



EDGE NEWS



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Edge Grove

Monday 12th November 2018



Dear Parents

As I write this just after 12.00pm on Sunday afternoon, the sun is streaming through the window and it's a glorious sunny autumn day. A very different scene from Saturday afternoon when the torrential storm of rain and hail flooded the school grounds forcing us to make the difficult decision to cancel our fireworks night. Such are the vagaries of British weather!

Our week of Remembrance culminated with the laying of a wreath by our pupil leadership team on behalf of the Edge Grove community at the Service held on Letchmore Heath village green. It was yet another example of how respectful and understanding our pupils are; they represented the school superbly and I was a very proud headmaster. Our two school Services on Friday involved the whole school, either in music, the reading of poems and prayers or in the display of remembrance inspired work including poems, paintings and creative writing. Not forgetting the 500 ceramic poppies, each one unique and a work of art. If you were unable to attend our evening Service, surrounded by the crosses and poppies on the front lawn and experience for yourselves the respect, solemnity and depth of feeling, I thought I would share this from a visitor to the school: "The quality of the reading and the music, the choice of material and the way every member of the school community was fully involved contributed to a truly moving experience...I feel that the ethos of Edge Grove is such that we were not only there in body but fully in spirit."

CALENDAR

Tuesday 13th November

Lower School coffee morning, North Dorm, 8.30am
Year 7 Baccalaureate E-Cubed workshop, Effective Communication, Chapel, 8.30am
Governing Body Finance Committee Meeting, 5.00pm

Wednesday 14th November

House meetings
Football v Orley Farm, 1st, 2nd, Colts D, Colts E (A) 3rd, 4tg, Colts A, Colts B, Colts C (H)
Hockey v Kingshott, U13, U11 (A) U10 (H)

Thursday 15th November

Middle School coffee morning, North Dorm, 8.30am
Football Triangular v heath Mount and Beechwood Park, U9 at Heath Mount, U8 at Beechwood Park
Hockey v Kingshott, U8 (H), U9 (A)
Table Tennis v Lockers Park (H), 6.00pm
Pre Prep consultation evening, Pre Prep, 5.00pm-8.00pm

Friday 16th November

Year 8 Baccalaureate E-Cubed workshop, Desire Management, Theatre, 8.30am
Ignite Challenge Meeting

Saturday 17th November

Sunday 18th November

Monday 19th November

Rush Hour concert, ABRSM candidates, Theatre, 4.30pm

I have written before about the importance of spirituality, in its widest sense, at Edge Grove and it is clear that we are very much achieving our aims.

We have another exciting week ahead, the highlight of which for year 6 to 8 will be their visit to the Chiltern Open Air Museum . The whole site is closed to the public for the winter but our staff, together with the museum staff will be holding a host of workshops to explore WW1 social and cultural history and bring it to life.

I hope it is an enjoyable and purposeful week for everyone.

Best wishes

Ben Evans

Pre Prep News

Gill Emmerson,
Head of Pre Prep

Reception and Pre-School pupils welcomed firefighters from Red Watch and their fire engine to the school grounds last week. Having the opportunity to clamber around the fire engine and ask lots of questions provided a wonderful learning experience for the children. Last year's 1 Oak were informed that they had won the Great British Button Challenge and received a certificate and generous supply of craft materials for the whole year group. Reception Beech were the proud winners of the Reception Diwali art competition which I was pleased to judge; all classes made a sterling effort, their chalk art brightening up the path for a few short hours! All pupils were involved in learning about Remembrance Day ahead of school assemblies. Year 2 also had a visit from Magic Grandad (aka Mr. Chaplin) who helped to add some historical context to the two world wars and Mrs Henwood brought in artefacts owned by her mother, such as a letter written to her by her father when he was a serving soldier in WWII.



