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## Newsletter

18th June 2018



Dear Parents

As I write, news has just come in from our four swimmers competing in the ESSA swimming competition in Sheffield. The boys have done exceptionally well winning the group B freestyle relay final out of eight schools including Merchant Taylors' and Beechwood Park and then coming 9<sup>th</sup> overall in this national competition. A tremendous achievement and my congratulations to them and everyone involved. They have certainly made us all very proud.

We are now three weeks from the end of term and the countdown has begun. As these will be exceptionally busy weeks with so much happening, we wanted to keep you fully informed of all the logistics including start and finish times, uniform and equipment required, whether there will be activities or not and any other question that might be asked. To this end, I hope you have received your letters from the Heads of School sent last week, in addition to the usual information letter, detailing all arrangements. Please read them carefully as we have tried hard to cover any potential queries! If in doubt, you will find Alex at the front desk and at the end of the phone most mornings and she is happy to answer any queries not answered by our previous communiques.

### Calendar

#### Tuesday 19th June

Upper School Production, *Private Peaceful*, Theatre, 6.30pm

LAMDA exams

#### Wednesday 20th

Haileybury U11A Cricket Festival

Boys' Cricket v Aldwickbury, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Colts C, Colts D, Colts E (H), 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, Colts B (A)

Girls' Cricket v Heath Mount U11, U10 (H)

#### Thursday 21st

Mock Election Day

Upper School Production, *Private Peaceful*, Theatre, 6.30pm

Aegon Tennis semi final, Beaumont School, 3.45pm

#### Friday 22nd

Sports Day, Years 3 and 4, 9.00am

Sports Day, Years 5 to 8, 2.00pm

Reception Seaside Workshop, *History off the Page*

#### Saturday 23rd

Year 8 Formal Dinner, Library, 7.00pm – 8.30pm

#### Sunday 24th

#### Monday 25th

Expedition Week

#### Tuesday 26th

Expedition Week

Board of Governors Meeting and Annual Dinner, 4.30pm

I would like to thank everyone who joined us for the summer fete on Saturday. Despite weather forecasts to the contrary, the sun shone for most of the day and not a drop of rain fell on what was quite possibly one of the best school fetes I have seen. The lack of available parking spaces on the Paddock at one point was an indication of how many parents and families came to enjoy the proceedings and for the whole four hours duration, there was an enjoyable and palpable buzz across the school. The House stalls, devised and manned by teachers and pupils were a triumph combined with inflatables from Excel, a brilliant craft tent, hoopla, hook a duck, second hand toys and books, a fabulous barbeque, a fire engine and so much more ensured that there was something for everyone and not a moment's boredom. The Edge Grove community spirit was alive and well and my grateful thanks to Gemma Shaw and her hard working FoEG committee as well as so many parents who helped to set up, man the stalls and clear away at the end. I am always astounded at, and extremely grateful for, the time people are prepared to give the school to ensure we are able to run such magnificent events. Needless to say, one look in our boys' bedroom this morning was enough to tell me that they had a great time spending their pocket money on the second hand toy stall - always a favourite!

Our next big event will be the Summer Ball and I hope you have enjoyed looking through the brochure; we are grateful to all our advertisers and supporters who feature throughout the publication. Tickets are still available but if you can't make the event, you can still be involved and support the cause by buying raffle tickets which you should have received and more are available at school.

The curtain goes up on our Upper School production of *Private Peaceful* on Tuesday and Thursday this week at 6.30pm. It is a well-known adaptation of the popular older children's book by Michael Morpurgo set in World War 1 and detailing the senselessness of the conflict and ineptitude of the commanding officers. It will be a powerful and atmospheric production and not to be missed; there are tickets still available (by contacting [tickets@edgegrove.com](mailto:tickets@edgegrove.com)) and the show is particularly suitable for parents with children in year 5 and above. Good luck to the hardworking cast, Mrs Chenovitch, Miss Evans and everyone involved.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the sports day on Friday and my best wishes for the week ahead.

Ben Evans



*Year 8 enjoying the BBQ*



*Having fun at the Summer Fete*



### ***Private Peaceful***

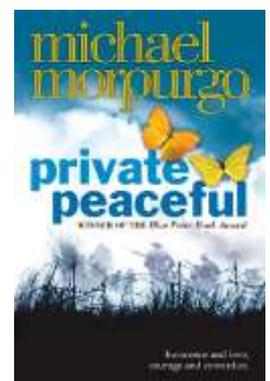
Upper School Production  
Performances:

Tuesday 19th June, 6.30pm

Thursday 21st June, 6.30pm

Contact

[tickets@edgegrove.com](mailto:tickets@edgegrove.com) for details.



