of a Blyton-esque 1950s' idyll and have no place in the 21st century. However, whilst so many aspects of school life, teaching and learning and pedagogy have been

Calendar

Tuesday 8th

Year 2 games with Goodwyn's School, (H) 1.30pm
Year 5 visit to Radlett Reformed Synagogue, 9.30am – 12.00pm ▲
Governing Body Education Committee Meeting, 5.00pm

Wednesday 9th

Year 4 Home Economics, Tesco Farm to Fork visit, 9.00am - 12.00pm ▲
Boys' Cricket v Heath Mount, 1st, 3rd, Colts B, Colts D (H), 2nd, Colts A, Colts C, Colts E (A)
Girls' Cricket v Orley Farm, U11, U10 (H)
Rounders v Royal Masonic School, U13 (A)

Thursday 10th

Boys' Cricket v Heath Mount, U9 (H)
Girls' Cricket v Heath Mount, U9 (H), U8 (A)
Year 5, Upper School pathways evening, by invitation

Friday 11th

Visiting theatrical production, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* (morning)
Vocal Masterclass by Dame Emma Kirkby (Haileybury visiting Professor)
Edge Grove Inter-Schools Athletics Festival at Westminster Lodge, 2.30pm

Saturday 12th

Archery v Hertford, at Haileybury College, 10.30am

Sunday 13th

Monday 14th

Four Schools Swimming Gala at Aldwickbury, Years 3 to 8, 4.15pm - 6.00pm

Music lesson timetables will be updated on FireFly on Friday afternoons.

<https://firefly.edgegrove.com/communication/music-timetable>

transformed in recent years, it is still important that we do not forsake the basic principles of child development. It is for this reason that by allowing children to be children, we are developing their social skills, resilience, ability to communicate and confidence among many other things. On any given day at Edge Grove you will see children on the Spinney, in the woods, on the playing fields and around the grounds enjoying the space and freedom to be children - long may it last!

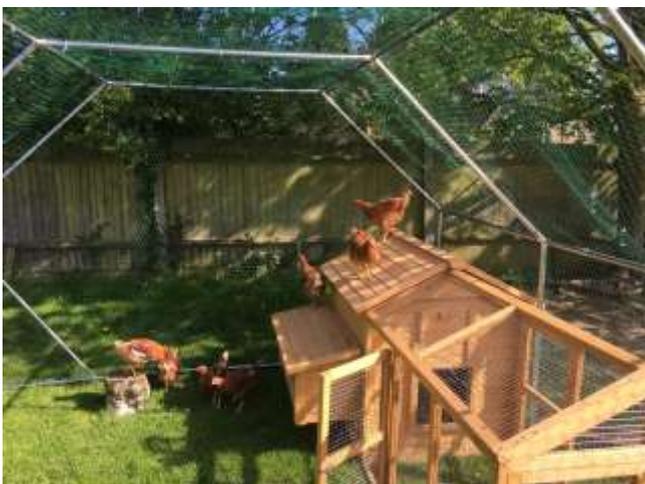
We are now entering a very busy time of the year with so much happening in all areas of the school. Please keep a close eye on the calendar and information letter to ensure you don't miss anything. The Summer Ball is fast approaching too and we will soon need final numbers. If you are still intending to buy tickets, please contact Sue Maughan (ball@edgegrove.com) as soon as possible. The booking form is available on FireFly at <https://firefly.edgegrove.com/communication/forms>

Best wishes

Ben Evans



Edge Grove Park in the sunshine



The chickens are very happy in their new home



The **Edge Grove Society** is trying to locate any current parents that have had a previous connection at the school. Perhaps you have family members or friends that were old boys or girls who may have contributed to your reasons for coming, maybe a cousin, grandfather, neighbour, friend of the family?

We have many lost Alumni on our system and we are trying to locate and engage with as many people as possible so any help with connections would be greatly appreciated.

Please email egs@edgegrove.com.

Edge Grove Golf Day Friday 18th May

Please note that this Friday the 11th May is last chance to book a place on the Edge Grove Society Golf Day.

Please click to find the booking form: [view booking form](#)

Are you considering an Independent Senior School for your child?

Are there just too many Open Days to go to?

Are you finding it difficult to make an informed choice?

Why not let over 40 Independent Senior Schools come to you?

Join us at our

Senior Schools' Fair

Thursday 17th May 2018

6pm – 8pm

Attended by over 40 independent Senior Schools including:

Abbot's Hill, Aldenham, Bede's Senior School, Bedford Girls' School, Bedford School, Berkhamsted, Bradfield College, Charterhouse, Cheltenham College, Clifton College, Downe House, Felsted School, Haileybury, Harrow School, King's Ely, Merchant Taylors' School, Millfield, North London Collegiate School, Oakham, Oundle School, Pangbourne College, Princess Helena College, Queenswood, Repton, Royal Masonic School for Girls, Rugby, Shiplake College, St Albans High School, St Albans School, St Columba's College, St Edward's Oxford, St Helen's School, St Margaret's School, Stowe, Taunton School, Tring School, Winchester College, Wycombe Abbey.

