



# EDGE NEWS



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Edge Grove

Monday 3rd December 2018

Dear Parents

My huge thanks to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair on Saturday. It was a tremendously successful event (despite a damp start) and once again demonstrated what a fantastic community we have at Edge Grove. The Friends of Edge Grove committee worked so hard in preparation and on the day to ensure it was an event to remember and a brilliant way to kick-start the festive season. I was very proud of the year 7 and 8 Baccalaureate groups who, as part of the entrepreneurship module and leadership training had formed their own companies, devised and produced their products with the aim of making a decent profit, all of which will go to the school's charities. I am looking forward to seeing their completed company accounts this week! A big thank you to everyone who came and supported the Fair as well as the many who donated items for the stalls.



As you all know, we underwent an Independent Schools Inspectorate compliance inspection last week which formed part of our regular cycle of inspections. The official report will be published in five weeks and until then, the outcome remains confidential. During their two days here, the four inspectors met with various groups of children, inspected all regulatory policies and procedures, interviewed staff, observed lessons, assemblies and registration periods as well as reviewing children's exercise books, the full teaching curriculum and all assessment data. It is fair to say that they left no stone unturned! However, I am allowed to tell you that the inspectors were extremely impressed with Edge Grove and commented more than once on how our pupils are certainly the school's best ambassadors - they thought the children were wonderful! Other highlights included the pupils' excellent personal development, the wide ranging and impressive curriculum and the quality of information provided to parents. They also thought the food was very good indeed.

I would like to personally thank everyone who responded with such positivity to the parents' questionnaire; your overwhelming support for everything we do at the school is much appreciated by us all and the cohesive nature of the whole Edge Grove community was certainly noticed by the inspection team.

## CALENDAR

### Tuesday 4th December

Pre Prep concert and coffee, Pre Prep, 8.45am  
 Lower School Pantomime dress rehearsal  
 Basketball v Westbrook Hay, U13 (A), 4.45pm  
 Board of Governors Meeting, 5.00pm

### Wednesday 5th December

Rugby Pre-Season Tournament, Haileybury, U13A, U12A  
 Hockey v Belmont, U13 (H)  
 Netball v Berkhamsted, U10 (H), 3pm  
 Netball v St Albans Prep, U11 (A), 3.15pm  
 Lower School Pantomime evening performance, Theatre, 6.30pm

### Thursday 6th December

Netball v Berkhamsted, U8 (A)  
 Netball v St Albans Prep, U9 (H), 3.30pm  
 Pre Prep Chaplin's Panto, *The Adventures of Treasure Island*, Sports Hall, 1.30pm  
 Lower School Pantomime evening performance, Theatre, 6.30pm

### Friday 7th December

Early Years Carol Concert, St John the Baptist Church, Aldenham, 10.00am  
 U11 Table Tennis County Finals (H), 1.30pm  
 Lower School Pantomime matinee performance, Theatre, 3.00pm  
 Ignite Full Meeting

### Saturday 8th December

Alumni Christmas Lunch

### Sunday 9th December

### Monday 10th December

Senior citizens coffee and carols with prefects, Theatre, 11.00am—formal uniform  
 Visiting theatrical production, *Sleeping Beauty*, Sports Hall, 2.00pm

With only two weeks until the end of term, we are now firmly in the Christmas spirit and the excitement levels are high with only a few days remaining until the opening performance of the Lower School pantomime. I hope to see lots of you there.

Best wishes, Ben Evans

# Pre Prep News

Gill Emmerson

Head of Pre Prep

The children very much enjoyed working together on the House Tree Competition to make decorations that were fully recyclable. From old socks bought at a charity shop to living plants in egg box hangers, the Pre Prep played their part. The House system has a huge motivational influence on the children and staff throughout the school and we wait with baited breath to discover the winners. I enjoyed reading Year 1's interpretation of 'The Gingerbread Man' story and know that the children are looking forward to making the delicious seasonal cookies with chef John this week. Reception have very much enjoyed creating moonscapes in class in work and play associated with their 'Light and Dark' topic. They were also very skilled at programming the robots to explore space.



