

# EDGE



# GROVE

## Newsletter

10th September 2018



Dear Parents

It has been a fantastic first few days back at Edge Grove and after such a long holiday, it is always great to see the school alive again with the sound and sight of lots of happy and excited pupils. It always amazes me how quickly the children settle into their new classes and the school routines resume as normal. My visits to the Pre School and Reception classes clearly showed how valuable and useful our transition processes are as our youngest pupils were all happily engaged in their learning as though it were the end of the school year and not the beginning. On Friday, I had an enjoyable lunch with our new Pupil Leadership Team of Scarlett, Ritwik, Charlotte-Anne and Lewis and we were able to discuss their plans for the new Upper School common room and other ideas for the school year. Along with the newly formed pupil council, I am always keen to hear pupils' views about their school and things they would like to see happen. My lunches with each of the Year 5 tutor groups this half term will also provide the perfect opportunity to hear how things are going straight from the horses' mouths!

The start of the school year is when I like to set out my aims and expectations for the year ahead and in the prep school assembly on Wednesday I talked about what I want the pupils to be able to do:

### Calendar

#### Tuesday 11th September

Year 7 Team Building and Bushcraft Residential, Hatfield Woods, depart 9.00am

Lower School FireFly (School Intranet) parents' workshop, IT room, 8.30am

Middle School welcome evening, Theatre, 6.00pm

Year 4 trip to Paradise Wildlife Centre, Broxbourne (formal uniform)

Friends of Edge Grove AGM, Library, 7.00pm

#### Wednesday 12th

Year 7 Team Building and Bushcraft Residential, Hatfield Woods, return by 4.00pm

Football Colts A, Haileybury College, U11 6-a-side tournament

Football v Westbrook Hay, Colts D, Colts E, Colts F, Colts G (H), 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Colts B, Colts C (A)

Football Mount, Colts H, Colts I, Colts J (H)

Hockey v Haileybury, U11 (A)

#### Thursday 13th

Individual photos, Reception to Year 8 (formal uniform)

Hockey v Chesham Prep, U9 (H), 3.30pm, U8 (A), 3.00pm

#### Friday 14th

Year 5 visit to Hampton Court (formal uniform)

Year 8 Team Building and Bushcraft trip to Hatfield Woods, 9.00am - 4.00pm

Boarding Laser Tag Activity Evening

Official opening of the Edge Grove Professional Artist Series, Front Hall, 7.00pm

#### Saturday 15th

Gin Experience by 'GinspireMe'; Library, 7.30pm

#### Sunday 16th

#### Monday 17th

1. Make mistakes - make them and learn from them
2. Not to work hard to 'get good grades', **but** to work hard to improve and help others to improve
3. Use technology to: create, communicate, collaborate and think critically
4. Be themselves and allow others to be themselves too

Finally I spoke about how we did not need rules in school (this led to some raised eyebrows) as long as we have respect. Our code of conduct is built around the word respect; respect for each other, the school and oneself. Together with our Flourish acts of kindness, caring and community, these aims should ensure that everyone at school plays their part in making our community a supportive and cohesive one in which everyone feels safe, nurtured and valued.

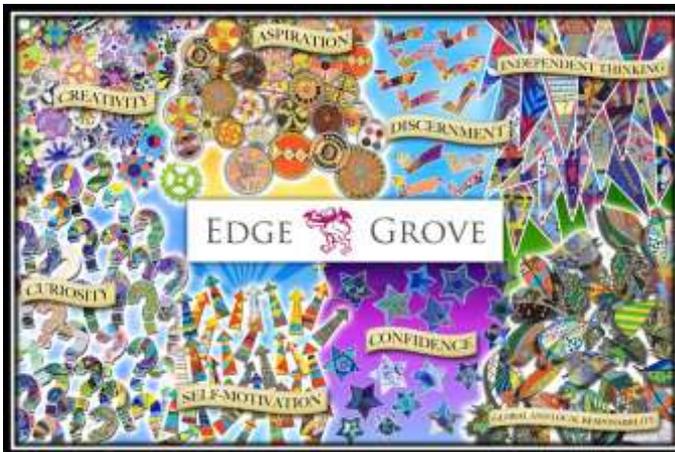
Even in just three days, I have seen lots of evidence of this both in the classroom and on the playing fields at break times. I look forward to awarding lots of golden moments for those extra special acts of kindness in which children have gone out of their way to help others as well as merits and commendations for working hard, doing the right thing and showing respect.

The Friends of Edge Grove play a huge role in the school by providing both fellowship opportunities for the whole community (pupils, parents and staff) and by raising funds for additional resources for the children. This year's AGM will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Library and everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be provided and it will be a convivial occasion with presentations of the work of the FoEG last year plus the chance to be part of this year's committee. Alex and I look forward to seeing lots of you there with no expectation of any commitment!

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to our first social event for parents - the Gin Experience by GinspireMe on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Library. With six different gins and tonic and food by Bonnie May, it will be the perfect way to meet other parents and learn the difference between one gin and another. Tickets are available from the school office in person or at [office@edgegrove.com](mailto:office@edgegrove.com)

My best wishes for an enjoyable week ahead.

Ben Evans



**Riley has no regrets about The Voice performance!**

A fantastic performance on The Voice Kids by Riley:

<http://safeyoutube.net/w/Tbse>

## Kian and Honor at the Oval!

Kian and Honor had an unbelievable afternoon at the Oval with the England cricket team. They enjoyed being coached, whilst Ben Stokes watched and trained!



