



# EDGE NEWS



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Edge Grove

Monday 19th November 2018

Dear Parents

I hope you agree that the fireworks on Friday evening were well worth waiting for and thankfully the weather was on our side too; my thanks to everyone who supported the evening as well as to Mr Smith for masterminding the display.



Friday was quite a day, epitomising Edge Grove spirit in so many ways. In our whole school assembly we were joined by Mr Oliver Dowden, MP for Hertsmere to celebrate the culmination of UK Parliament Week. All week pupils had been exploring the centenary of women's suffrage in the UK and what better way to end their work than by hearing about modern day Parliament from our MP - especially at the end of such an interesting week of politics! As ever, the pupils' questions at the end were searching and insightful with just a hint of Brexit to keep Mr Dowden on his toes. Year 8 transported us back to the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century with a lively parliamentary debate discussing whether women should be given the vote. Both sides spoke with great persuasion and passion and I am pleased to say that the ayes had it in favour of women's suffrage. Democracy in action and another example of how our pupils understand and embrace the fundamental British values.

It was a slightly surreal experience watching the assembly with a fair smattering of Pudsey bears in the audience, together with lots of yellow and spots. Charitable endeavours and giving are never far from our minds and once again, the children fully involved themselves in Children in Need and raising money for such worthwhile causes around the country. The Pudsey cake produced by James and Emily (with a little help from mum too) was a triumph and certainly worthy of mention here. Well done to everyone who produced cakes and thank you for buying them!

The term rushes on and Christmas is in the air. House tree decorations are being made and the school choirs are busily practising for our concerts. The Vox 15 will be singing during the Aldenham Winter Fair held at the Radlett Centre on Sunday; please pop by and support them as well as at the Choir Rush Hour Concert on Thursday at 5.00pm in St John the Baptist Church in Aldenham. Please keep a close eye on the school calendar so that you don't miss anything!

Best wishes

Ben Evans

## CALENDAR

### Tuesday 20th November

Schoolbase Online parents' workshop, IT1, 8.45am  
Instrumental Ensembles rush hour concert, Theatre, 5.30pm  
U13 Basketball v St Martins (A), 4.45pm

### Wednesday 21st November

House meetings  
Football v Lockers Par, 1st, 2nd (H), 3rd, 4th (A)  
Football v Manor Lodge and St Edmund's, Colts A, Colts B, Colts C, Colts D (H)  
Netball v Westbrook Hay, U10 (A), 2.45pm, U11 (H)  
Year 8 parents' evening, Theatre, 5.00pm-7.30pm

### Thursday 22nd November

Football v Aldwickbury, U8 (H)  
Netball v Westbrook Hay, U8, U9 (H)  
Choir rush hour concert at St John the Baptist Church, Aldenham, 5.00pm

### Friday 23rd November

Inter-house football and hockey competition  
**Exeat**  
Exeat school closes at 6.00pm

### Saturday 24th November

Exeat, school closed

### Sunday 25th November

Aldenham Winter Fair, Vox 15 to perform - formal uniform  
Exeat, school closed  
Boarders return, 6.30pm

### Monday 26th November

ABRSM exams, Theatre, all day

# Pre Prep News

Gill Emmerson,  
Head of Pre Prep

*“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”* — W.B. Yeats. Concrete learning is so important for young children. It helps them to compound their understanding before moving to the abstract. By being able to say what they see is so important and as I have mentioned in previous newsletters, I am so excited by the creative ways in which Pre Prep children get involved in this aspect of their learning. Every area of the school site is used to light that fire and a love of learning is born. We also encourage the children to describe themselves as learners and to have a growth mind set when they encounter something new.



# Lower School News

Samantha Robinson,  
Head of Lower School

## Year 3

The children have continued to be wonderfully creative in their English work on poetry appreciation. Using fireworks as their inspiration, they have created colourful mood boards to help them plan their poems, focusing on techniques such as using onomatopoeia, alliteration and similes! Vote 100 has been a large focus for year 3 this week. Following on from a thought provoking assembly presented by Mr Wooding, the children have been learning about the suffragettes and the suffragists. They have created large artworks exploring the differences between the two movements led respectfully by Emmeline Pankhurst and Millicent Fawcett and have been thinking about the impact of voting and having their voices heard. During topic, the children have begun to explore the continents and oceans around them, and in science we have compared Earth to a boiled egg! Ask your child what this means!



