



EDGE NEWS



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Monday 18th March 2019

Dear Parents

I would like to thank everyone who completed our recent survey and I will share the full results soon. However, the overwhelmingly positive results will be extremely useful for us as a school to understand our appeal to parents and what you value most about an Edge Grove education. I always liken choosing a school for your children to buying a house. Once you have



ascertained details such as number of bedrooms and the size of the ensuite, you then need to decide if you would be happy and comfortable living in the house; does it give you that intangible but important 'feeling?' Our survey showed that one of the most important reasons for choosing Edge Grove was the assurance of high academic achievement for your children. This certainly comes as no surprise and is undoubtedly what we all want for our children's education. Interestingly, once your children are safely settled in at the school, it is clear that high standards of teaching and learning are taken as given and priorities change. It is now the environment and atmosphere of the school which become the most important factors, thereby ensuring pupils are happy, well-looked after and enjoy their school experience. Yet again, who doesn't want this for their children?

The atmosphere of any school comes from the people within it - the most important resource that we have. I am fortunate to lead a common room of highly committed, well-qualified and passionate teachers who work tremendously hard to provide the best possible teaching and learning and pastoral care. It is their energy, good humour and kindness which pervades the school and ensures the atmosphere is warm, fun and encouraging. Together with a close knit community of parents, we have so much more than just a school with its usual range of buildings and facilities. Every weekend, I wander around the classrooms and grounds, catching up on all the week's learning on the working walls and checking that everything is smart and serviceable. It is also a time when I plan future projects and developments. Yesterday, in my usual rounds I was struck by the sheer expanse and beauty of our grounds and what an inspirational learning environment we are so lucky to have. Many of you also mentioned this in your comments and I think it can be all too easy to take our surroundings for granted; giving oneself time to slow down and appreciate what we have is essential.

It seems hardly possible that we are in week 10 already with only three weeks until the end of term. Excitement is building for our Middle School production of *Rock Bottom* and it won't be long before 35 children and six

CALENDAR

Tuesday 19th March

Governing Body Education Committee Meeting, 5.00pm
Strings and Singing Showcase, Theatre, 6.00-7.00pm

Wednesday 20th March

Haileybury Rugby 7's, U13A, U12A, U12B
Rugby v Aldwickbury, U11A, U11B, U11C, U11D (A), U10A, U10B, U10C, U10D (H)
U11 Netball Festival at Orley Farm
Netball v Heath Mount, U13 (H)
Netball v Duncombe, U10 (H)

Thursday 21st March

2 Willow Form assembly, parents invited to attend, Pre Prep Hall, 8.45am
Haileybury Robotics day, by invitation
Edge Grove U9 Rugby & Netball Festival
Netball v Heath Mount, U8 (A)

Friday 22nd March

Year 1 visit to Tring Natural History Museum
Theatre Production of *The Railway Children*, Year 2-8
Reception 'History off the Page' workshop, Pre Prep
Ignite Drama Rush Hour Performance, Theatre, 5.00pm
English Schools Swimming Gala, Woodside Leisure Centre, 7.00pm

Saturday 23rd March

Open Morning (not Pre-School), 9.30am-1.00pm - Years 6 to 8 and Ignite Fellows required
Fun Run, 2.30pm

Sunday 24th March

staff are off to the ski slopes of Italy. The calendar is packed and I won't repeat it all here but please don't forget our Charity Fun Run on Saturday starting at 2.30pm - sign up via the FoEG website link [here](#). Lastly, a quite shameless plug for my own fundraising efforts. Only six weeks until I and 40,000 others pound the streets of London and thank you to all the families who have been so generous. My target is to raise £1,500 for the Hertfordshire Community Foundation and I am just £300 short - if you are able to help get me past this mark, please follow this [link](#).

Best wishes for an enjoyable week ahead

Ben Evans



Family Fun Run

Saturday 23rd March, 2.30pm
Edge Grove Park

Come and help us support the Edge Grove Marathon runners. Join us for a family friendly 800m, 1.5km and 2km run, walk or hop. All abilities welcome (you can run the course several times if it's not enough for you!). There will also be a fun obstacle course for parents and tots.

All entries £5 and there's a medal for everyone. To register and pay visit <https://www.foeg.co.uk/events/family-fun-run/>. Please note, it is not necessary to tell us which race you wish to run in, you can decide on the day.

If you don't want to run come and cheer everyone on, have a coffee or an ice cream and just enjoy the atmosphere. For enquiries email friends@edgegrove.com.

Comic Relief

Thank you to everyone who bought a nose – or several! There was much excitement around who got what and most importantly who had the rare and ultra-rare noses. Did you try the app and take photos of your nose in various places around your house? Here's one in the fruit bowl!



