



EDGE NEWS



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Edge Grove

Monday 4th March 2019



Dear Parents

If you have been anywhere near the new Lower School building site this week, you will have seen that our long held plans and vision are quickly becoming reality. The erection of the steel frame has ensured that the scale and structure of the new building is now clear to see and understand. It will be a magnificent addition to Edge Grove and along with six state of the art classrooms, the light-filled central hall with its soaring roof line will provide the perfect venue for assemblies, drama productions, dance lessons and co-curricular activities for the whole school. Along with a 95 inch interactive TV screen and library shelving, mobile work stations will provide innovative spaces for collaborative learning, discussion groups and guided reading.

The building will be surrounded by attractive landscaping incorporating an outdoor classroom specifically designed to encourage creativity and free flow from the building. As you will know, we have launched a campaign for parents, alumni and friends of the school to purchase a Yorkstone paver which will be prominently located around the outdoor classroom and have it inscribed with a name and personal message. If you would like to be part of this exciting project, together with helping to ensure that our 10 Year Development Plan continues apace and be remembered at the school for many years to come, please follow this link (<https://www.edgegrove.com/development/>) which will give you more details or contact Sue Maughan, our Development Manager on smaughan@edgegrove.com. As ever, we are extremely grateful for your support and involvement.

CALENDAR

Tuesday 5th March

Health and Safety Committee, HM Study, 7.45-8.30am

Piano Showcase, Years 3 to 8, Theatre, 6.00-7.00pm

Wednesday 6th March

Rugby v Westbrook Hay, U13A, U13B, U10A, U10B, U10C (A), U12A, U12B, U11A, U11B, U11C (H)

Netball Triangular v Chesham Prep School and Berkamsted, U11 (H), U10 (A)

ABRSM Theory examination, Chapel, 5.00pm

Thursday 7th March

Rugby v Beechwood Park, U9 (A), U8 (H)

Netball v St Albans Prep , U9 (A), 3.30pm

U8 Netball Festival at Edge Grove

Year 8 Parents' CE Feedback Meeting, 5.00pm

Friday 8th March

World Book Day

Year 1 Performance, Theatre, 2.30-3.30pm

Saturday 9th March

No activity

Sunday 10th March

No activity

What a week it has been. It was great to see everyone back at school, clearly rejuvenated by the rest and ready to enjoy the amazing weather. Mr G's amazing workshops, a tremendous performance by our U11 netball team in the IAPS championships, fantastic skill and confidence in the House Spelling Bee and all manner of exciting teaching and learning has ensured it has been a week of progress, enjoyment and fun for all.

My best wishes to you all for a great week.

Best wishes,

Ben Evans

Edge Grove Commemorative Hoodies



Last chance to buy personalised hoodies that can be worn on Expedition week (and at lots of other times!). Please find the FOEG in the courtyard on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at pick up. Hoodie options can also be viewed on Tuesday and Wednesday in the front hall. Orders can be placed there and then or by emailing friends@edgegrove.com.

Many sizes and colours to choose from. Please see the order forms for all the options

<https://www.foeg.co.uk/latest-news/hoodies/>

Last orders Friday 8th March.



Eco-Committee

I am very pleased to announce that we have voted in our new Eco-Committee. We will be holding our first meetings very soon and planning our eco-strategy. In the meantime I would like to tell you about our recycling initiatives.

We are proud to say that we can now recycle crisp packets and dental items (tooth brushes, toothpaste tubes and packaging). Please collect these up and ask your child to bring them to school. There are currently collection points in the HM courtyard and Pre Prep foyer but we hope to extend these.



We are also collecting latex gloves in partnership with our catering company, Holroyd Howe. If you use disposable gloves at home and would like to recycle them with us please place them in a bread bag (we will soon be recycling these too!) and bring them to the front office.

Comic Relief

Red noses are on sale all this week in various places. Look out for us at pick up and if you can't find us then please come and see Mrs Evans in the office at first break (10.40-11.00).

Noses are also available from the Pre Prep office (mornings only).



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Pre Prep News

Gill Emmerson

Head of Pre Prep

Our Guiding principle this week has been Independent Thinking, a skill which is so highly valued at Edge Grove. At every turn we encourage the children to problem solve both in their learning and in their everyday interactions with each other. I see fantastic examples of independent thinking in the outdoor environment, especially in the outdoor spaces at Pre School, in the Reception garden as well as in the woods with Mrs Doughty. Photographs from the Extreme Reading Challenge show just how much our children like to be outside. Enabling environments encourage the children to think for themselves and we see them meet challenge after challenge. Rain or shine we will be outside, but I must admit we have very much enjoyed the recent sunshine!



