



EDGE NEWS



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Edge Grove

Monday 10th December 2018

Dear Parents

We take our Guiding Principles very seriously at Edge Grove and this morning we were able to demonstrate our genuine commitment to 'global and local responsibility.' I was, once again, very pleased to be able to welcome over thirty senior citizens from Radlett to enjoy the festive sound of our combined choirs and some congregation singing too. This event, in association with Aldenham Parish Council, is always hugely appreciated by those who attend, not only for the fellowship at Christmas but also due to the amazing quality of our choirs. I look forward to seeing all pupils from Years 3 to 8 at our annual Carol Service on Wednesday starting at 6.30pm at Aldenham School Chapel. This is a compulsory school event and all pupils should be in formal uniform.

As we enter our last week of a long and successful term, I find myself reflecting on the tremendous successes and achievements of our pupils since September. I am in the process of reading all 505 reports which will go live on Schoolbase at 6.00pm on Wednesday; a long but very enjoyable task. They are full of much progress, individual growth and development and obvious enjoyment of school life. It is very clear that the children at Edge Grove are given amazing opportunities and in turn, they rise to the occasion and make the most of every minute in school. I would like to congratulate them for all their efforts and they certainly deserve a good break!

This morning's assembly was further evidence, if needed of how high achieving your children are. My congratulations to both our U13 and U11 boys' table tennis teams who are now County Champions and to our U11 girls' team who came a creditable 4th out of over 40 participating teams. Special mention must also go to two Year 6 pupils - Jimi B for coming 2nd in the National Schools Poetry Competition for his poem *I Am Peace*, a copy of which can be found below, and to Akbar for being in the top ten.

My best wishes to everyone for a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas holiday and thank you for all your support during the past term.

Best wishes

Ben Evans

CALENDAR

Tuesday 11th December

Christmas Jumper Day, all day
Christmas Lunch, normal lunch times apply
Dance showcase, Theatre, 5.30pm

Wednesday 12th December

Carol Service rehearsal, 1.30-3.30pm
Prep School day ends at 4.15pm
No activities
Carol Service, Years 3 to 8, Aldenham School Chapel, 6.30pm - formal uniform

Thursday 13th December

Boarders' Carols, Front Hall, 7.00pm

Friday 14th December

Year 1 and 2 Carol Service, St John the Baptist church, Aldenham, 11.00am
End of Term
Nursery and Reception: 12.00pm
Year 1 and 2: after Carol Service at Aldenham Church, c.12.00pm - formal uniform
Lower School: 12.00pm
Middle and Upper School: 12.30pm
Older siblings may be collected at the time of the younger sibling: all siblings will be supervised until they are collected

Spring Term begins on Wednesday 9th January



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Saturday 2nd February 2019

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Pre Prep News

Gill Emmerson

Head of Pre Prep

The Early Years Christmas Concert was of course the highlight of our week. We were tremendously proud of our youngest pupils and together we enjoyed every minute of the performance. Preparations are in full swing for the Year 1 and 2 Carols on Friday. This term, all Prep Prep children have greatly enjoyed their Forest School sessions. Young children are magnetically drawn to muddy puddles and exploring what lies beneath a log, and it is our hope that the freedom to explore in the woods will instil a love of the outdoors that will last a lifetime. Years 1 and 2 have made excellent progress in the swimming pool too and we remain very impressed by the standard of coaching provided by Swintime Southeast. This newsletter marks the end of term and I would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



Lower School News

Samantha Robinson
Head of Lower School

Year 3

What another exciting week for year 3. The children had a great time being detectives in maths, solving mathematical clues to find out which cheeky elf stole the reindeer's bells; the task involved collaborative learning and created a great team spirit. English saw budding writers as children created their own stories with a moral; based on Michael Foreman's popular children's story entitled 'I'll take you to Mrs. Cole'. The Lower School Pantomime was the highlight of the week; all three shows were a sell out and the whole year group sang tremendously well. They are all ready for winding down for a totally relaxing weekend! We look forward to the final week of this very festive half term, where more exciting experiences will take place.



Year 4

The time has come - the Lower School pantomime was in full production this week! The children were amazing, pulling together all the advice given and produced a wonderful show - huge congratulations to all Year 4 children! Despite this excitement, lessons continued with maths focusing on symmetry and multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 and English focusing on explanation texts. The children are writing explanations of Wallace and Gromit's Soccumatic machine. In science, the children are finishing their friction investigations and learning more about air resistance and in topic, they learnt more about Roman legionaries.



Middle School News

Kate McManus

Head of Middle School

Year 5 have been looking at falling out and making up, and after a lovely (and funny) assembly by Mr. Davies the forms have been following this theme throughout form period this week. One of the activities we participated in was to stick pieces of paper to each other's backs and then write what you like about them or what they are good at on their piece of paper. The children have then put these pieces of paper in their trays to look at if they ever feel down. It was hugely uplifting and reminded the children of everything they should feel good about!

In Maths, Mrs Nichols' blue group in Year 5 have been recapping what they know about 2D shapes. They have been investigating the key words to do with shapes and revising their understanding of irregular and regular polygons.

In History, Year 5 have been continuing their work on the gunpowder plot and discovering that Guy Fawkes was probably the first terrorist in recorded history! Robert Cecil's spy network was also discussed and how today's world mirrors a lot of what happened then. Year 6 have been writing poems on the Battle of the Somme this week. Not easy but have had some great examples of acrostic and rhyming couplet work based on the first dreadful day.

Year 5 have been very busy in music lessons this week. They have been exploring the different elements of music with a particular focus on texture. The classes have been split up into groups to complete a short composition that is designed to sound as difficult as possible despite being rather simple! Also this week 5EC very much enjoyed learning how to do the Waltz, dancing along to the Nutcracker by Tchaikovsky. Year 6 have been equally as busy finalising their film music storyboards, working exceptionally well in small ensembles.

