

# EDGE



# GROVE

## Newsletter

11th June 2018



Dear Parents

“Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community,” and as I was lying in my tent last night, this feeling was certainly very true of the community we have at Edge Grove. With over 200 children and Dads camping, this now annual and very popular camping event was another spectacular success. An afternoon of bushcraft, fun on the inflatables, fiendishly difficult treasure hunt, craft activities and fun as a community under canvas continued into the evening with a brilliant and delicious barbeque cooked by the amazing Holroyd Howe team, followed up with marshmallows over an open fire, hot chocolate, games of cricket and lots more fun. Members of the Friends of Edge Grove committee worked hard to make sure everything ran smoothly and I can't thank them enough for everything they do for the school. It would be fair to say, with quite a late night and a 4.15am sunrise that everyone was a little tired the next day but, fortified with a substantial breakfast, still smiling!

A strong sense of community does not happen overnight or without a great deal of effort and we are extremely fortunate at Edge Grove to have such committed and enthusiastic parents, children

### Calendar

#### Tuesday 12th June

Lepra Zumba fundraising event  
Year 8 Conference, *Britain's Health*, Theatre, 9.30am - 1.00pm  
Year 5 History visit to the Golden Hind ▲  
Year 2 games with Goodwyn's School, (H), 1.30pm  
Governing Body Finance Committee Meeting, 5.00pm  
Pre Prep New Parents' Evening, Headmasters' Courtyard, 7.00pm - 8.00pm

#### Wednesday 13th

Edge Grove Inter-school Year 3 Maths Challenge, Pre Prep Hall, (morning)  
Boys' Cricket v Aldenham, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> (A), 3<sup>rd</sup> (H)  
Boys' Cricket v St Columba's College, Colts A, Colts C, Colts D (H), Colts B, Colts E, Colts F (A)  
Girls' Cricket v Kingshott, U13, U11C, U10 (H), U11A, U11B (A),

#### Thursday 14th

Boys' Cricket v Lochinver House, U9 (H)  
Girls' Cricket v Kingshott, U9 (H), U8 (A)  
Year 5, Upper School pathways evening, by invitation  
Upper School production, *Private Peaceful*, Technical Rehearsal

#### Friday 15th

Year 1 visit to the Roald Dahl Gallery and Bucks Museum  
U12 Aldenham Cricket Festival, 9.30am - 5.00pm  
Tennis v Kingshott, (A), 4.00pm  
Swimming Gala v Westbrook Hay, Years 3 to 6 (A), 3.00pm  
Boarding Laser Tag Activity Evening, Years 3 to 8

#### Saturday 16th

Edge Grove Summer Fête, 11.00am – 3.00pm

#### Sunday 17th

#### Monday 18th

Year 8 Careers morning  
Upper School production, *Private Peaceful*, Dress Rehearsal

and staff who are keen to be part of something quite special and to give so much of themselves in so many different ways. The school's guiding principles serve to remind us, every time we go through the Headmaster's Courtyard, of our common purpose and goals and we certainly keep our aim of Global and Local Responsibility to the fore. On Sunday we were delighted to welcome the Breast Cancer Now charity to use our fantastic grounds for their 1km and 5km fun runs and family fundraising event. With over 300 runners, the school was awash with determination and perspiration from all participants and I was particularly impressed to see a number of our campers running - from where do they get their energy?! Our maintenance team of Martins (including the Bursar), David and Dan all gave up their precious time freely for the charity and yet again, the spirit of the Edge Grove community was obvious to see. The fun continues and next Saturday, it is our much anticipated Summer Fete - I always know it must be coming up as our kitchen and sitting room steadily begin to fill-up with lucky dip boxes, prizes, craft items, sweets, refreshments and all manner of 'stuff' carefully collected by Alex! There is again a hard working committee busily planning behind the scenes to make the day another hugely enjoyable community success. We hope to see you all there from 11.00am to 3.00pm and thank you in anticipation for supporting the event. It would also be remiss of me not to mention our Summer Ball on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June for which funds are being raised for both The Rainbow Centre (the overseas charity in Sri Lanka we are supporting) and the ongoing school development fund. Even if you cannot make it, please support these efforts by buying the raffle tickets you have received and there are excellent prizes to be won. The Edge Grove Ball is legendary and although we have stopped the tradition of a survivors' swim at 6.00am in the pool, it will be a brilliant evening of fun and fellowship.

With the Common Entrance exams over and the start of our EG Baccalaureate Challenge programme, it means that there are only four weeks of term left. Our inaugural Baccalaureate Conference on the topic of *Britain's Health* takes place on Tuesday with papers submitted covering the future of the NHS after Brexit, plastic pollution and much more and good luck to our year 8 speakers. We are also holding our first inter-schools Maths Challenge for year 3 pupils on Wednesday. Organised by our Deputy Head of Maths, Mrs Thomas, seven local schools will be participating and working their way through a

range of fun and challenging maths activities designed to test their problem solving and team working skills. Another example of how focussed the school is to ensure we play a valuable role in our local community too. These are just a couple of the myriad events and activities taking place ensuring that the end of the school year is a memorable one - please keep looking in the calendar and reading the information letter carefully.

My best wishes for an enjoyable week.

Ben Evans



### Careers Morning, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June

As part of the Year 8 programme after the Common Entrance exams have finished we will be holding a careers information morning. In the past, parents have been very generous with their time in coming in to school to present to the children for 10-15 minutes on their chosen career path.