Seminars running during the evening include:

	THEATRE	CHAPEL
6.00PM – 6.30PM	Felsted - Character Education	Bedford Girls - The International Baccalaureate Diploma as an alternative to A-Levels
6.45PM – 7.15PM	Shiplake - Boarding in the 21st Century	Bedford - Making the most of Senior School
7.30PM – 8.00PM	Princess Helena College - Children's emotional/mental wellness	St Edward's Oxford - The differing benefits of IB and A-Levels

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Expert personal service at your convenience

For a quieter in-store experience, particularly if your child is starting a new school this year, we'd advise that you shop well before the peak Autumn Back-to-School period when we get particularly busy (Mid-August onwards).

If you book a 1:1 fitting appointment, one of our trained Sales Advisors will have the time to guide you through the uniform and sportswear approved for your school and advise on recommended quantities. Your child will be able to try on garments to make sure that you are happy with the fit of each item. You will need to be registered on our website (www.stevensons.co.uk) to book a convenient appointment time, but don't leave it too late.

Registering online will also ensure we can send you alerts about any school offers we run, the dates of pop-up shops at your school, as well as the option to download the school uniform price list.

Extended summer opening hours

Our shop stays open later and for longer in the run-up to the start of the September term so that it gives customers more time to shop at a time most suitable. Check our website for each branches summer hours.

Unrivalled 120 day returns policy & special sizes

Our industry leading 120 day returns policy, for school uniforms, means you can buy as early as May and still be able to exchange unused items if your child has a sudden growth spurt before the start of school. Also, if you think your child will need a special size, then you should allow 8-10 weeks before the start of term as these items may need to be specially ordered.

Greater choice in-store

Our shop doesn't just stock your school's uniform, we also have everything from name tapes and stationery items to school bags and sports equipment. So we are a great one-stop-shop that will save you time and effort, just when you need it.

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Contact details

For more information, including customer service information, please go to: www.stevensons.co.uk/our-branches

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SCHOOL UNIFORM OUTFITTERS

Edge Grove Summer Fete, Saturday 16th June, 11.00am – 3.00pm

The Friends of Edge Grove will be holding the annual Summer Fete on Saturday 16th June from 11am until 3.00pm. Entrance is free for adults and £5.00 for each child. This will give the children access to all five inflatables, the arts and crafts stall. We also have the Victoria Jane School of Dance performing throughout the fair, offering free dance workshops for the children to sign up to and attend free of charge.



The Summer Fete is a great opportunity for the whole school community, along with friends and family, to come together and get involved.

Each year group [committee rep](#) is responsible for a specific task at the fete and they are looking for helpers on the day. If you can spare some time to help, please either email your year group rep or me on vicechair@groupmail.com.

Thanks and best wishes

Gemma Shaw
Chair

Magical Maths

Last Tuesday the children in years 3,4, 5 and part of 6 were treated to some entertaining and incredible mathematical tricks thanks to the 'Magical Maths' team, who will be running an after school club on Mondays in the Autumn term.

'Magical maths' is a termly club where children can meet some crazy and wonderful characters, and learn some truly mind blowing maths tricks. Children will learn to calculate impossible numbers in their head, read minds, play maths sport and solve unbelievable puzzles...all with the power of maths.

The children were given a leaflet and you will be able to sign up via Schoolbase when booking for the Autumn term activities opens at the end of this term.



Sports News

Click here for all this week's match reports

Follow Edge Grove Sport @EdgeGroveSport

Academic Commendations,
Commendations and Golden Moments
27th April to 3rd May

Please click for details of the academic commendations, commendations and golden moments given out so far.



Fantastic Achievement Luke

Luke took part in the English International Open Tae Kwon Do Championships in Manchester recently. He brought home a Gold Medal in the PeeWee Poomsae (i.e. U9 Patterns Competition) in the Blue Belt category, and the third place trophy in the Open Age Blue Belt Championship.



Well Done Nuccio

Congratulations to Nuccio who has qualified for the IAPS National Swimming finals on Saturday 9th June at the London Aquatics Centre. Well done on a great achievement and good luck!!



Ballet Success

Libby, Daisy, Amber and Florence (year 5) all take tap and ballet lessons outside of school and are shown here with their Grade 2 ballet medals.

