



# EDGE NEWS



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Edge Grove

Monday 25th March 2019

## Dear Parents

As I write this on a beautifully sunny Sunday afternoon, every inch of the 20 miles I have just run is telling in the aches and pains coming from my legs and back. It was a scenic route through Ashridge Forest and the surrounding country lanes although I fear I didn't make the most of it, concentrating as I was on getting to the end. It certainly didn't feel as though I had another six miles in me but there are four weeks left of training to 'enjoy'!



Please forgive my marathon indulgence but there is a point to it. After our busiest Open Morning ever for prospective parents with over 90 booked for the morning, we held our first Charity Fun Run organised by Alex. The sun made a welcome appearance and 140 children and parents had registered to run either the 800m, 1,500m or 2km distances. I mentioned last week that it is the atmosphere and positive energy of a school that makes the biggest difference and yet again, both Alex and I were reminded of how lucky we are to be part of Edge Grove and what a special place it is. The afternoon was organised partly to raise money for the various charities that we marathon runners are supporting and to bring families together for an enjoyable afternoon and some exercise in the fresh air. The atmosphere was fantastic; full of camaraderie, fun and just a little competitive spirit. The course was primarily around Edge Grove Park which proved the perfect venue and the first opportunity for any parents to see it close up. Those children used to the Daily Mile, however, were quite at home including my two who raced around and left me in their wake. The ice cream van did a roaring trade and was a very well-deserved treat for all the runners.

Alex and I are so grateful to everyone who supported the event and to the staff who, after a busy Open Morning, came along to marshal the route and hand out medals. It was the perfect example of what a supportive and committed

## CALENDAR

### Tuesday 26th March

ABRSM Exams, Theatre, 8.30am-4.00pm

Year 6 Parents' Evening, Theatre, 4.30-7.30pm

### Wednesday 27th March

Swimming team time trials at Haberdashers' Aske's School for Girls, Years 5 to 8, 2.00pm—rescheduled to Thursday 4th April

### Thursday 28th March

2 Rowan Form assembly, parents invited to attend, Pre Prep Hall, 8.45am

Visiting author, Joseph Coelho, Years 3 and 4

Netball v Chesham Prep School, U8, U9 (H) 3.30pm

Upper School Pathways Evening, Year 5 parents, by invitation, 6.00pm

### Friday 29th March

Upper School Coffee Morning, North Dorm, 8.30am

Year 2 visit to Chiltern Hills National Trust Centre

Middle School Play Technical Rehearsal, Theatre, am

Ignite End of Term meeting, 4.30pm, by invitation

Boarding Activity Evening (Years 3 to 8), Cinema Evening (The Incredibles 2), Theatre

### Saturday 30th March

### Sunday 31st March

teaching staff and parent community we have.

Please keep a very close eye on the calendar and information letter for the next two weeks. There is a lot happening and some important events that are not to be missed.

Best wishes

Ben Evans



## Save the Vaquita

Louis and Vihaan have been making bags to support the cause of the Vaquita, the world's most rare marine mammal, which is on the edge of extinction. It is thought that there are just 10 left in the world and there is a desperate effort being made to protect the species. You can read more at: <https://www.worldwildlife.org/species/vaquita>.



Louis was busy selling the bags at the Fun Run on Saturday. If you missed out and would like to buy one, or would like to support Louis and Vihaan by making a donation, please email [aevans@edgegrove.com](mailto:aevans@edgegrove.com). Thank you.

## Recycling News

### Crisp Packets

Our first shipment of crisp packets will be going off this week! Please tell friends and family and keep those crisp packets coming. If you have lots please box them up and bring them to the office. For smaller numbers please put them in the marked boxes in the Headmaster's courtyard and the Pre Prep foyer.

### The Colgate® Oral Care Recycling Programme

We are also collecting toothpaste tubes, caps, toothbrushes and packaging . It includes non Colgate products but only oral care (no hand cream, conditioner tubes etc.).

If we send in our first shipment before **Friday 12th April 2019** we will receive **500 TerraCycle® bonus points\*** on top of our points earned by the shipment weight. These points go to our school charities.



Thank you so much to everyone who joined us for the fun run. We had great weather and a fantastic turn-out. Thanks to your energy we raised £800 for the school charities! See below for images from the day.