## Year 4

Another exciting week in the Lower School, starting with an interesting and thought provoking assembly run by Mr Wooding about Vote 100 week. For some reason, the children decided that it was not fair that just the male members of staff were voting for actions that would impact on the whole staff! In English, the children learnt more about the famous suffragette, Emmeline Pankhurst and created a variety of posters to display their findings and share with Oliver Dowden on Friday's special assembly. In maths this week, negative numbers were explored and in science, the children have started to find out more about the force of friction. During topic lessons, key historical events on the Ancient Greek timeline have been researched, including Alexander the Great, the Ancient Olympics and to tie in with the Vote 100 week of course, democracy!



## And finally...

Last weekend, Luke in 4R took part in the English Taekwondo Open Championship in Manchester. He placed first in his category by age and grade for performing patterns, and second for sparring. Congratulations Luke!



# Middle School News

Kate McManus

Head of Middle School

So much on the go again this week from a full day out at the Chiltern Open Air Museum, jam-packed with activities, a humorous assembly from T&B contractors who are building the new Lower School building, house meetings and much more. However, the highlight, apart from dressing in mufti, must be the visit we received from our local MP, Oliver Dowden! The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to what Mr Dowden had to say and they asked some very interesting questions too. Thank you also to all the mums and dads who attended the Middle School coffee morning!

## Maths

Year 5 Red set have been learning about WW1 and using their mathematical knowledge to find out about; casualties in the war, percentages, rota, data, and graphs. The Blue set have been consolidating their learning on multiplying 4 digit by 2 digit numbers. They have been creating their own calculations using dice and have been embracing a growth mindset by using green pen to identify and explain their mistakes so they can learn from them.

## English

In English this past week the middle school were exploring Remembrance week and the 100 year anniversary of the end of the first world war. The children needed inspiration for writing poetry and so they were taken to the fabulous display at the front of the school on the front lawn. This coupled with performances of famous poems such as "In Flanders Field" helped the children hugely in writing their poems, finishing with some truly touching pieces of work.

## Music

The Middle School pupils have been working extremely hard during their class music lessons. Year 5 have been exploring the different elements of music and how they can fit together to change a piece of music. Year 6 have been continuing with the film music underscores and working in small ensembles to compose a piece of music that can accompany a storyboard that they have written themselves.

## Drama

Year 5 and 6 have been looking at Act 1 Scene 1 of Romeo and Juliet, where the Montagues and the Capulets meet on the street and have a 'civic brawl'. The children have been using slow motion stage combat to portray the scene and have put this to music of 'Dance of the Knights' from the ballet of Romeo and Juliet, to make a stylised piece of drama.

## Technology

The year 5 children have finished their mask designs and evaluated them in preparation for the textiles element of technology. This was their first week of textiles and the children learnt about the health and safety aspects of working with hot wax for their batiks. They practised using a tianting and managing the speed and flow of the wax while making a variety of shapes and writing their names onto sugar paper. Next week they will practise blending fabric paints. After the children have finished their practice runs, they will be ready to start their masks!



# Upper School News

Anna Warren,  
Head of Upper School

This week started with a unique day of remembrance themed activities at the Chiltern Open Air Museum. It was a pleasure to observe our Year 6-8 pupils working in houses on a range of interactive, cross curricular activities including code-cracking, rag rug design, ration cooking, military parading, in-role drama, music composition and collaborative art. Monday's blue skies, sunshine and rainbows made it even more enjoyable and memorable! We were impressed with our Year 8 captains who led their groups exceptionally well. My thanks to the Creative Arts team for making it happen.

Do you know how to communicate effectively? Ask Year 7 for some tips, as they know! In their E-Cube Baccalaureate workshop this week, the pupils explored a range of listening habits and communication styles. They also focused on the need to be a global listener too.

Finally, well done to all Year 8 pupils for delivering their speeches on the theme of suffrage! We were very impressed with how well the children researched, composed and performed their 'soapbox' speeches. 8 Red took it a step further, and developed theirs into a debate in the company of Oliver Dowden, our local MP, and the whole school. Well done! And thank you to Mrs Oldfield who we think would make an excellent Speaker of the House of Commons!





### Sports News

Follow Edge Grove Sport on Twitter  
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[Click here for all this week's match reports](#)



**Academic Commendations,  
Commendations and Golden Moments  
for the 9th-15th November**

[Click for more details](#)



### MUSIC

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

[Click for music lesson timetables](#)

## PREP SPRING TERM AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Please see the link below for the proposed schedule for the Prep Spring Term after-school Activities (not including Pre Prep). Booking will not open until the 28<sup>th</sup> November. Please take this opportunity to have a look at the schedule with your child to see which activities they may like to do. Please remember you will need your SchoolBase login to access the online booking system once it has opened.