Lower School News

Samantha Robinson

Head of Lower School

Year 3

A superb start back at school for Year 3. In science children were treated to a special visit from Mr. G. A full day workshop exploring magnets and materials where children were fascinated as they extracted iron from cereal by crushing and then removing the iron using a magnet. Children also made their own magnetic slime and learnt about the importance of becoming more Eco friendly and explored the impact of recycling on the environment. They were then able to explore lots of different materials and decide where and how they should be recycled. In maths this week, children have been researching properties of 2D and 3D shape as well as coming to terms with the definitions of parallel and perpendicular lines. Children also took part in a shape and line hunt around the classroom.

Year 4

Year 4s have had an exciting and busy week back after half term. The week started with heats for the Spelling Bee final on Friday - these were full of suspense (and spelling!) and the children showed great sportsmanship throughout. The final on Friday is always met with great excitement! Another exciting part of the week was Mr G's visit on Thursday morning, introducing the new topic of Electricity in science. The children learnt how to make a motor and battery out of everyday objects and were thrilled to learn how to make water bend. Topic lessons this week have explored global biomes and climate zones and the children were interested to use atlases to locate various global locations.

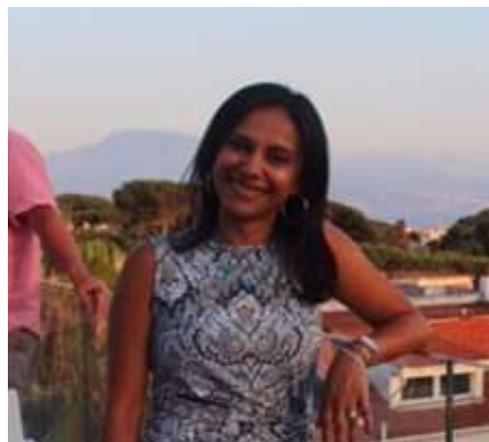


MEET THE TEAM

Mrs Kachhela, Lower School & Yoga Teacher

Tell us a bit about yourself...

I joined Edge Grove as a teacher back in September 2015 after moving to Radlett from Leicestershire. I graduated with a Business Management Degree from Brunel University, Middlesex back in 2003, after which I joined Schroders Investment Management as a Trainee Fund Accountant and later moved to JP Morgan as a Client Services Consultant. A number of years passed working in the City of London, but I always felt there was something missing - this type of work was neither fulfilling nor rewarding for me so I decided to move back home to Leicestershire to do some soul searching. It was there that I decided to embark on a career change, and seeing as I came from a long line of teachers in my family, I decided that this career may just be what I had been looking for. After volunteering in a range of schools in Leicestershire, I took the plunge and made an initial teacher training application, where after ploughing through numerous entry assessments and interviews, I was finally accepted onto a Graduate Teacher Programme in Loughborough. I successfully qualified as a teacher in 2008.



I have a love for teaching and definitely prefer this role as it allows me to give something back; the feeling of accomplishment that is encountered when a child is learning and growing, could never have been experienced in the Big City! There are so many great aspects to my role but if I had to pick one, it would be to say that no two days are the same, creating variety which is in fact the spice of life. The role also allows me to implement the few loves in my life such as yoga, arts and music.

What do you do in your spare time?

In my spare time, I enjoy finding out about holistic health and the natural remedies for common and even more complex ailments. I also enjoy working out at the gym and spending time with my husband and two young children.

Who is your greatest inspiration?

My personal trainer/Fitness/Lifestyle Coach and very good friend, Martine Warmann, inspires me every day. She is certainly a positive and influential person for me.

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

So many things come to mind but if I had to pick just three, it would be a travel pack of essential oils to cover all things medical, an army knife and of course lip gloss!

Downe House Day of Musical Theatre

Downe House Day of Musical Theatre 2019 was Marry Poppins! Pupils rehearsed as a chorus and then split into groups to work on specific dances and scenes from the show. A fabulous production in the afternoon saw all girls fully involved, singing, dancing and acting their hearts out. Well done all!