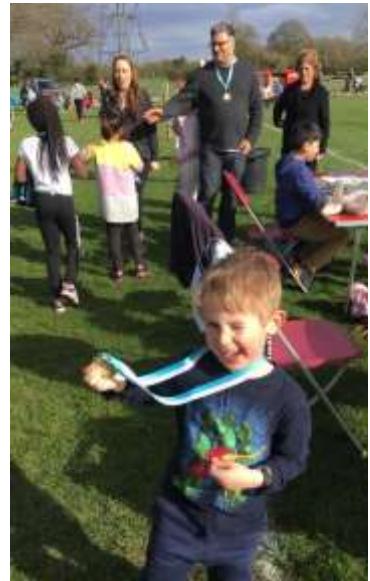
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## MEET THE TEAM

### Mr Kay, Head of Digital Learning and Assessment

#### **Tell us a bit about yourself...**

My name is Ian Kay and I am the Head of Digital Learning and Assessment. I started working at Edge Grove in January 2012. I was born in Essex when there were only three TV channels. I moved with my family to the USA when I was four years old, initially living in San Francisco. We then lived in New Jersey for nine years; I went to school for grades 1 through 9. I had the opportunity to learn how to ride a horse during the summer months and how to ski in New York state or Pennsylvania in the winter time.

We moved back to the UK when I was 15 and I had to wear a school uniform for the first time! I left school when I was 18 and went straight out to work. I was fortunate to land a job with a pharmaceutical company as a technician that let me do real science with Bunsen burners and test tubes. They also paid for me to study one day a week at university, and I was awarded my BSc in Electronic Engineering in 2000. When I left that company, I had become the IT and Communications Manager. I worked for Sainsbury's for two years as an IT consultant, travelling between the highly automated distribution centres in Waltham Abbey, Hoddesdon, Birmingham and Stoke on Trent.

I got into teaching by accident! My wife worked at a school and was talking with one of the other teachers, whose husband was a head teacher in need of an IT Manager. I started working in an independent senior school and was soon called upon to teach from Year 7 up to A Level. It was whilst working at that school that I gained my teaching qualification.

#### **What's the best thing about your job?**

The best thing about my job has to be the people. I love it when I see the lightbulb come on inside a young person's head and I work with a terrific bunch of talented people as well!

#### **What do you do in your spare time?**

My spare time is taken up mostly with my family. I also love being a husband and a dad! I am a self-taught guitarist, drummer and keyboard player. I have always sung in choirs, and currently sing 2<sup>nd</sup> tenor in Hertfordshire-based Choir 18; we sing unaccompanied music in up to 8 parts and have sung in Cambridge, Ely Cathedral, and Southwark Cathedral and will be singing in Bruges Basilica in May. I very much believe in self-improvement, and started tap dancing classes four years ago. I speak French, but also decided to teach myself the basics in Italian and Swedish. Not stop German, I think!

#### **Who is your greatest inspiration?**

I am inspired by those who persevere to achieve their goals. I am also inspired by my talented family, including two uncles – one who is a guitarist and one who had the most amazing tenor voice.

#### **If you could take three things to a desert island what would you choose?**

If I were on a desert island, I would take a joke book, a helicopter and a manual on how to fly one.



# Pre Prep News

Gill Emmerson

Head of Pre Prep

Once more there was lots of exciting learning in Pre Prep, both inside and outside of the classroom. Year 1 became polar explorers at Tring Natural History Museum and were excited to see the sheer scale of some of the animals including the polar bear. They were complimented on their exemplary behaviour, which although is an expectation it is nevertheless wonderful to hear. In their workshop, Reception got to work preparing for a banquet and their involvement in every one of the tasks was impressive – there are no bystanders here! The learning day in Pre-School is always extremely purposeful and within the wonderfully accessible, creative, personalised and challenge-laden environments that are so thoughtfully planned for, our youngest pupils continue to thrive. Parents were invited to 2Willow's assembly and we were all hugely entertained by the performance. The theme was ice and this was thoroughly explored through song, drama and creative writing.