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Pre Prep News

Gill Emmerson,
Head of Pre Prep

The Prep School House Music Competition impressed prospective parents on my school tour last week and I was proud to host the Pre Prep equivalent in sharing assembly on Friday. In our version of the event, each house was tasked with composing their own chant or song and points were given for spirit and content. Mrs Dawson, Mrs Doughty and Josh Rose formed the judging panel and they had a very difficult decision to make. Each house performed a totally unique piece and the house captains did a marvellous job of both introducing and leading their moment in the spotlight. Stratton were the winners of the trophy with their version of *Happy*, the news greeted with whoops of delight as the red ribbons emerged from Josh's pocket. Pre-School children are all placed in a House and we look forward to their contribution to overall House points on Sports Day.

Please click below to see more from Pre Prep:

[Pre Prep News Page](#)

Middle School News

Lucy Chenovitch
Head of Year 5 and Drama

The weather didn't stop the middle school from having fun with their learning. It was great to see all the children participating in the inter house music competition with many talented musicians from the Middle School accompany the singers. Don't forget to visit the inter-house pages on firefly to see your children in their starring roles.

I hope you all have had a lovely bank holiday and enjoyed the warmer and drier weather.

Please click below to see more from Middle School this week:

[Middle School News Page](#)

Lower School News

Samantha Robinson,
Head of Lower School

Year 3

House Music is such an exciting time in the Lower School and the year 3s performed excellently within their houses on Wednesday. On Tuesday, the children were all visited by Magical Maths and amazed them with mathematical puzzles that left them on the edge of their seats.

Year 4

The children were buzzing with excitement this week as the time had finally come for them to showcase their musical talents at the annual House Music Competition. Children across the school joined forces and entertained each other, and staff, with performances of the Lion King's famous song 'I just can't wait to be king'.

Please click below to see more from Lower School:

[Lower School News Page](#)

Upper School News

Anna Warren,
Head of Upper School

This week's guiding principle has been demonstrated in many Upper School classrooms this week. Year 8 are getting to grips with writing their first abstract in preparation for June's Baccalaureate Conference on the subject of *Britain's Health*. Led by Dr Evans, pupils have been using Google Scholar to research a wide variety of issues for their conference papers, including the NHS, Brexit and environmental concerns. Year 7 have been busy conducting their geography fieldwork this week and have been wading in the River Chess; the next challenge will be communicating their findings in their CE coursework, Click below for pictures, and for more Upper School news!

[Upper School News Page](#)

House News!

At house music all houses performed *I just can't wait to be king* from *The Lion King*. As always the houses performed with high energy and an incredible amount of team spirit. Please follow the link to view the performances. <https://firefly.edgegrove.com/interhouse/music-competiton>



Camping with Dad weekend

9th and 10th June

It's time for another camping weekend! For those who have never been before it's a brilliant half day of activities and free play when children and fathers (or other male family members) get to spend quality time with the children in the wonderful grounds of Edge Grove.

For further details and to see how you can book your pitch click here: [Camping-weekend-2018](#)



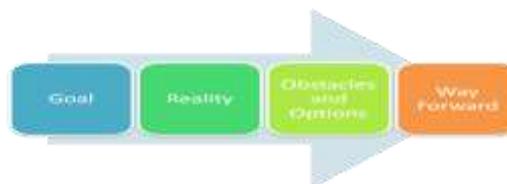
Flourish Parent Workshop Developing the 'Inner Coach'

Friday 18th May, 2018, 8.45am – 11.00am
£25 per person

Encouraging children to recognise they have the ability to take control of their thoughts, feelings and actions can be transformational – supporting them to do this by developing their 'inner coach' is a valuable life skill.

Recognition that the focus and frequency of thoughts shifts perceptions is key. The 'inner coach' focusses on the positive, it observes, evaluates and thinks through options and positive solutions rather than catastrophizing and self-blaming. With practice the inner coach becomes stronger, the preferred thought pattern, allowing children to cope better with challenges and maintain a 'can do' approach to life. This activity based workshop explores:

