



# EDGE NEWS



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Edge Grove

Monday 13th May 2019

Dear Parents

The summer term is progressing well and at some speed. After a few days of interesting weather last week, it is great to have some sunshine and stability in the forecast and to know, with some certainty, that we will actually be able to play some cricket matches on Wednesday and Thursday.

With so much happening at Edge Grove, there is never a shortage of events to write about and last week was no exception. However there are two particular achievements that stand out.

It is well-known that music has such an important impact on children's learning and general success at school. There are numerous university based studies which show studying music in school can help retain learned information, improve cognitive abilities and create a positive learning experience whilst increasing pupil attention. It is no coincidence therefore, that we place such importance on music at Edge Grove and encourage participation in group ensembles as well as individual instrument lessons. On Wednesday, our Vox 15 choir took part in the finals of the Downe House 'Bring the House Downe' choir competition at Cadogan Hall in London. It was a busy day of performances with judging in the afternoon (in front of Bob Chilcott) and then a concert to a packed house in the evening. Whilst our choir did not win the competition, they performed outstandingly in every respect. Most importantly, they were impeccably behaved throughout a long and tiring day and represented the school with pride. This made them stand out from the crowd and was noticed and commented on by many other people on the night. Secondly, their performance brought the stage to life. From the moment they appeared, to when the last member left our sight, they entertained us with their enthusiasm, enjoyment and energy; smiles never leaving their faces. They finished to rapturous and very well-deserved applause and Alex and I couldn't have been more proud of them all. My thanks to Mrs Eglinton for her superb conducting and to all our staff involved in such successful participation at a very high profile event. An amazing opportunity for our pupils which showcased perfectly the Edge Grove spirit and everything which makes the school so special. I have put some photos from the day on the next page.

Secondly, on Friday we received exciting news from Winchester College regarding Ritwik in Year 8. Following three days of rigorous and challenging scholarship exams – think AS level standard plus rather than GCSE – Ritwik was awarded the much coveted title of Elected Scholar of Winchester College. Of the 46 pupils who sat the exams, only 14 were successful which demonstrates how well he has done. Ritwik will now be offered a place in College, the oldest of the school's boarding houses and on joining the school, known as a Scholar who are easily identifiable by the distinctive gowns that they wear. My huge congratulations to Ritwik on this considerable academic

CALENDAR
<p><b>Tuesday 14th May</b>            Years 5 to 7 Exams            Pre Prep Concert and Coffee, Strings, Wind &amp; Brass, Pre Prep Hall, 8.45am            Governing Body Estates Committee, 5.00pm</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 15th May</b>            Years 5 to 7 Exams            Boys' Cricket v Westbrook Hay 1st, 3rd, Colts D, Colts E, Colts F (A), 2nd, Colts A, Colts B, Colts C (H)            Girls' Cricket v Chesham Prep U10 (A), U11 (H)            Girls' Cricket v Belmont U13 (H)</p>
<p><b>Thursday 16th May</b>            Year 7 Exams            Year 2 Perform For Schools Explorer workshop, 9.00am-12.00pm            Boys' Cricket v Westbrook Hay U8, U9 (A)            Girls' Cricket v Heath Mount U8 (H), U9 (A)</p>
<p><b>Friday 17th May</b>            1 Oak Form assembly, Pre Prep Hall, 8.45am            Four Schools Athletics Competition at Jarman Park, Hemel Hempstead, 1.00pm-4.00pm            Boarding activity outing to Lush, Brent Cross, Years 4 to 8 Girls</p>
<p><b>Saturday 18th May</b>            Archery, Lintman Junior School, Ascot, 10.00am            Friends of Edge Grove Camping Weekend, from 1pm</p>
<p><b>Sunday 19th May</b>            Friends of Edge Grove Camping Weekend, collection after breakfast</p>
<p><b>Monday 20th May</b>            Four Schools Swimming Gala at Aldwickbury, Years 3 to 8, 4.15pm-6.00pm            Aegon Tennis v St Edmund's (H), time tbc</p>

achievement and to all the teaching staff who have made such a difference.

In just a normal week at the school we see tremendous levels of enthusiastic and wholehearted participation in so many areas as well a high achievement, success and progress.

Best wishes

Ben Evans

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# BRING THE HOUSE DOWN

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## Music Competition at Downe House



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# BRING THE HOUSE DOWNE

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## Music Competition at Downe House



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The deadline is fast approaching—all orders must be received by **Friday 24th May**.