# Lower School News

Samantha Robinson

Head of Lower School

## Year 3

Year 3 had a wonderful week filled with enthusiasm and excitement, particularly on Friday when the visiting theatre company came to perform the Railway Children! Maths this week focused on revision of fractions of a whole number and the grid method for multiplication. In English, the children enjoyed learning more about poetry in the style of Joseph Coelho - they discussed and got engrossed with why writers write about what they do, the emotions behind poetry and song and how the same poem can be interpreted in many different ways, depending on who reads it and how it is read! During science lessons, children participated in a walk around school, where they researched and made note of all the different types of materials they could see and why these materials may have been used for the job. Topic's focus this week was looking into the hierarchical structure of Ancient Egyptian times, and the roles and responsibilities of each tier.



## Year 4

A super week in Year 4! In English this week, the children wrote letters as a character from the book Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters to Mia, an 'agony aunt' which helped practise a range of writing skills. It is so wonderful to see how far they have come since the start of the year in September. During maths this week, time was explored including the use of 24 hour time and exactly why we might use this type of time. Science has continued with the investigation of circuits, looking specifically at insulators and conductors and in topic, the contrasting environments of Brighton and Sri Lanka were analysed, focusing on the physical and human geographical features. The week culminated in rugby and netball festivals on Thursday and an exciting performance of the Railway Children on Friday.

# Middle School News

Kate McManus

Head of Middle School

In Maths, Year 5 have been learning about properties of shape and decided to explore their knowledge by teaching Year 1. The class split into two groups: one teaching 2D shape; the other teaching 3D shape. The children planned a three part lesson: guess the shape; sorting into Venn diagrams and finishing with a shape describing activity. It was great to see Year 5 thinking about the possible misconceptions and how they would teach a concept to someone else. Both years learnt a lot from the experience and agreed it would be good to do with other topics.

In French, Year 5 and Year 6 have been very busy with Vocab Express Global Challenge. Our pupils have been extremely involved and motivated by this wonderful competition and have taken the opportunity to learn new vocabulary in French, Latin as well as many other languages. We are proud to have reached the second place in the Challenge Cup Medio. Formidable, Edge Grove!

In History, Year 5 have been completing their work on witch spotting and will now be on the lookout!! They also began to look at the circumstances behind the plague of 1665. This will be continued next week. Year 6 have been completing their slides on why the Titanic sank and will now be moving on to Germany in the 20's and 30's.

In Art, the Year 5s and 6s have been costume enhancing this week, ready for their Middle School play. As can be imagined, it has been most exciting for them!

In IT, Year 5 have been continuing their exploration of database software; this week they have been learning about creating data entry forms, in order to make the addition of new records easier. Year 6 are nearly finished with their theme park projects. The finished items will be presented as a website, with all of the elements of the project linked in. This week has seen pupils creating 3D roller coaster models using SketchUp.

In Technology, Year 5 having been learning about the fine art of shibori during their textiles lessons. This week they having been dying their cotton samples as they experiment with shape and colour before their final piece. Year 6 are learning to sew with skill and precision! They are progressing their knowledge from catch stitch, which they learned how to do in the lower school, to blanket stitch. Their shoes are promising to be fabulous!



# Upper School News

Anna Warren

Head of Upper School

If you have any questions about life in the Upper School, just ask our pupil leadership team or prefects who can answer any of your queries. Well done to this confident group of Year 8s who led an excellent assembly for our Middle School this week. In it, they introduced many aspects of life in Year 7 and Year 8 which our younger pupils may not be aware of. They spoke with enthusiasm about the Edge Grove Baccalaureate, and the opportunities it brings, as well as other benefits including leadership roles, small class sizes, enrichment activities, sport and the option to follow an elective subject within the Creative Arts.

On Friday the Prep school enjoyed a performance of *The Railway Children*. The Upper School were invited to attend a behind the scenes workshop exploring staging techniques, lighting and sound special effects.

Around the classrooms, Year 7 have been exploring respiration experiments in science and in English they've concluded producing, recording and narrating their own persuasive speeches on Adobe Spark.