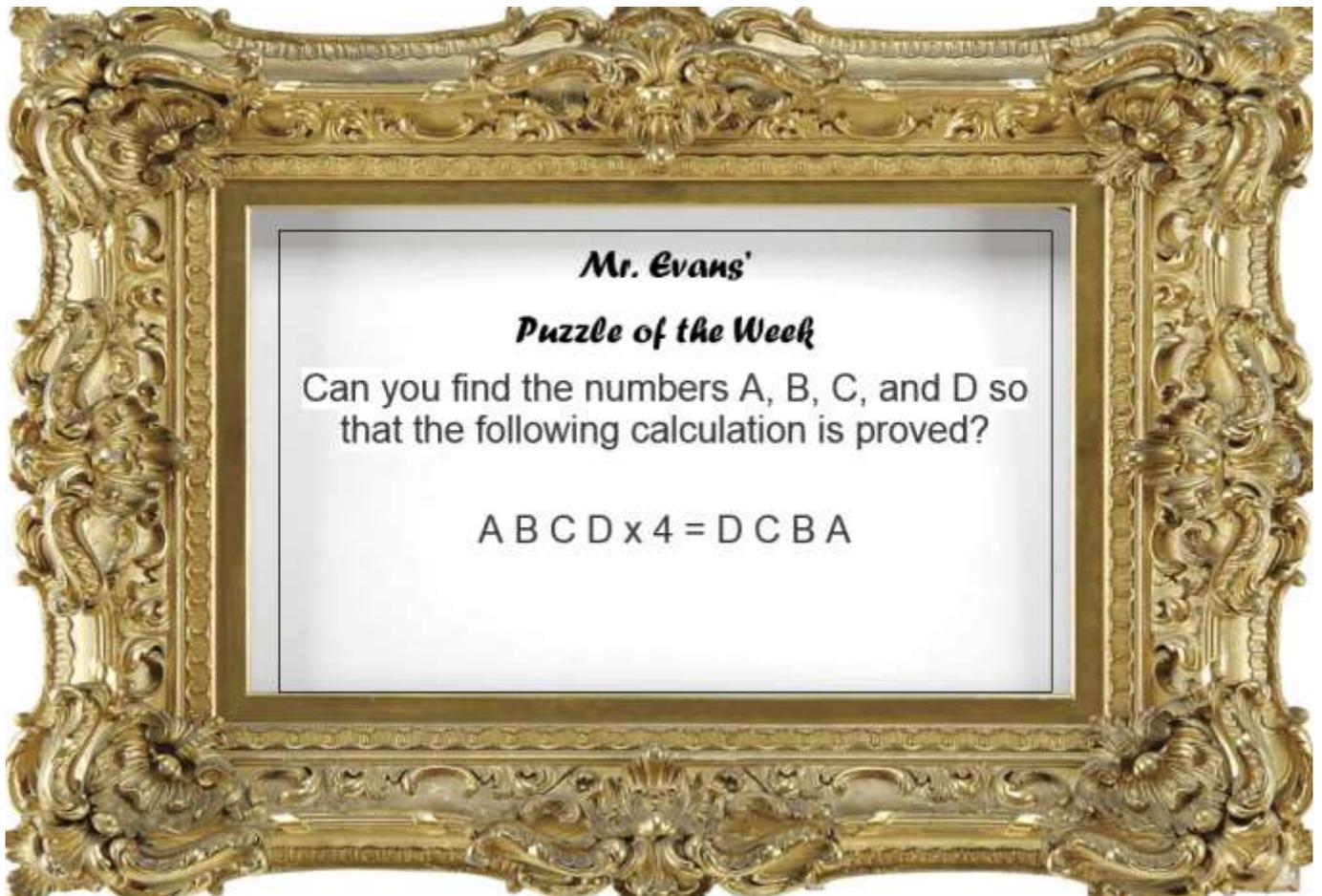
- 'Inner mind chatter' - how we talk to ourselves and the effect
- Recognising how thought patterns influence feelings and behaviour
- Developing evaluation skills
- Taking ownership of 'mindset'
- How to set and achieve goals



For further information and to book your place please contact Sally Sharp, Head of Wellbeing: ssharp@edgegrove.com

Haileybury Jazz day

On Friday 27th April, eleven musicians from Edge Grove visited Haileybury to participate in the Jazz and Rock day. They worked really hard during the day and made new friends. The day ended with a great concert of different rock bands and the jazz band, with Hadley and Ediz both standing up to take solos. Well done to all musicians.



Answer to the last puzzle: Mr T is 28 and Mr W is 21 (Answers to this week's puzzle should be sent to Mr Wooding's email: nwooding@edgegrove.com)

TRY SAILING IN MAY



Want to get back out on the water?

Looking to try sailing or windsurfing?

Fancy trying something new with your family?

Come and join us! RYA Push The Boat Out is a fantastic opportunity for you to experience sailing and windsurfing.

RYA clubs and centres across the country are offering a range of 'have a go' and taster sessions throughout May so getting involved could not be easier!

Find your nearest PTBO venue and more information at:

rya.org.uk/PTBO



ALDENHAM SAILING CLUB

May 20th 11am - 4pm

For more details & to book a place:
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Join us for one day, two days, three days...or even all seven!

24th July - 25th July – 26th July

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- Fun with Food holiday activity from 9.30am - 3.30pm (extended hours option available)
- Basic Knife skills
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- Cookery Day for children from 7 - 14yrs
- £65 per child, per day – Child care vouchers accepted

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