# Pre Prep News

Gill Emmerson

Head of Pre Prep

The Guiding Principle for the last two weeks has been Global and Local Responsibility. I was most impressed by the level of passion with which Year 2 debated the threat to the Yanomami tribe whose homes in the rainforest are under threat. They were asked to pick a side to discuss whether they could live happily without modern technology and how deforestation should cease as it destroys the forest habitat. On the local front, Miss Chaplin was busy over the weekend collecting free compost and the children will plant seeds in biodegradable pots over the coming weeks. Year 1 were analysing the climate in rainforest regions and then were asked to draw weather maps and present a forecast using the vocabulary they had learned. Our Superhero topic continues in Reception and we move our focus on the real life heroes who help us; the odd cape and mask can be spotted in each class, even as we concentrate on our number bonds! Pre-School have been inspired by a classmate's visit to the theatre to see *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* – great fun was had by all and you can imagine the rumpus caused by a wild animal's visit to Edge Grove.



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**Ages - Reception to Year 6**

## Creative Workshop

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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**

# Lower School News

Samantha Robinson

Head of Lower School

## Year 3

Children have finally written their 'Adventure Stories', filled with quests, journeys and exciting happenings; not forgetting fronted adverbials, conjunctions, dialogue, capital letters and full stops! The children worked very hard with great results. Maths has seen us getting to grips with division. Children have noticed how repeated subtraction eventually moves on to the method for division called 'chunking'. Continuing on with the busy week, children conducted an experiment to find out which magnet was strongest. The children predicted and then created fair tests to try out their predictions. Do you know what primary and secondary sources are? No, not a type of dressing for chips! Ask the children. We have been discussing how reliable these sources of information are and how sometimes, we need to take what we read with a pinch of salt.



## Year 4

This week's English focus was non-chronological report. The children were remembering the features before writing their own report about an unfamiliar country that they had researched. The results were very eye-catching and full of interesting facts. Photosynthesis was a challenging word to spell and to explain, but the Year 4s were fascinated by this process and realise now why plants are so important to life on earth. In Topic we are now in the Year 1066 about to go to battle! And in Maths, there was a mix of revising fractions, and a maths challenge on odd and even numbers that provided an opportunity to look for patterns and see how mathematicians recognise rules.



# Middle School News

Kate McManus

Head of Middle School

In English, this week has seen the start of exams for Year 5. We have kicked off with our GL assessments before we move on to the end of year exams next week.

In Science, both Year 5 and 6 have been busy this week preparing for the assessments. They have engaged in a range of revision methods to help them understand how they learn best.

In RS, this week the Year 5 children visited the Radlett Reform Synagogue, experiencing first hand Judaism including tasting some delicious Challah bread that is part of the Shabbat meal. Another highlight was viewing up close the Torah and having a go at writing their names in Hebrew. A big thank you to the Synagogue volunteers who welcomed Edge Grove once again and well done to our children who behaved impeccably and were a real credit as always. The Year 6 children have continued with their revision in preparation for their exams next week.

Year 5 have been finishing their Tudor tiles in Art by adding gold acrylic highlights to their fired tiles. They are now moving onto their Aboriginal art projects. Year 6 have finished and evaluated their Angie Lewin projects and what a fantastic job they did! They evaluated their artworks and are now ready to move onto their Futurism projects.

In PE, Year 5 and 6 this week were focusing on their relay changeovers. Year 5 mainly focused on the basics, while Year 6 went deeper into the technique and looked to make their changeovers smooth and very effective.

In Technology, the Year 5s are designing their Shibori patterns ready for their final pieces where they will be dyeing t-shirts. I am looking forward to seeing the outcomes! The Year 6s are beginning to attach their felt tops to the soles of their slippers.

And finally, 6T joined Mr Evans for lunch today for their Headmaster's Lunch. Lovely to see smiles all around!



# Upper School News

Anna Warren

Head of Upper School

## Global and Local Responsibility

Further to Mr Evans' note in the introduction, I would also like to pass on my congratulations to our Head Boy Ritwik whose position as a 2019 elected scholar at Winchester College has just been announced. We are very proud of the exceptional dedication he has demonstrated in the run up to the election scholarship examinations, and his success couldn't be more well deserved!