Poster Winner of the day - Momoka

Highly commended - Raneem

View photos from the day [here](#)



Middle School News

Kate McManus

Head of Middle School

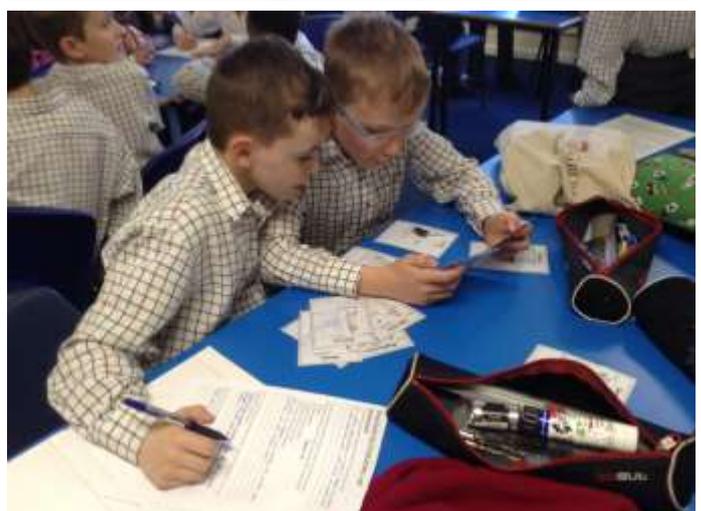
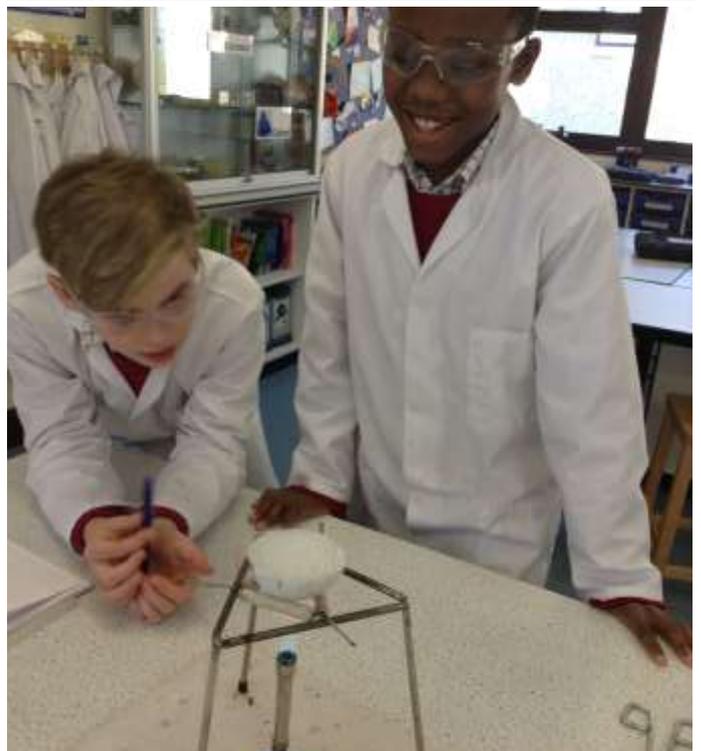
In English, Year 5 have begun looking at their new text of the Iron Man. They have been using drama to explore the actions and emotions. It is good to be able to read a shorter text as a class and work through it together. Year 6 have begun reading "Clockwork" by Phillip Pullman, a fascinating short story that has many spooky aspects! After reading through the beginning of the book, Year 6 were tasked with acting out snapshots of the opening scenes in order to help aid them in their writing. The snapshots helped them visualize the story, which in turn helped them with their descriptive writing.

This has been an exciting week in the science department. Year 5 pupils are deciding on the topics for their space topics and have started their research. They will have three weeks to wow everyone. They have also participated in a planetarium workshop held at school conducted by Wonderdome. The inflatable planetarium was set up in the sports hall and the pupils were able to explore the solar system and visit the other planets. Year 6 have been working to earn their Bunsen burner license and proving to us that they know how to be safe. They have then used the Bunsen burners to extract salt from rock salt.

In Geography, Year 5 are now practising the map skills they learnt in the first half of term. This week they have been planning a story based on a map of the Brixham area. They have been looking for good locations for their story, and noting the evidence (grid references, contour lines/ height of land, map symbols and direction from Brixham) as they plan their work.

In RS, Year 5 are exploring the traditions celebrated during Shabbat and the rituals performed during the Jewish family meal each week. In Year 6, pupils are learning about the transfiguration of Jesus and the link to his role as the Messiah. The pupils also discussed the significance of this event and the confirmation of Jesus as the Messiah and the significance of Moses and Elijah.

In Classics, 5DN have been evaluating their top trump cards. They reflected on whether they had met the criteria, produced good quality work and whether their cards worked as a game. They decided they had learnt a lot about working to a deadline and the importance of focusing on the criteria to ensure that they completed the task properly. They then had lots of fun playing top trumps with their cards!