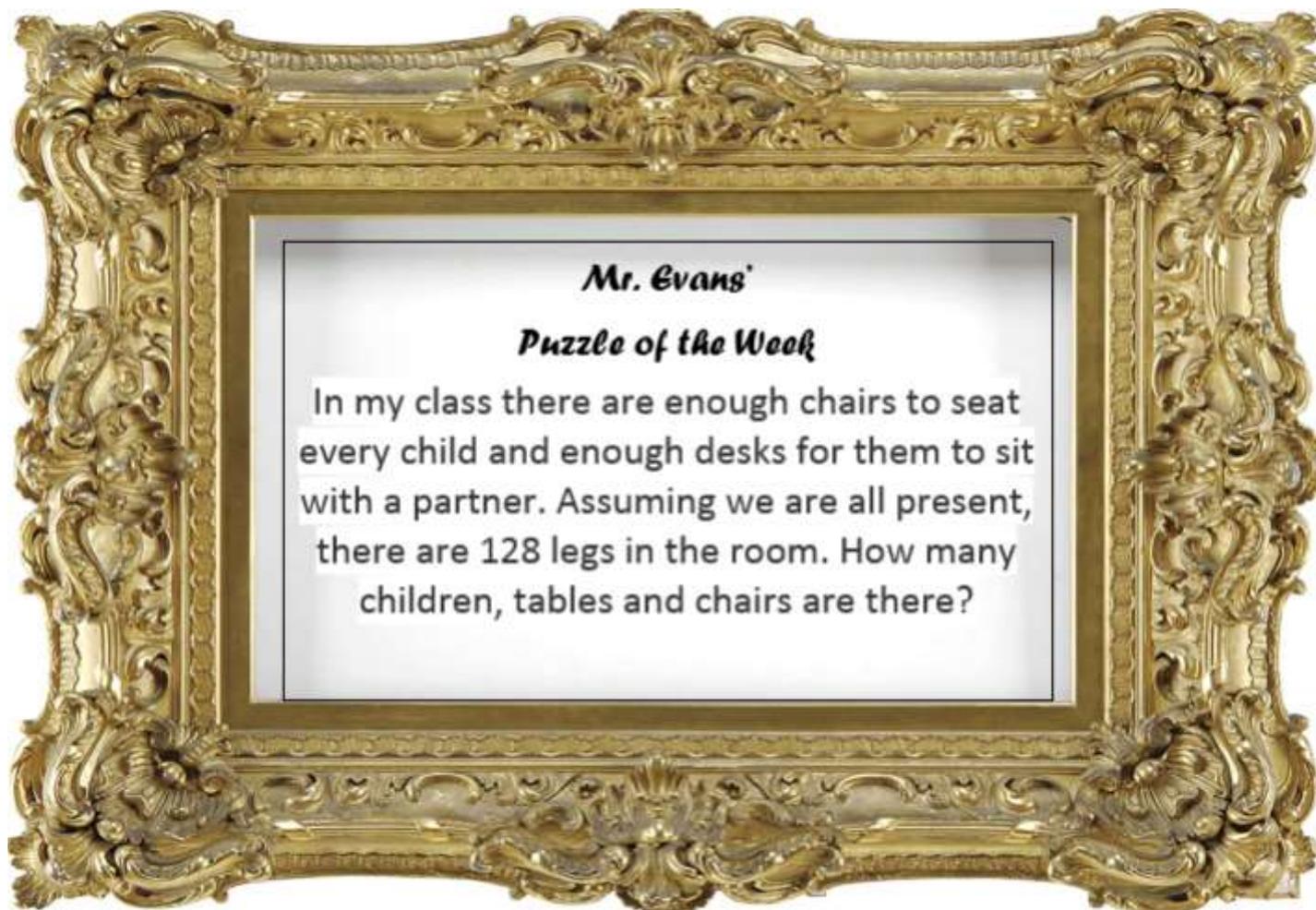
**Music lesson timetables will be updated on FireFly on Friday afternoons.**

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

## Haileybury Arts Challenge

Based on the theme of Marine Conservation, each group had to create work in the four disciplines – Art, Drama, English and Music. Each group was judged on their creativity, expression, team work and performance.

The Edge Grove team worked extremely well together and produced some excellent work. As the 'Stellar Sea Lions' they were awarded first place for their composition in the music discipline and came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall out of 11 groups.



**Answer to the last puzzle: One to halve the cake, another perpendicular cut` to quarter it and the final cut goes horizontally through the middle separating top from bottom. (Answers to this week's puzzle should be sent to Mr Wooding's email: [nwooding@edgegrove.com](mailto:nwooding@edgegrove.com))**

# Sports News

[Click here for all this week's match reports](#)

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**Academic Commendations,  
Commendations and Golden Moments  
8th June to 14th June**

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

## IAPS National Swimming Finals

Congratulations to Nuccio who swam in the national swimming finals at the London Aquatics Centre on Saturday 9th June. This is an excellent achievement with only the top 20 swimmers in each stroke in the country qualifying to attend the finals.

Well done Nuccio!!