## Sports News

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[\*\*Click for Match Reports\*\*](#)



## Academic Commendations, Commendations and Golden Moments for the 15th-21st 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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Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 0845 – 1100  
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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](mailto:ssharp@edgegrove.com)

## **“Friday Friends”**

### **Coffee Morning**

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

3<sup>rd</sup> May and 7<sup>th</sup> June  
The Pavilion

(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  
INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEAR'S

# EDGE GROVE GOLF DAY

FRIDAY, 24 MAY  
**2019**

**PORTERS PARK GOLF CLUB**  
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**Additional competitions and activities on the Day:** Raffle and Auction



# ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

6 hour workshop

Nutrition

Movement pattern

S&C

Team work

Snack provided

Mon 8th Tues 9th April

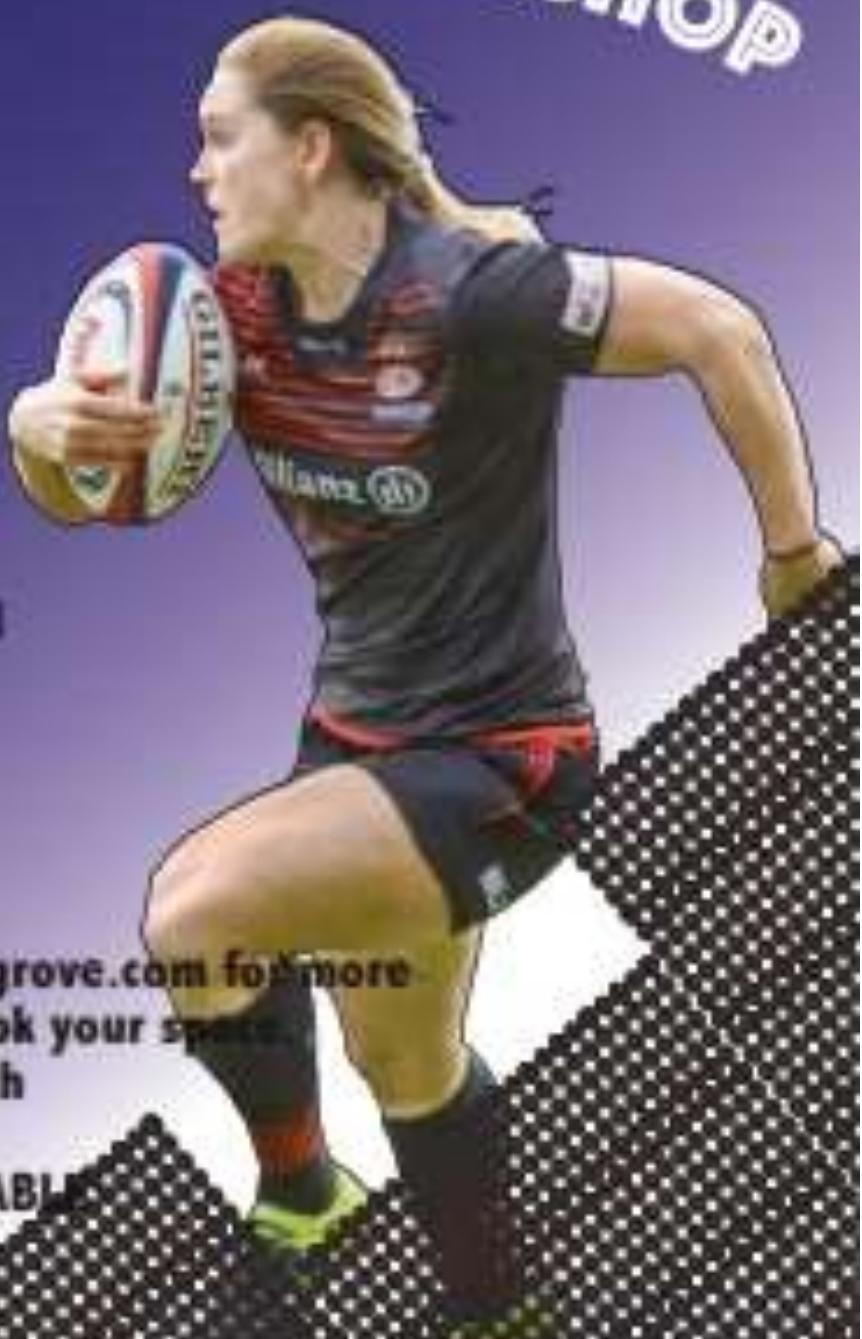
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## Multi Sports

ASSAULT COURSE DODGEBALL ARCHERY CRICKET  
BASKETBALL King Pin FOOTBALL  
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GLADIATOR Bowling Sumo Wrestling  
...and much more!

**Ages - Reception to Year 6**

## Creative Workshop

Papercraft and Design Model Making Lego® RObotics  
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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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