



EDGE NEWS



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Edge Grove

Monday 5th November 2018

Dear Parents

I hope you have all enjoyed the half term break and it was fantastic to see the children return to school this morning so full of energy and excitement. Alex, the boys and I had a brilliant time in Sri Lanka but we are now suffering the effects of jetlag having all been wide awake at 3.30am for the last two mornings! The prep school were treated to a very enjoyable video of the girls' netball tour to Barbados in assembly this morning. I am delighted to say that the team returned undefeated winning all four of their matches and displaying huge amounts of effort and resilience as well as a fair amount of skill too. My thanks to Miss Jennings and Miss Evans for organising the trip and to Mrs Beer for providing some expert coaching and local knowledge.

I am delighted to let you know that our most recent Good Schools' Guide review is now live and can be accessed [here](#). As you will see, the editor has certainly captured the essence of what makes Edge Grove so special and distinctive as well as what happy, enthusiastic and creative children we are so lucky to have. Please do read the whole review but if you don't have time, here's the closing paragraph to give you a flavour:

"This is a delightful prep with an ethos of discovery and learning through doing – no drilling facts and boring worksheets for these lucky things. Both aspirational and fun, it's a school that enables children to go onto a wide range of first choice schools, without the pressure that's so prevalent in this north London bubble. And the children seem to genuinely appreciate the big skies, lush grounds and round-the-clock activities."

It has been a busy holiday for our maintenance and estates teams with much work completed all over the school. A new projector and sound system has been installed in the Theatre, mobile floodlights fitted in the walled garden courts and a very smart new path constructed adjacent to the front lawn. Additionally, you will have noticed that the venerable cedar tree has sadly been felled; not an easy decision to make but pupil safety has to come first. A new (much smaller) one will be planted this week along with nearly 300 trees and native hedging we have received from the Woodland Trust. The new lower school building project is now in full swing and please observe all signs and barriers that are in place.

All pupils will need to wear formal uniform for the Remembrance Services on Friday (see information letter for details) and I look forward to seeing everyone at our fireworks night on Saturday starting at 5.00pm.

Best wishes

Ben Evans

CALENDAR

Tuesday 6th November

Year 6 and 8 exams

Health and Safety Committee Meeting, Headmaster's Study, 7.45am

Table Tennis v Beechwood Park (H), 6.00pm

Year 4 Classical Civilisation workshop—*Cancelled*

Wednesday 7th November

Year 6 and 8 exams

Year 3 Rocks and Fossils workshop, Sports Hall

Football v Beechwood Park, 2nd, 4th (H), 1st, 3rd (A)

Football v Radlett Prep, Colts A, B, C, D, E (H)

Hockey v Belmont, U13 (A)

Hockey v Broughton Manor, U11A and B (A)

Hockey v Beechwood Park, U10 (H)

Year 4 Girls, French poetry speaking competition, Queen Anne's School - *Cancelled*

Thursday 8th November

Year 6 and 8 exams

Football Festival, U9A, U9B at Locker's Park

Football Festival, U9C, U9D, U9E, U9F at Westbrook Hay

Friday 9th November

Remembrance Day Service, Sports Hall, 10.45am (formal uniform)

An Evening of Remembrance, Sports Hall, 5.30pm (formal uniform)

Saturday 10th November

Bonfire Night, 5.00pm (Fireworks at 6.00pm)

Sunday 11th November

Letchmore Heath Remembrance Service, 10.30am

All welcome. Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl will represent the school (formal uniform)

Monday 12th November

Pre Prep consultation evening, Pre Prep, 5.00pm-8.00pm

Year 8 girls immunisation

Pre Prep News

Gill Emmerson,
Head of Pre Prep

Countdown to half term began with lots of news about the wonderful places that the children were due to visit. Although many of them tell me they miss school which is lovely to hear, I am really looking forward to hearing about their travels and the many interesting visits nearer to home that take place and are so expertly described on their return. Whether at home or abroad, Edge Grove pupils have a spirit of adventure and curiosity which fuels their learning and this makes every day a hive of discovery for us all.



Lower School News

Samantha Robinson,
Head of Lower School

Year 3

Another busy, action packed week for year 3 with the Stone Age performance a pinnacle of achievement as every child took part. They have been immersed in a day in the life of a stone age child and the trip last week helped them imagine what it would have been like to live back then. Children have taken this work further and actually created their own shows at playtimes! Instructions for making a plasticine bunny using imperative verbs have been tested with children very much enjoying the exercise, ensuring correct sequence and clarity of writing. Matches on Thursday demonstrated all children completely focused on playing as a team and giving their all.



Year 4

A fun filled week in year 4 before the half term holiday! All subjects have been rounded off this week with various tasks, quizzes and final pieces of work. Letters to the Prime Minister about plastic waste are taking shape and we will be sending a selected few off soon. Wednesday saw the last Farm to Fork trip at Tesco in 4R where the children thoroughly enjoyed speaking to Richard the fishmonger and taste some interesting new foods. On Thursday, both boys and girls hosted home matches and it was great to see how far every player has come on this term within their team.



4W produced an excellent class assembly on the theme of poetry and the children worked so well in their pairs to create their onomatopoeic poems. Well done!



Middle School News

Kate McManus

Head of Middle School

In Maths, 5R have been using their knowledge gained looking at calculations to create function machines. After mastering function machines on paper, the children have begun experimenting with formulas in Googlesheets to create online function machines that will have a relevance in life.