# Lower School News

Samantha Robinson  
Head of Lower School

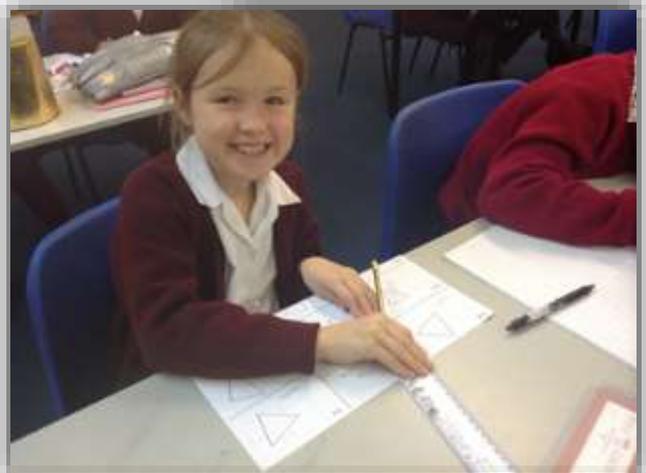
## Year 3

More fun and games this week as Year 3 were invited to rehearse their musical singing talents with the Year 4 children for the Lower School Panto. Behaviours for Learning were adopted beautifully, as ever, as the children were quick to respond to cues and direction. English was very exciting this week as children understood to never judge a book by its cover. Skills such as inference and delving deeper into story lines by understanding what the illustrator showed were explored, and much was learnt in this fantastic unit of study. Maths lent itself well to formal multiplication methods and inverse operations; understanding fact families for division and multiplication. Lastly, Science was all practical when children learnt all about how the Big Blue Planet is made of different types of rock - in particular igneous rock that forms from cooling liquid magma, or in our case, cooled melted chocolate! Ask the children about it.



## Year 4

This week's learning has had a large chunk of rehearsal time mixed in as you would expect. We hope you have your tickets and are looking forward to the Lower School Panto at various times next week. Explanation texts is the current genre in English and linked to this is distinguishing and using cause and effect conjunctions alongside appropriate time conjunctions. Old favourites Wallace and Grommit have reappeared, much to the children's delight, and their Soccamatic invention is the focus of the explanations that will be completed next week. Classifying different triangles and how to be sure that an isosceles triangle, amongst others, is what it is have been the maths focus as well as finding out more on lines of symmetry. Year 4 are carrying out fair tests in science and establishing facts about the Roman Empire before considering the Romans in Britain.



# Middle School News

Kate McManus

Head of Middle School

The Edge Grove Christmas Fair was a wonderful occasion and a great opportunity to see the children having fun and enjoying themselves. I managed to capture some of the pupils while they were busy shopping or playing or just being their jovial selves!

It's been another busy week in the classroom too. In English, Year 5 Blue set have been looking at examples of narrative writing and commenting firstly as a class before moving onto paired work to identify writing that fulfils the purpose of narrative writing and what would be even better if it was included. This is a valuable tool in allowing peer marking and collaborative thinking to develop before looking at their own writing and editing and improving with a purpose.

In Drama, Years 5 & 6 have been focussing on the famous Balcony scene (act 2 scene 2) from Romeo and Juliet. They have watched a performance from The Royal Shakespeare Company and then acted out an edited version of the scene. They have been looking at saying the scene with different emotions and trying to understand and think about how this affects the performance. The classes have also been practising their stage whispers so that they understand the urgency and danger of the scene and what would happen if the two star crossed lovers were caught talking to each other.