Lower School News

Samantha Robinson,
Head of Lower School

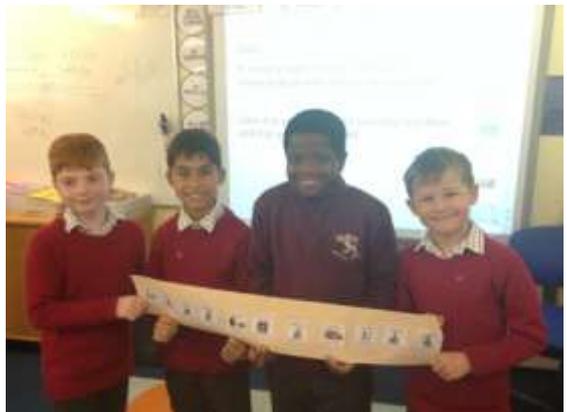
Year 3

A great first week back after half term as the children got stuck in to Rocks and Fossils straight away with an excellent workshop. They all got to hold a fossilised dinosaur egg, with bones of a baby dinosaur inside! The theme of remembrance that has been prevalent across the whole school this week was explored most thoughtfully and maturely by the children in English as they created poems to mark this important yet sombre occasion. In maths, children explored mental addition strategies, making links between number bonds, near doubles and extending their knowledge to incorporate larger numbers after identifying patterns.



Year 4

A wonderful and poignant week back after the holidays in year 4, filled with many memorable moments. In maths, the children explored their understanding of Roman Numerals and enjoyed making numbers with their bodies. Many children were inspired to calculate the longest number you could make in Roman Numerals up to 2000! In English, lessons were inspired by Remembrance Day and starting the unit of a story in a historical setting. Science and Topic lessons focused on the new units of Forces and Greeks to Romans respectively, and excitingly, many children and staff were able to take part in the planting of over 100 new trees in Edge Grove Park. Friday's Remembrance Service marked 100 years of Armistice and with the activities undertaken this week, the children had a very good understanding of the poignancy behind this occasion.



Middle School News

Kate McManus

Head of Middle School

Welcome back to a very busy first week! Exams.... Remembrance.... Bonfire, just to name a few. The year 6 pupils must be congratulated for conducting themselves in a mature and diligent manner during their exams. Some photos have been included for you to see them in action. We look forward to welcoming you to our Middle School coffee morning on Thursday in North Dorm.

Year 5

In French, pupils have started discussing their school and their favourite subjects. They have created lively role-plays and used a variety of games to learn new vocabulary linked to school life. Each child enjoyed expressing opinions about 'les matières scolaires' and they will all be learning to talk about their school routines next.

In Geography, pupils have been showing what they know by completing a locations test which was set as a prep over the half term following our class work on this. I have been incredibly impressed with the amount of effort that has gone in to their revision and several pupils have achieved 100% on their assessment!

In PE, pupils have been finishing off their gymnastic routines and they have worked hard to include 3 different balances and 2 types of travel in their routine.



Year 6

Pupils have been chatting to each other in French about their free time and hobbies. In particular which TV programmes they enjoy watching. The pupils have started to look at the present tense of regular French verbs.

In Geography, we continue to explore tourism and this week pupils are being whisked off to Kenya (virtually) to explore the impacts tourism is having on the traditional Kenyan tribes. This will feed into some work on ecotourism and a project task. We are also continuing to develop our map skills and location skills during our shorter lesson this week.

In PE, pupils have received feedback from their peers and have used this to improve their routines further for a final performance.



This week in classics pupils have been doing some cross curricular writing, putting together all their knowledge about the Ancient Greek cities of Athens and Sparta. They have written persuasive letters to the famous Doctor Who, advising him (or her!) which would be the best city to go back in time to visit in his/her tardis. I have been very impressed with the facts that have been included, as well as the persuasive language techniques that they have used.



Both year 5 and 6 pupils have enjoyed a Remembrance themed Religious Studies lesson. We have been looking at the religious aspect of Remembrance services and in particular the symbol of War Memorials that were built throughout the country. We have explored online the Radlett Memorial Cross, identifying why it was built and how it symbolises the commemoration of the First and Second World Wars.

Upper School News

Anna Warren,
Head of Upper School

This week has been an exceptionally busy one for Year 8. Now that exam week has ended, they can enjoy some time to rest! We welcomed Anna Schofield from the Chiltern Open Air Museum in to Edge Grove this week. Anna spoke to Year 6 and Year 7 about some of the commemoration activities the children can look forward to when they visit today. This will be a wonderful opportunity for Edge Grove pupils and staff to enjoy unique access to the Museum's heritage site and buildings. We are looking forward to rag-rug making, ration cooking, collaborative art, code cracking and military parades. Anna also introduced the children to two war artists, Paul and John Nash.