In Technology, Year 5 have started their final pieces in DT this week. They have done their gutta outlines on their masks ready for next week when they will be starting the silk painting element of the projects. Year 6 are doing very well with their preparations for making felt. It is a tricky process teasing apart the strands of fleece and laying them out like roof tiles. The children are being painstaking in this part of the process so their final felt fabric should be of a very high quality.



I AM PEACE

By Jimi B, Year 6

I am not domestic hostility, occurring around every corner,
I am the twitter of the birds, ringing out their merry bells.
I am not riots of cold-hearted beings,
I am the silence that music retreats to in times of greatest need.

When the blind man listens to me, he hears the wind easing past the dandelions and the twitter of the robins, intoning their morning song.

When the old man looks for me, he sees a park resplendent with trees and feels the wind portraying itself as a gentle breeze.

Do not take me for granted.
For I shall not stay for long.
Savour every moment I am with you
Before I shall be gone.

I like it when I live in your house even when it's empty so that I can welcome you home upon your return.

I like it when nobody is in a chaotic mood and I can hear the ocean gently scampering up the silky sand and then cowering back down again.

I am not a thing or an emotion
Rather, I like to portray myself as a sense.
One of hospitality and all calm.
Almost like a chant; no,
A morning psalm.

For I am not brutal
Yet not futile
For I am a warm welcome at the end of a taxing day.
I am love and collaboration entwined in an indestructible knot of harmony.

Upper School News

Anna Warren

Head of Upper School

Our newly appointed prefects, along with the pupil leadership team, enjoyed their first prefects' dinner this week. My thanks to our catering manager and the team for an exceptional meal. The croquembouche was most definitely the evening's highlight!

In form time and assemblies pupils are still being encouraged to embrace a curious mindset; they are being reminded to take an active interest in fellow members of the school community which builds deeper relationships and promotes tolerance.

In their Baccalaureate sessions this week, Year 7 and Year 8 pupils have been evaluating their company's performance at the Christmas fair. In teams, they have written their own report, highlighting their achievements, and what they have learnt: a real life lesson in effective teamwork and collaboration!

As we approach the end of term, pupils are looking forward to a few Christmas themed treats but their learning in the classroom is not slowing down! Year 7 are very busy preparing for their exams next term, and have started to think about key areas to focus on in preparation. Our Year 8 pupils, with school specific examinations next term, are also tailoring their revision accordingly. Good luck to all pupils as they revise. But remember not to overdo it: take plenty of breaks to rest and refresh your mind. I've also enjoyed listening to 7 Red's presentations on the characters from Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* - well done!

In Geography, Year 7 have recently sat an in class assessment on earthquakes and volcanoes in order to highlight their knowledge and understanding of this term's work. This week they have been issued both a global locations revision booklet and a map skills revision booklet and have been using their lesson time to prepare and revise for these elements of their forthcoming January exams. The global locations booklets and answer booklets are available on Google Classroom to download to aid further revision over the Christmas break.

Year 8 are completing their penultimate CE topic: transport and industry. We had an in depth discussion regarding transport issues in the UK and every student has presented their thoughts on the new HS2 rail network to the class, fending some tricky questions from their peers. I was so pleased with the standard of these speeches and the confidence with which they were delivered. We have also spent lesson time reviewing their mock exam papers and they are well equipped to prepare



IN OTHER NEWS...

TABLE-TENNIS - we are U11 and U13 County Champions!

There has been double success for our table-tennis teams as both the U11 and U13 Boys teams became County Champions this week! On Monday the Edge Grove U13 team produced a superb performance, followed up by the U11 team on Friday. Well done to everyone who took part!

You can read the full report in the Match Reports section on [Firefly](#).



County Champions - we now have 15 county champions in the school across three sports! This is an excellent achievement and one that the pupils should feel very proud of.

Squash – Honor (U9 girls) and Amber (U11 girls)

Archery – Fatemah (U9 girls), Evan (U9 boys), Shona (U12 girls) and Neelkanth (U12 boys)

Table Tennis – Alex, Sam, Dan, Daniel and Niyam (U11 boys) and Chethas, Quinn, Shayan and Nick (U13 boys)



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Year 7 pupil Felix has been accepted into the National Youth Choir boys choir for 2019.

This is an excellent achievement and we are all very proud of him!



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 30th November-6th December

[Click for more details](#)



MUSIC

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

[Click for music lesson timetables](#)



Well done to the following boys who have been selected for the South Hertfordshire Area Winter Excellence Programme for Cricket:

U13 - Lewis and Elliott

U11 - Kian, Kieran, Yadhav, Sam , Gray, Zac and Dan M



Boarders Christmas Party

On Friday evening the boarders had their end of term Christmas party. The boarding house was packed to the rafters with every bed being slept in. The pupils had a fabulous time with Mr Marvel providing the entertainment and all the boys and girls showed off their considerable dancing skills. The boarding staff were delighted with how well behaved the pupils were and it was so pleasing to see them all having such a great time. Photos of the evening can be found on [Firefly](#).



Roundbush Nursery and Garden Centre

If you still need to buy your Christmas tree, Roundbush Nursery and Garden Centre have quality British grown Christmas trees, with three varieties to choose from, starting at only £25. Pop in and see them—they are just across the road from the school—and they can even delivery locally to your door. They also supply stands for your tree, as well as festive wreaths which can be made to order or you can choose from one of their ready made ones. Visit them today!

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Thank you to everyone who took part in and donated to our Children in Need day. We raised a whopping £892.80! This will go a long way to helping children and young people throughout the UK.

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