In French, Year 5 pupils have been revising numbers and learning how to read time in order to talk about their school timetable in French. They have enjoyed playing board games and quizzes to consolidate vocabulary linked to school routine. Year 6 pupils have been talking about things they do during their free time. First they learned the name of French TV programmes and this week they are talking about which kind of films they enjoy watching at the cinema. They surely enjoy sharing their opinions about films!



# Upper School News

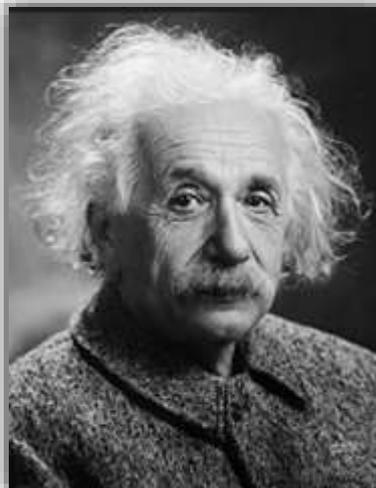
Anna Warren

Head of Upper School

## Be Curious

*'The important thing is not to stop questioning...  
Never lose a holy curiosity.'* Albert Einstein

The Upper School have been working on engaging curiosity this week. In assembly this week the concept of *The Beginner's Mind*, or 'shoshin' as it's known within the field of Zen Buddhism, a principle which emphasizes the importance of maintaining an open and curious mind. Linked to this is the idea that to build and deepen our relationships with others, we need to ask more questions! I undertook some questioning of my own this week, and discovered some fascinating facts about some of the Upper School tutors. Do you want to know who has sailed across the Atlantic ocean in a racing yacht with a hull made of concrete and chicken wire? Ask your child as they do!



# 好奇心

Curiosity in Japanese

There has been a lot of curious questioning in the science laboratories this week: Year 7 have been investigating the oxidation of magnesium, and Year 8 have been looking at the refraction of light. In English, Year 7 have been preparing group persuasive speeches on the motion *This House believes Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet has no relevance to the modern teenager*.



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# INTER-HOUSE CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

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On Friday, pupils took part in the Inter-house Christmas competition and this year's challenge was to decorate their Christmas trees in a sustainable way. Recycled and up-cycled decorations adorned the trees and they all looked stunning! Well done all! Winners to be announced shortly.





### Sports News

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**Academic Commendations,  
Commendations and Golden Moments  
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### 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

# “Friday Friends” Coffee Morning

**Date: Friday 7th December**

**Time: 8:30am – 10:00am**

**Location: The Pavilion**

(Please park your car as normal and walk down the main drive using 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.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**DO YOU WANT TO PUT YOUR BRICK BUILDING SKILLS TO THE ULTIMATE TEST?**

# LEGO MASTERS

The popular Channel 4 series is looking for imaginative building pairs to take part in the creative brick-building competition to find the UK's most talented amateur builders.

Please email [build@tuesdayschild.tv](mailto:build@tuesdayschild.tv) for more information.

Unfortunately, we are unable to answer all the requests individually. Under 18's - must be aged 9+ by 03/02/2019 in order to take part and a parent or guardian must email on their behalf. Tuesday's Child is committed to safeguarding and protecting your Personal Data. Further information can be located on our website - [www.tuesdayschild.tv](http://www.tuesdayschild.tv)

**TUESDAY'S CHILD**

The makers of Channel 4's Lego Masters are looking for contestants for this year's show! In case you're unfamiliar [LEGO MASTERS](#) is the competition series in which some of the UK's most skilled brick fanatics do battle to be crowned the UK's best amateur building pair. Following the success of the current series, Channel 4 is on the hunt to find Britain's most talented Lego-building duos! If you would like any further information please email [build@tuesdayschild.tv](mailto:build@tuesdayschild.tv). Applicants must be aged 9+ by 03/02/2019.



Thank you to everyone who donated to our Poppy Appeal in support of the Royal British Legion. We raised a fantastic £670.83!!

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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.**

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