On Sunday, our Head Boy and Head Girl, and Deputy Head Boy and Girl attended the Remembrance Service in Letchmore Heath on Sunday 11th November. They did a fantastic job representing the whole school at this very special occasion to round off a great week of commemoration and remembrance.

Congratulations to two members of 7T who have been heavily involved in their local communities this week. Riley was asked to perform at the Diversity Festival 2018 which took place in Elstree and Borehamwood a few weeks ago. Riley performed six songs, and was applauded for his outstanding delivery. Riley was also asked to perform at the Holocaust Memorial Day 2019 in January which will take place at the Bushey Academy. Congratulations Riley!

Harry was invited to be a guest on Radio Dacorum's Remembrance show on Sunday. He selected a number of tracks, performed a poetry recital, and spoke about how proud he is of his great grandfather who fought in World War 1. Well done Harry!



IN OTHER NEWS...

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK - pupils will be having assemblies over the course of the next week related to anti-bullying week. Throughout the year, Flourish sessions promote the values that we expect our children to have regarding kindness, care and respect for each other. At Edge Grove we pride ourselves in having a community where the children can feel safe and secure whilst having the confidence to report any situation that may upset them. For more information on this year's Anti-Bullying Campaign visit:

<https://www.bullying.co.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2018/>



SWIMMING - At the John Hempenstall Gala for CoStA Niccolò won five gold medals in individual races and the trophy for highest scoring boy under 10! In addition, he managed to achieve the qualifying times to be awarded with two Swim England Speed Awards: Silver for Front Crawl with 19.76 sec for the 25m (less than a second from gold) and Silver for Backstroke with 24.59 sec for the 25m (again one second from gold). Well done Niccolò! What a fantastic achievement.

A thank you poster for a coffee morning event. The background is a green pattern of small white dots. At the top, it says 'THANK YOU TO EVERYONE AT Edge Grove School Trust Ltd'. Below this, there are several circular icons representing coffee, pastries, and a teapot. At the bottom, it says 'We hosted our Coffee Morning our way by buying, baking, serving up and sipping a delicious spread - and our fantastic team effort raised an amazing £630.82'. To the right, it says 'WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING' and 'MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT'. There is also a small photo of a tray of pastries in the bottom left corner.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Macmillan Coffee Morning last half term. We raised £630.82 which will go a long way to supporting this fantastic charity. From funding nurses to answering calls to the Macmillan Support Line, our donation will be vital in giving support to the people who need it most.

IN OTHER NEWS...

HALLOWEEN - The boarders had a belated Halloween evening on Thursday night and enjoyed an evening of "trick or Treating" with a few scares along the way. Thank you to Miss Dolly, Miss Howley and the gaps for providing the entertainment for the evening. Photos can be found here: <http://firefly.edgegrove.com/boarding/boarding-evenings/halloween>.





Sports News

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Academic Commendations,
Commendations and Golden Moments
for the 19th Oct - 8th Nov

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS



FESTIVE RECIPES & lot's of Fun!

YOUNG CHEFS

18th, 19th & 20th December

9.30am – 3.30pm (extended hours option available)

Edge Grove School

- Cookery Camps are open to both boys and girls from 7 – 13yrs and we have small groups so that everyone receives individual attention.
- **Each day will be different** and our budding cooks will learn how to make different dishes as well as enjoying lots of foodie fun and games.
- Our camps **include lunch** (vegetarian option available) all ingredients and equipment, as well as a free recipe booklet.
- Each child will have a fun, 'hands on' cookery experience and go home with lots of treats to impress family and friends.
- The camps are structured to allow children of all abilities to learn new skills, make new friends and have a fun time in the school holidays.
- The course runs from 9.30am – 3.30pm and the daily rate is £65 per child.
- There is an extended hours option available for a small additional daily charge.
- **CHRISTMAS BOOKINGS also being taken now for the 18th, 19th & 20th December.**

To book you place call us on 01442 876259 or email bookings@how2boilwater.com