<http://firefly.edgegrove.com/activities-1/activities-for-the-spring-term-1>





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# CHRISTMAS FAIR

**SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER**  
**11AM-3PM**

FEATURING

A Visit to Santa's Grotto\*

MULLED WINE & HOT CIDER ~ HOT FESTIVE FOOD  
MONSTER HOT CHOCOLATE ~ GIFT STALLS  
FRESH FRENCH CREPES ~ CRAFTS ~ RAFFLE  
CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA ~ LUCKY DIP  
GAMES

\*Pre-bookings only through FOEG ticket sales

# UK PARLIAMENT WEEK

We had a very busy week celebrating UK Parliament Week with lots of fun activities taking place to explore what Parliament means and to reinforce our values of Democracy. Pupils throughout the school learnt about Vote 100 (the centenary of women's suffrage), the suffragettes and the suffragists and the differences between the two movements led by Emmeline Pankhurst and Millicent Fawcett respectively. The week culminated in a very special whole school assembly in which we welcomed Mr Oliver Dowden, MP for Hertsmere. Mr Dowden shared some interesting insights into modern day politics and his experiences of Parliament and year 8 transported us back to the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century with a lively parliamentary debate discussing whether women should be given the vote. It was a fantastic way to demonstrate democracy in action and it rounded off a busy and eventful week in a fun yet informative way. Well done all!



MP Oliver Dowden



Year 8 debate discussing whether women should be given the vote



Voting for women's suffrage!

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# HERTFORDSHIRE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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Helping local people in need

We are delighted that Edge Grove has chosen to support local charity, Hertfordshire Community Foundation (HCF). This provides a local focus to the school's philanthropy whilst it continues its international support for the Rainbow School Project in Sri Lanka.

HCF is a county wide charity which seeks to tackle need and deprivation by providing grants to vital small charities, community organisations and to families and children living in crisis in Hertfordshire.



With an estimated 30,000 children in our county currently living below the poverty line, 490 people sleeping rough every night, 658 winter deaths attributed to poor living conditions and 25% of residents experiencing mental health problems at some point during their lives demand for HCF's support is growing year on year.

At Hertfordshire Community Foundation we encourage local charitable giving to help make Hertfordshire a better place to live, for everyone. Every penny raised stays within Hertfordshire. If you would like to find out more please visit [www.hertsfc.org.uk](http://www.hertsfc.org.uk) or call 01707 251351.

Children in years 3 and above will find out more about HCF and the role it plays in the county at an assembly on Monday 3rd December.

We also have a number of Virgin Money London Marathon race places available for 2019. If you would like to take part in this iconic event and raise money to help vulnerable people in Hertfordshire at the same time please email [sarah.tisdall@hertsfc.org.uk](mailto:sarah.tisdall@hertsfc.org.uk) to register your interest.

Thank you for your support. It is hugely appreciated.

Helen Gray  
Foundation Director  
Hertfordshire Community  
Foundation



*(Registered Charity number: 1156082)*

Aldenham Parish Council

# Winter Fair

at the Radlett Centre  
 Sunday 25th November 2.00pm to 5.00pm  
 The Winter Lights switch-on will be at 4.30pm

Santa's Grotto & Elves  
 Arts and Crafts Fair

Festive attractions  
 Music  
 Mulled wine  
 Mince pies and much, much more.



For more information please see [www.aldenham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.aldenham-pc.gov.uk)

The event is organised by Aldenham Parish Council

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## Raise FREE funds as you shop for your Christmas Gifts

[www.giveasyoulive.com/join/edgegrove](http://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/edgegrove)

Simply visit the above link and raise FREE funds for us every time you shop online via Give as you Live!

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BETTER BODY

## ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

6 hour workshop  
 Nutrition  
 Movement pattern  
 S&C  
 Team work  
 Snack provided

Mon 17th Tues 18th Dec  
 9am-12:00  
 Years 4-8  
 £65

Contact [kevans@edgegrove.com](mailto:kevans@edgegrove.com) for more information and to book your space.  
 Deadline Fri 7th Dec

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE



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## WANTED LONDON MARATHON 2019 RUNNERS



YOU CAN MAKE HERTFORDSHIRE A BETTER PLACE FOR EVERYONE

Run this iconic event and raise money to help vulnerable people in our county

Register your interest for a place in the Virgin London Marathon (taking place on 28 April 2019) by emailing [sarah.tisdall@hertsacf.org.uk](mailto:sarah.tisdall@hertsacf.org.uk) or call 01707 251351

For more information visit [www.hertsacf.org.uk](http://www.hertsacf.org.uk)

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## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS



### FESTIVE RECIPES & lot's of Fun!

#### YOUNG CHEFS

18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> December.**

To book you place call us on 01442 876259 or email [bookings@how2boilwater.com](mailto:bookings@how2boilwater.com)