Rubik's cube Challenge



Sammy came up with the idea of a Rubik's Cube challenge to raise money for Comic Relief. He encouraged several friends to join him – Dan, Toye, Declan, Rudi, Kieran and Emilio. Mrs Coffey and Mrs Maughan kindly donated some prizes and the challenge was on! As you can see from the photos it was hotly contested and was a great way to pass a wet break. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Thomas for facilitating.

The competition was split into two sections: the fastest time to solve the whole cube - won by Ed (49.04 seconds), runner up Zack (55.26s); and the fastest time to solve a single side – won by Declan (7.3s), runner up Toye (7.8s).



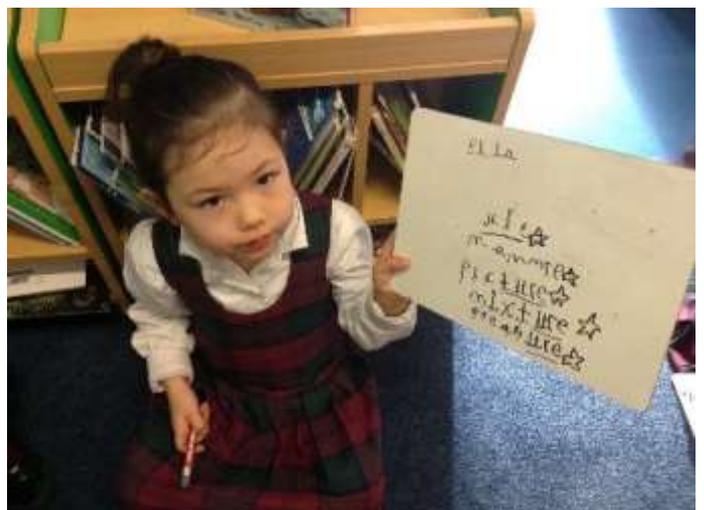
Pre Prep News

Gill Emmerson

Head of Pre Prep

I am extremely encouraged by the development of handwriting in our youngest pupils. However, our educational system places a lot of pressure on children to start writing at a much earlier age than other areas of the world both in Europe and further afield. We can balance this to some extent by putting in to place lots of learning which is designed to develop fine motor control. Children should have strength and dexterity in their hands and fingers before they can be expected to master handwriting. Daily exercises to encourage this are a feature in both our Pre-School and Reception; from finger painting to making dinosaur traps with elastic bands, Busy Fingers sessions really do work their magic.

Edge Grove pupils are encouraged to be good communicators and I see examples of this throughout the Pre Prep, including pupils sharing information with their peers about a hobby, describing their learning in assembly or in a Show and Tell presentations in Reception. In an exciting development to this I am very much looking forward to welcoming a group of Year 5 pupils to teach maths in Year 1 – I wonder how well they will be able to communicate their knowledge and report back on the progress they saw? Our class Eco reps are now proudly in possession of their badges and will be representing the Pre Prep at the next whole school meeting and encouraging their peers to take daily responsibility for meeting our aims and objectives.



Lower School News

Samantha Robinson

Head of Lower School

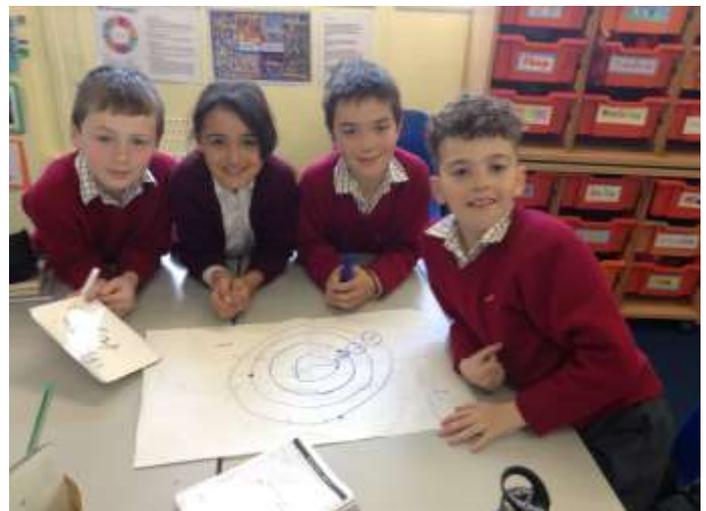
Year 3

Another fantastic week for Year 3 and something different as they were treated to an amazing Yoga and Dance workshop. The wonderful Tilly Beau, a specialist dance and yoga teacher graced us with 6 x 45 minute workshops, engaging the children in mindfulness, yoga and dance. It was lovely to see even the most energetic of children immersed and focussed as she took them on a journey of new experiences. All things were go in maths this week as the children revisited time and column methods for addition and subtraction. Science this week was all about researching different materials and finding out the properties of plastic, glass and cork to name a few. 3D's assembly also took us back in time to Ancient Egyptian times linking in with our topic unit this term. In English, our non chronological report writing is coming along nicely, as children got to grips with imaginative writing, exploring and perfecting all features of this type of text.