Upper School News

Anna Warren

Head of Upper School

Congratulations to all our Year 8 pupils who sat mock Common Entrance (CE) exams this week. Exam season has, for the time being, finally drawn to a close and our Year 8 pupils can now look forward to regrouping into their new pathway sets. The Baccalaureate groups will follow a broad and rich curriculum in readiness for their assessments, whilst our CE candidates will pursue a tailored programme of support in preparation for their examinations in June.

I enjoyed visiting some of Year 7 science lessons this week. I had to concentrate quite hard to keep up with the very busy discussions on respiration! The 'screaming jelly baby' experiment was also a source of enthusiastic scientific discovery! This is an experiment which explores how much energy glucose and oxygen can release in relation to respiration.

In English, the pupils have been exploring the features of biographies and worked in teams to create some impressive presentations.

Our Spelling Bee was a huge success; congratulations to all our pupils who made it to the finals! Well done too to our team of Year 8 Prefects who have been visiting the Pre Prep every Friday. I enjoyed listening to Bhavya, Harry and Chethas read and enjoy activities with some of the children in Reception.

I've also enjoyed sitting with our Year 8 pupils in their Library sessions this week - in the sunshine! What bliss. Let's hope the glorious weather can make a comeback soon.



Intermediate Maths Challenge

Eighteen senior pupils sat this year's Intermediate Maths Challenge on February 7th; aimed at pupils in Year 11 and below, the problem-solving paper sat by most of the senior schools proved to be quite taxing but congratulations go to the following who won awards:

Silver awards: Ritwik (Best in School and qualifier for the follow-up round on March 21st), Chethas (Qualifier for the follow-up round) and Riley

Bronze awards: Alex O and Freddie Gr.



LONDON MARATHON 2019

Runner of the week....

Mr Evans...

It is, so I am constantly being told, only eight weeks to go until the big day. In some ways this is a huge relief - only 7 more long Sunday runs, but then there are the nagging doubts - am I on track? Have I done enough?

In the last month, we have run through ice and snow, temperatures of nearly 20 degrees and yesterday, the wind and rain of Storm Freya. All to be expected (apart from the unseasonal February warmth) when you are preparing for a marathon through the winter and all good practice for Sunday 28th April which could see baking sunshine, snow and everything in between.

The agony and pain continues although the fitness levels *must* be improving. My training runs have included Dartmoor hills (never again), the mostly sleepy lanes of rural Somerset until a wrong turn saw me joining a pavement-free main road running alongside lorries passing at sixty miles per hour and most recently, the tow paths of the Kennet and Avon Canal. Idyllic scenes unchanged since the 19th century but very muddy and full of quite problematic puddles which are increasingly hard to dodge after 13 miles.

I definitely need to up the miles now, 16.5 being my furthest run. I am planning on 18 miles this coming Sunday incorporating Letchmore Heath, Elstree, Radlett, Bricket Wood, Garston, Munden and back to Edge Grove - please spare a thought for me! Many thanks to everyone who has already sponsored me and here is my plea to everyone else... I am aiming to raise £1,500 for the Hertfordshire Community Foundation which is a fantastic local charity supporting a range of local causes all over the county and also our school's chosen local charity for 2019-20. If you can sponsor me, please follow this link and thank you for your generosity in advance: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/BenEvans31>

I look forward to seeing lots of families on Saturday 23rd March at 2.00pm for our charity Fun Run at Edge Grove with distances for all ages and abilities!



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Sports News

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Academic Commendations,
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MUSIC

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

[Click for music lesson timetables](#)

Sporting Success

Pupils have been hard at work on the sports field recently - Hugh, Dan and Wes represented Hertfordshire in the inter-counties squash final held at Nottingham last weekend and Lewis B has been selected into the Herts and Essex Independent Schools Football Association (ISFA) squad. He will attend the ISFA training and the national tournament at Shrewsbury School in April. Well done all!



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Ages - Reception to Year 6

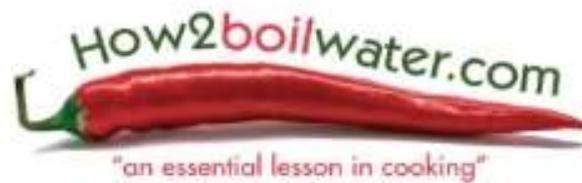
Creative Workshop

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 9th & 10th April 9.30am – 3.30pm

Easter and chocolate go hand in hand so our Easter cookery camp involves decorating eggs, making chocolate lollipops, baking cakes and lots of chocolate tasting too!

- Our camps include all ingredients and equipment, as well as a free recipe booklet.
- We have lots of tasting, snacks and drinks, foodie fun and games.
- Each child will have a '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 learn new skills and make new friends.

Cookery Camps are open to children aged 7 – 13 yrs

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