At the end of week 6, the year 6 children who did not go to France were still able to enjoy a fabulous cross-curricular enrichment day. Twenty Five pupils were treated to three subject areas under the umbrella of Forest School. At the beginning of the day the children researched Andy Goldsworthy, land artist, and created their own land art. First of all they created an autumnal colour palette from fallen leaves in the paddock at school. They then brought leaves up to the art room and worked together in teams to create their own designs. Each group gave a presentation of their installation. After this, the children and three staff went to Ashridge National Trust Park. Here we followed a 'Find It' nature trail (science) and stumbled into a production crew filming a period drama. Sadly we didn't get walk on parts! We found our own corner of the woods situated between an area of conifer and beech trees. Here we considered the Jewish Festival celebrated around this time of year called Sukkot. The children worked in teams to build a Sukkah and were able to eat their packed lunches underneath the stars - although, of course, they couldn't be seen (RE). The children's teamwork and camaraderie was inspiring, and the entire day was an absolute pleasure. A testament to the benefits of Forest School.

In Science, year 5 have been rounding up their topic on the heart and circulation. They were able to become blood cells and travel the journey through the heart carrying oxygen and carbon dioxide. Year 6 have been making spinners of the life cycle of flowering plants to show all they have learned through their topic.

In PE, year 5 and 6 have both been working hard in gymnastics. We have been focusing on sequences and routines this week with year 6 also looking at how we can assess each others routines. In our sequences and routines we have included balances and different types of travel like rolls, jumps and twists.



Upper School News

Anna Warren,
Head of Upper School

YEAR 8 PREFECTS



We are delighted to announce that the following pupils have been appointed as Year 8 prefects:

Harry M, Bhavya, Nicole, Nick A, Chethas and Freddie G.

The children were invited to apply for the role, and then attended an interview before half term. They have been presented with their prefect ties and badges by Mr Evans. Our school prefects will be working alongside the current pupil leadership team. They will fulfil daily duties, and are expected to role-model excellent standards and behaviours at all times. Congratulations to the new team!



Creative Arts: This stunning design on the theme of World War 1 and remembrance was created by Year 8 pupil Nicole Zhang. Using the app PicsArt, pupils experimented with a range of editing techniques to transform and overlay original photography and images of war memorabilia.



Science: Year 8 investigate the rates of different particle reactions

IN OTHER NEWS...



ARCHERY - On Sunday 4th October the archery team braved the weather to attend the Hertfordshire County Clout tournament. The children all showed great resilience and grit as they persevered through the driving rain and cold fingers. The team placed very well and we have four new county champions. Under 9 girls champion Fatemah; Under 9 boys champion Evan, Under 12 boys champion Neelkanth, Under 12 girls champion Shona. Special mention to Hayden and Ali who placed 2nd and 3rd in the Under 12 boys competition respectively, as well as Miles who also competed.



CONKER COMPETITION - Thursday 18th October saw the inter-house conker competition. Each house played two matches, with children playing friends in their year group. The Year 8 leaders stepped up magnificently to take control of the event and judge each match. The results were as follows.

- 1st place - Gills (won both matches)
- 2nd place - Sarnesfield (won / drew)
- 3rd place - Stratton (won / lost)
- 4th place - Hedgerows (drew / lost)
- 5th place - Churchills (lost both)



POPPY APPEAL - As part of this year's Remembrance Day celebrations we have poppies and a range of commemorative merchandise available for purchase from the Main Reception. Come in and have a look! All donations will go straight to supporting the Royal British Legion.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

We had a very fun Harvest Festival Assembly at the end of half term with great performances from our Pre Prep, Lower School, Chamber Choir, Vox15 & Ignite Drama pupils. It was great to see such enthusiastic participation from all pupils! Our Chaplain spoke about the importance of this celebration and supporting those in need. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated to our Harvest Festival collection. We have received a heartfelt thank you from the Watford & Three Rivers Refugee Partnership for our donation.





Sports News

Follow Edge Grove Sport on Twitter
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**Academic Commendations,
Commendations and Golden Moments
for the 12th-18th October**

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MUSIC

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

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CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

Dear Parents

All children have had an opportunity to design their own Christmas card and you should have received their sample card and order form over the half term break or this week. The design can also be printed onto gift tags, mugs, tea towels and bags - great for Christmas gifts!

If you wish to order, please make cheques payable to Friends of Edge Grove or transfer payment directly to the Friends of Edge Grove account:
Barclays Bank, Sort Code: 20-29-41, Account: 9062 6767
Please put your child's surname and 'CC18' as the reference.

Please give order forms to the school office or your child's teacher, before the deadline of Friday 9th November 2018.

For every item ordered, a percentage goes straight towards school funds; last year £1,000 was raised for the school.

If there are any queries, please contact Gemma Shaw directly:
vicechair@groupmail.com

Many thanks for your support

“Friday Friends” Coffee Morning

Date: Friday 9th November

Time: 8:30am – 10:00am

Location: The Pavilion

(Please park your car as normal and walk down the main drive using the new Edge Grove Park and find us in the building on the main pitch to the right.)



We invite all parents from the school to come for a cuppa and a biscuit. It's a great way to meet other parents or catch up with friends.