## London Area Regional Athletics Competition

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June we travelled with a team of 14 pupils to the London Area athletics meeting at Thames Valley Athletics Centre. This is a major event attended by 39 different schools with hundreds of pupils attempting to qualify for the National Athletics finals. In order to qualify pupils had to either win their event or finish second and still reach the very tough qualifying standards. The competition started better than any of us could have wished for with our U14 boys relay team of Jimi J, Jimi A, Femi and Sylvan winning the 4 x 100m relay. The day just got better and better from then on with Jimi J excelling by winning both his events, the 100m and long jump to qualify for three events at the National finals. Dion won the U14 shot put and Lauren the U12 shot put.

On the track Maddie, Oluwaleke, Lewis and Tio got through to their respective finals. Tio finished second in the 200m final and qualified for the National finals as did Femi in the 300m. Ebunlola finished second in both the 100m and 200m and qualified for the National finals in both events.

Special mention goes to Lewis who won the U11 long jump. Unfortunately the National finals are only for U12 to U14 pupils.

The pupils exceeded all our expectations with 8 pupils qualifying for the National finals across 9 different events. Well done to all the pupils involved and Good luck in Birmingham!!

List of pupils who have qualified for the National Athletics Finals

Jimi J – 100m, long jump and 4 x 100m relay

Dion J – shot put

Lauren C – shot put

Tio E – 200m

Femi A – 300m and 4 x 100m relay

Ebunlola O – 100m and 200m

Jimi A – 4 x 100m relay

Sylvan A – 4 x 100m relay

More photos can be found at:  
<http://firefly.edgegrove.com/subjects/games>



## English Schools Swimming Association National Finals

Congratulations to Alex, Nuccio, Kene and Daniel who travelled to Sheffield on Saturday 16th June to compete in the National Schools swimming championships. Just qualifying to take part in this event is an excellent achievement. The boys performed extremely well in their heat and qualified to swim in the B final. They did themselves and the school proud by winning the B final which is an absolutely fantastic achievement. Well done boys!

## Archery

The Harrow v John Lyon annual archery match dates back to 1684, Abbas year 7 took part in a year 12 competition. Please see link below for more details.

<https://www.johnlyon.org/john-lyon-archery/>



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£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

It was wonderful to enjoy lunch with Pre School on Friday as part of the transition process. Ongoing activities such as Forest School and PE in the Sports Hall together with sensitive conversations about change have all helped to prepare our youngest pupils for the exciting year ahead. Year 1 were complimented on their exemplary behaviour during their visit to the Roald Dahl Gallery and although I have come to expect this level of feedback, I am still enormously proud of our pupils. Sharing assembly is always the highlight of my week as we take a moment to reflect on our learning and celebrate achievements both in and out of school; we certainly have some very talented children who engage in a whole range of activities and interests. Their reports help to motivate others and we look forward each week to discovering something new. Year 8 have been spending some time in the Pre Prep and we have been most impressed with their maturity and gentle nurturing of the younger pupils providing an excellent example of how one vision can be achieved across our school. On Friday they planned and delivered a range of learning experiences. From rocket launches to light refraction experiments, we were impressed by the content and delivery of the sessions. Please click below to see more from Pre Prep:

[Pre Prep News Page](#)

## Middle School News

Kate McManus  
Head of Middle School

Despite the overcast chilliness and intermittent sunshine this week, the Middle School pupils have impressed me with their enjoyment of using Edge Grove Park and running the daily mile during their break times on a Tuesday and a Thursday. On Friday the pupils enjoyed a delicious picnic style lunch on the front lawn and it was a lovely opportunity for staff and pupils to sit together informally and share their excitement about all the upcoming planned events over the next three weeks. 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

What an exciting week this week. The children were enthralled by the story of Beowulf and Grendel, picking up on the rich language used and the writing trick of using groups of three to describe. Children have been looking around the school and identifying acute, right and obtuse angles.

Year 4

This week's maths was debunking myths about decimal numbers and learning how our normal methods can be made to work with them. Plus the magic square challenge which some children challenged themselves to find extra answers to the mystery!

Please click below to see more from Lower School:



[Lower School News Page](#)

## Upper School News

Anna Warren,  
Head of Upper School

Congratulations to all our Year 8 Common Entrance candidates whose results were announced today. You have all worked so hard, and we are very proud of you all! The Edge Grove Baccalaureate grades for the academic subjects were also announced. All Year 8 pupils will find out their overall Edge Grove Baccalaureate Award grade at the end of term. This will include their grades for the co-curricular subjects, communication, teamwork, critical thinking and leadership. One of the week's highlights was seeing how well the Year 8 pupils did in the Inaugural Edge Grove Baccalaureate Conference. The pupils' presentations, on a theme related to *Britain's Health*, were outstanding. Click below to see pictures of the conference and Year 8 enjoying team building exercises provided by Phasel's Wood as part of the Baccalaureate Challenge.

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