Year 4

Another busy and exciting week in Year 4 with yoga workshops and away matches, plus the normal day-to-day activities. The children thoroughly enjoyed the yoga workshops with Tilly and came back enthused to practise the moves in our mindfulness sessions. In English this week, the children were inspired by the story Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters, with the focus on the two sisters and their thoughts, feelings and actions. The focus in maths has been exploring how to calculate missing numbers in all four operations, with Friday's lesson being a fun investigation - ask your child to explain abundant numbers or the Moons of Vuvv. Circuits have been the main topic in science this week, with the children looking at the symbols and creating their own working circuits. Finally in topic, a journey to Sri Lanka was investigated, looking at the various countries and continents that you might pass over when flying there.



Middle School News

Kate McManus

Head of Middle School

In English, Year 5 have been working on their visualising skills by drawing and using Google images to represent the mental images they get when reading the Iron Man. They were then visited by the 'police' to make a statement about what had happened!

In Science, Year 5 have carried on working on their projects. They are nearly finished and due in next week. There is an abundance of creativity evident in their diverse approaches and topics they are researching. Year 6 have been summarising the separating mixtures topic and devising methods to separate the mud from ink and then separating the water.

In Geography, Year 5 have been making excellent progress with their map skills. This week, we started making a game of map skills snap, which we will continue preparing, and will look forward to playing before the end of term. Year 6 are continuing with their work on rivers, and will be exploring some of the major world rivers this week.

In RS, following on from our exploration of Lent, the Year 6 pupils are investigating the temptations that Jesus faced in the wilderness for 40 days and 40 nights. This included looking at scenarios of current potential temptations and how pupils could resist the temptation to make the wrong decision. Continuing our focus of the Jewish Faith, the Year 5 pupils have been identifying the features of a Synagogue. The children are gaining an understanding of the relevance of each area within the building, in preparation for our visit to Radlett Synagogue in May.

In Drama, it's all go in the production of 'Rock Bottom' and both year groups are busy perfecting their lines, staging and characters. We have choreographed the dances which are going down well with everyone and will have these all finished by the end of the week. Costumes are in the process of being painted and props are being introduced. We will also be putting the classes together soon for a full run through and I know the children in Year 5 are very excited to see the full play in action. Keep an eye on the information letter to see how to get your tickets for the show of the stone age world!



Upper School News

Anna Warren

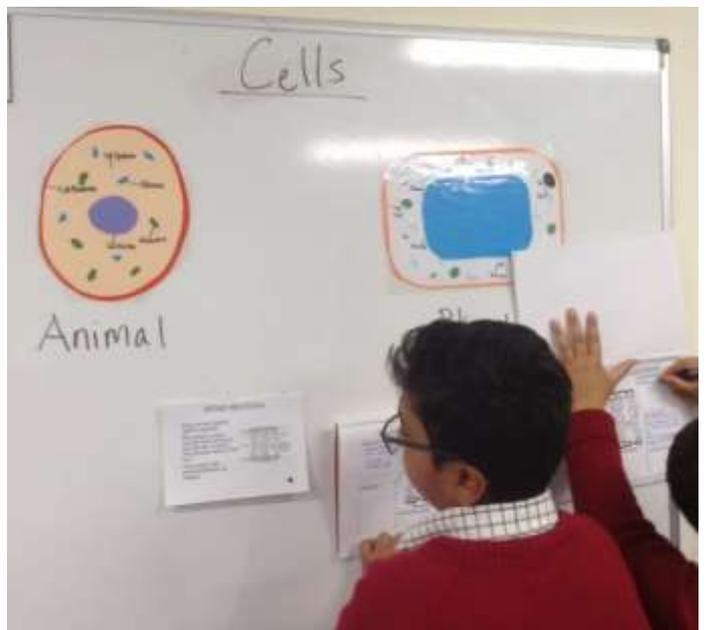
Head of Upper School

Many thanks to E-Cube for joining the Upper School Baccalaureate lessons last week. Year 7 discussed the topic of concentration. This started with an exploration of the many types of distractions which we contend with on a daily basis. The pupils also looked at some effective revision techniques, and practiced some Yoga moves to aid positive concentration.