If you would like to present to the children on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June, please email [acaldwell@edgegrove.com](mailto:acaldwell@edgegrove.com) with details of the career that you would like to present and what time would be best for you.

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

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



*Edge Grove Summer Ball*  
*30th June 2018*

*7pm Sparkling Reception*  
*3 Course Dinner with Wine*  
*Live Music and Dancing with*  
*the Leo Green Experience*

*Cocktail Bar - Casino - Live Auction*

*For Tickets and Information, email*  
*Ball@Edgegrove.com*



 **Friends of Edge Grove**  
**SUMMER FAIR**

**Great Edge Grove Bake Off**  
Judging will be @ 12 pm by the creator of the Caterpillar Cake Nikki MacDonald.  
Entries are welcome from parents, students & staff.

Crafts  
Food & Sweets  
Stalls  
Cake  
Barbecue  
Ice Cream

Games,  
Tug of War  
Inflatables  
Carousel  
Pimm's Tent  
and lots, lots more

**Edge Grove School**  
*Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018*  
*11am to 3pm*  
*Adults – Free*  
*£5.00 per child (includes unlimited access to inflatables & craft stalls)*

# Sports News

Click here for all this week's match reports

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Academic Commendations,  
Commendations and Golden Moments  
25th May to 7th June

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

## ARCHERY

### Lintman Archery Tournament:

Sixty eight archers from clubs all over the south of England took part in this year's tournament at Ascot (clashing with the nearby Royal Wedding) and Edge Grove pupils were well represented at the awards ceremony.

Congratulations to the following:

U14 gold medal: Alex L; silver medal Abbas

U12 girls: 4<sup>th</sup> place Shona, 5<sup>th</sup> Fatemah

U12 boys gold medal: Ali, bronze medal Myles, 4<sup>th</sup> Evan, 5<sup>th</sup> Hayden, 6<sup>th</sup> Scott

Judge's Endeavour Certificates: Fatemah and Scott

### Half Term course

The rain held off to allow for two mornings of shooting to take place. Well done to the following winners of the Day 2 competition.

Bronze medals: Luke and Scott,  
Silver: Dante, George, Myles  
Gold: Hayden, Shona, Evan, Esme.



SINGING

DANCE

ACTING

# FAME SCHOOL

A five-day summer school, culminating in a musical theatre performance based on 'Fame' and other musicals!

Whether you love to perform in the ensemble or are confident taking a leading role, this workshop has something for everyone!

With tuition from  
West End and professional performers,

this course is designed to give students a fun-packed version of a professional performing experience.

Our teachers have experience performing in shows such as 'The Phantom of the Opera' (West End) and in venues such as The Albert Hall, with training from institutions such as the Guildhall School of Music & Drama and the Royal Academy of Music!

6th- 10th August (9.30-4.30) Three Ways Community Centre, Borehamwood  
WD6 2LY  
Ages 6-17

£150 with sibling discounts available

Contact [fameschool@yahoo.com](mailto:fameschool@yahoo.com) to request an application form!

## Pre Prep News

Gill Emmerson,  
Head of Pre Prep

The sea is featuring quite often in Pre Prep at the moment. Year 2 have been learning about Grace Darling, immersing themselves in the stormy setting of her finest moment and gaining an understanding of just how unusual her courage and actions were in the days when she was growing up. Friday last week marked World Ocean Day and the Seaside in a Jar project helped to set the scene for a special sharing assembly. We look forward to a Seaside of the Past workshop with Reception very soon, which from experience will prove to be a very well-resourced and dynamic learning experience. I spent a lovely moment with Pre-School recapping our French vocab and just spending some time reflecting on what we are all looking forward to. The children were so articulate and confident in our talking circle and once again the seaside and holidays featured predominantly in our thoughts!

Please click below to see more from Pre Prep:

[Pre Prep News Page](#)

## Middle School News

Kate McManus  
Head of Middle School

It really has been a fantastic start to the second half of the summer term. It has been an absolute pleasure to see the children come back to school after half term so enthusiastic and raring to take advantage of every opportunity provided in the last 5 weeks of term. Among the pupils and parents, 'Expedition' is of course the buzz word! I hope today's meetings gave the opportunity to ask any questions and alleviate any fears which you may have. Thank you to all the year 5 mums who took time out of their schedules to attend our coffee morning. As always, it is lovely catching up and being able to have an informal chat about school and your children.

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

Year 3 had a wonderful trip to the Bhaktivedanta Manor this week where they deepened their knowledge of Hinduism and Hare Krishna. They visited the George Harrison Memorial Garden, enjoyed a ride on a cart pulled by oxen and fed juicy carrots to the cows.



Year 4

The main event of this week took place on Monday with the arrival of Mr Junkman and his recycled orchestra. This has to be the noisiest (and for that reason one of the most enjoyable) visiting workshops and it links very well with topic and science this half term, even Miss Dolly had a go!

Please click below to see more from Lower School:

[Lower School News Page](#)

## Upper School News

Anna Warren,  
Head of Upper School

Congratulations to our Common Entrance candidates who have reached the end of their examinations! We have been very impressed with the pupils' conduct, effort levels, organisational skills and perseverance. And well done too to the Red and Green sets who have completed their Edge Grove Baccalaureate assessments. All Year 8 pupils can now relax and look forward to the Baccalaureate Challenge programme which commences on Monday. Activities include first aid training, drama workshops, go-karting, self-defence skills, art activities and many more!

Click below to see pictures of pupils in rehearsals for *Private Peaceful*, as well as the Year 8's well-designed eco-houses!

[Upper School News Page](#)