# EDGE GROVE



You are warmly invited to the official opening  
of the exciting

### Edge Grove Professional Artist Series

on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm

Come and enjoy the works of Suman Gujral  
and Bob Spriggs with a glass of fizz, meet  
the artists, and get to know the Edge Grove  
art scholars.

RSVP to Claire Tomsett ([ctomsett@edgegrove.com](mailto:ctomsett@edgegrove.com)) by  
10th September. We look forward to seeing you there.



# EXCLUSIVE EVENING OF GIN

With GinspireMe

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 7.30pm

Edge Grove Library

Learn about the fascinating history of gin and how it is made whilst tasting 6 premium craft distilled gins, paired with the range of Fever Tree Tonic.

Come and be ginspired!

Ticket price includes 6 Gin and tonics and delicious canapes from Bonnie May Food

Email [events@edgegrove.com](mailto:events@edgegrove.com)

**Book  
Soon!  
Tickets  
£35**



**Limited to  
only  
30 Spaces**



## FRIENDS

OF EDGE  GROVE

Friends of Edge Grove

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September, Library, 7.30pm

Hear about what the FOEG do and what they have funded.

Vote in a new committee.

And have some drinks, a chat and some food!

RSVP [Office@edgegrove.com](mailto:Office@edgegrove.com)

# Pre Prep News

Gill Emmerson,  
Head of Pre Prep

The children starting school for the very first time last week at Edge Groove are going to have a very interesting future. As a new century rolls in it will be fascinating to discover what that might involve in terms of their careers. What we can be sure of is, that if they have grown up focusing on developing a healthy mind and body they will be better prepared for whatever life brings. In this regard yoga sessions and the daily mile have already begun in the Pre Prep and will continue to feature along with other such important activity throughout their time here. It has been wonderful to meet so many parents at our welcome meetings and spend some time amongst the children as they settle in to new routines. There have been lots of getting to know you circle times from the Pre School to Year 2 and the mild autumn temperatures have as always, drawn us outside. The calendar is busy and full of opportunities for the children and we look forward to sharing their adventures both in and out of the classroom as the term progresses.

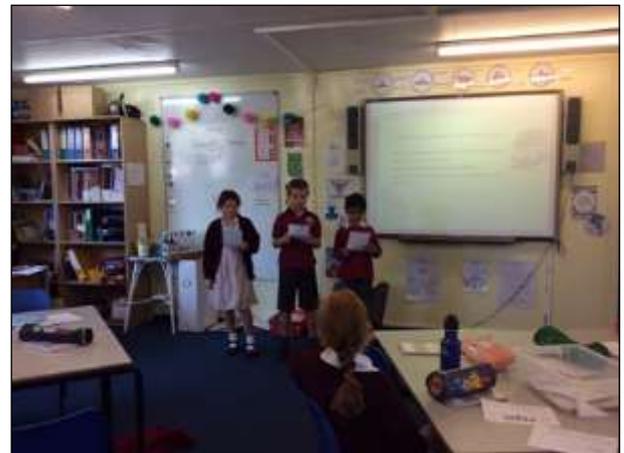


# Lower School News

Samantha Robinson,  
Head of Lower School

What a wonderful start to the new school year in Lower School - sunshine and happy children, parents and teachers!

The children have embraced the new year with much excitement and enthusiasm. They have spent time getting to know their new teachers, routines and timetables whilst fitting in playtime, lessons and sport too!



# Middle School News

Kate McManus

Head of Middle School

A very warm welcome back to all Middle School parents! From all the exciting stories that I have heard, it sounds like everyone had a brilliant summer. It has been wonderful to see all your children looking so happy and healthy and raring to get started. The first 3 days of the term have been used purposefully and provided the pupils and teachers a lot of opportunities to settle in and get to know each other. Year 5 have been amazing with their transition and have really impressed! I have included lovely photos of various Middle School pupils in class and around the school to share with you. We will continue to work slowly and carefully with your children to help them become comfortable and confident in their new phase at Edge Grove. Please may I take a brief moment to remind you about the Middle School Welcome Evening next Tuesday in the theatre at 6.00pm. I am so looking forward to meeting many more of you.



# Upper School News

Anna Warren,  
Head of Upper School

## ***Be Involved***

A big welcome back to all our returning Upper School pupils, and an extra special welcome to our new starters in Year 7! It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm and positivity in the first week of term. Our pupils are genuinely ready to learn, and ready for the wealth of opportunities and challenges that await them! It was wonderful to meet so many parents at the Upper School welcome evening last Wednesday. If you have any further questions, please just let me know!



## Flourish Parent Workshop

### Exploring your child's developing brain

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2018, 8.45am – 11.00am  
£25 per person

Research into neuro science continues to evidence that childhood is a time of tremendous brain development and that this process continues until the age of 25. The young brain literally changes shape and size in response to everything encountered: the environment, experiences, parenting and relationships.

Familiarity with the stages of brain development, the changes they bring, the influence they have on thoughts, feelings and behaviour will, without doubt, assist the navigation of the challenges each stage presents and help in preparing for the changes ahead.

The role of a parent evolves constantly. This workshop offers the opportunity to explore topics that will assist you to support your child's development, physically and emotionally:

- Ages and stages – physical and neurological brain development
- Nature versus nurture
- Keeping up with the ever changing 'job description' for parenting
- Supporting the developing brain – building blocks for success
- Communication – are you speaking the same language?
- The power of subliminal learning

For further information and to book your place please contact Sally Sharp, Head of Wellbeing:  
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