In Year 8's session, the children focused on anger management, a new module for this year's Baccalaureate. The pupils enjoyed acting out a number of scenarios involving some positive anger management strategies, as well as some not so positive ones! I noticed that one core idea which embraced both modules this week is the importance of self-awareness, a concept that we will continue to return to in our weekly sessions

I enjoyed watching Year 7 explore the structure of a cell in their science lessons this week, and also was impressed by how well Year 8 conducted their Harkness discussion of Animal Farm. It's a welcome change for the teacher to take a back seat and allow the pupils to take the lead; and the success of the dialogue entirely depends on how prepared the pupils are! (Fortunately Year 8 were, and had completed all the pre-Harkness reading tasks diligently!).

And, congratulations to our newly appointed Year 8 prefect Josh B, who received his tie and badge in assembly on Monday. He has impressed staff with his exemplary conduct around school, his positive attitude, and very importantly, his wonderfully kind and empathetic nature towards our younger members of the school community.





Sports News

Follow Edge Grove Sport on Twitter
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[Click for Match Reports](#)



Academic Commendations, Commendations and Golden Moments for the 8th-14th March

[Click for more details](#)



MUSIC

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

[Click for music lesson timetables](#)



Chiltern Open Air Museum Launch Event:

On Saturday 30th March 10am-5pm, the Chiltern Open Air Museum (COAM) opens for the 2019 season. On this day in celebration of English Tourism Week they will be officially opening their completed WWI Nissen hut to the public! They are inviting you to join them for a special WWI living history event. See costumed re-enactors showing how the Tommies would relax on the home front and what weapons and kit they used when fighting. Nurse and chaplain re-enactors will also demonstrate how they supported the troops on the front line and back home.

We were delighted to collaborate with COAM last November on a WW1 centenary anniversary Partner Day. Following on from the day and the lovely art work the children created in school, we are excited to be able to display the commemorative poppies they produced at this special launch event.

For more information visit: <https://www.coam.org.uk/events/2019-opening-day/>



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Flourish Parent Workshop

Supporting personal growth and development

Friday 10th May, 0845 – 1100
£25 per person

Just as children grow physically, they grow emotionally and intellectually, developing a deeper understanding of themselves and their interaction with the wider world. They can improve their ability to understand, analyse and think for themselves at every stage of their individual growth and development.

The life long process of cognitive and emotional growth is underpinned by:

- Emotional development
- Intellectual development
- Social development
- Moral development

Join us to explore these key developmental areas and how you can positively contribute to your child's passage from child to teen, teen to adult...

For further information, or to book your place, please contact Sally Sharp, Head of Wellbeing.
ssharp@edgegrove.com

“Friday Friends” Coffee Morning

We invite **ALL** parents from the school to come for a **FREE** cuppa and biscuit:

15th March, 3rd May and 7th June
The Pavillion

(Park your car as usual and walk down the main driveway to the building off the main pitch)



It's a great way to meet other parents or catch up with friends.
We are former members of FoEG trying to encourage
community spirit amongst parents and families.



THE EDGE GROVE SOCIETY
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2019

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Additional competitions and activities on the Day: Raffle and Auction



ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

5 hour workshop

Nutrition

Movement pattern

S&C

Team work

Snack provided



Mon 8th Tues 9th April

9am-12:00

Years 4-8

£65

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Multi Sports

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...and much more!

Ages - Reception to Year 6

Creative Workshop

Papercraft and Design
Model Making Lego® ROBOTICS
Problem solving challenges

This is a chance for your child to engage in different creative, technical activities and challenges that are suited to their skill level.

Create wacky machines, solve physics puzzles and create papercraft models to take home.

Ages - Year 2 to Year 6

EASTER Cookery Camp



Edge Grove School

We are running two new and exciting cookery experiences for young people this Easter, based in Gino's Kitchen.

IT'S ALL ABOUT CHOCOLATE!

TUESDAY 9th April

- Recipes to make and take home will be **Meringue Nests**, **Chocolate and Mini Egg Mousse**, **Chocolate Coconut Pyramids**
- Fun holiday activity from 9.30am - 3.30pm (extended hours option available)
- **Cookery Day for children from 7 - 13yrs** £65 per child

THE GREAT BAKING DAY!

WEDNESDAY 10th April

- **Make and bake different cakes and cupcakes, choosing different ingredients to flavour them.**
- Whip up **frosting and pipe swirls**, **rosettes** and patterns of your choice
- **Learn how to make fondant flowers and bunnies and create your own little showstoppers**
- Fun holiday activity from 9.30am - 3.30pm (extended hours option available)
- **Cookery Day for children from 7 - 13yrs** £65 per child

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