I would also like to share a wonderful example of an Upper School pupil who really did go out of his way to demonstrate a commitment to this week's guiding principle global and local responsibility. Riley arranged a performance of his singing at the Sunrise Westbourne Senior Living residential home. Riley wanted to go out of his way to give something back to the residents, in particular honour of his grandmother who suffers from stage 1 dementia.

Our Year 7 pupils are busy preparing for next week's exams; I've been very impressed with how seriously they are taking their academic commitments. However, learning hasn't all been classroom based this week. With the arrival of the beautiful sunshine, Upper School pupils have started to enjoy more exercise running around Edge Grove Park, and we plan to extend this to the Daily Mile.





### Sports News

Follow Edge Grove Sport on Twitter  
[@EdgeGroveSport](#)

[Click for match reports](#)



### Academic Commendations, Commendations and Golden Moments for the 3rd-9th May

[Click for more details](#)



### MUSIC

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

[Click for music lesson timetables](#)



### HOCKEY

Well done to Aria who won the Most Improved Player award in the 8 and Unders at Harrow Hockey Club. Here she is with GB Hockey player Sam Ward collecting her trophy! She also took part in a coaching session with him. What a fantastic experience and an excellent achievement Aria!! We are very impressed.

### CRICKET vs BRAMDEAN SCHOOL

On Saturday an Edge Grove Invitation XI played a 30 over cricket match against the touring Bramdean School from Exeter. It was a fantastic day of cricket. The full Match Report can be found [here](#).



## ARCHERY

A team of 11 travelled to Haileybury College for this year's tournament with Hertford and Edge Grove pupils were well represented at the prize giving ceremony. Congratulations to all who took part and these are the results:

U14 winner: Abbas; U12 winner: Anderson (2<sup>nd</sup> Ali, 3<sup>rd</sup> Neel); U11 winner: Jesse; U10 winner: Scott (2<sup>nd</sup> Shona, 3<sup>rd</sup> Hayden, 4<sup>th</sup> Everett); U9 winner: Esme and 3<sup>rd</sup> place boy overall Evan. Well done all



## COME AND JOIN OUR NEW ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR!

The Edge Grove Community Orchestra and Choir welcomes all woodwind, strings, brass, pianists, percussion players and singers. Parents, Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles and Edge Grove teachers of all ages, levels and backgrounds are invited – what we have in common is the enjoyment we get from making music! Come and join us!



**Thursday's at 5:45pm-6:45pm in the Music room**

Thursday 9th May **Choir**

Thursday 16th May **Orchestra**

Thursday 23rd May **Choir**

Please contact Mr Eglington or Mrs Eglington if you have any questions!

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# EVENTS @ EDGE GROVE LAUNCH

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Saturday 11th May

It was a beautiful day to launch Events @ Edge Grove. With the sun shining and the wisteria in full bloom, Edge Grove really did look beautiful and the perfect setting for anyone planning a special occasion. A small marquee was set up on the front lawn with canapes, prosecco and cakes on offer and the Library was set up for an exclusive dinner for 20. There really is so much that the school buildings and grounds can offer! Email Sue Maughan at [events@edgegrove.com](mailto:events@edgegrove.com) for more information.



THE EDGE GROVE SOCIETY  
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## SCHOOL UNIFORM

With the fast approaching “Back to School” period nearly upon us, here is some important information on how to book an appointment with Stevensons as well as the summer opening hours of the St Albans branch:

### St. Albans Branch

#### **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June-Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August**

Monday-Friday: 9.00am-8.00pm (5.30pm-8pm appointments only.

Morning appointments are also

available); Saturdays: 9.00am-5.30pm; Sundays: CLOSED

#### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August-Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

Monday-Friday: 9.00am-7.00pm; Saturdays: 9.00am-5.30pm;  
Sundays CLOSED excluding (25<sup>th</sup> August & 1<sup>st</sup> September): 10.00am-4.00pm; Bank Holiday Monday (26<sup>th</sup> August): 10.00am-4.00pm

For more information, including customer service information, please go to: [www.stevensons.co.uk/our-branches](http://www.stevensons.co.uk/our-branches)



# “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)



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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.



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## Business Directory

The FoEG is in early stages of setting up a business directory on the FoEG website. The plan is to allowing Edge Grove parent business owners and local businesses to list their products and services and to offer exclusive discounts to the Edge Grove community.

Discounts offered to Edge Grove families can be in the form of printable vouchers or online codes. This could be an on-going 10% off voucher, limited time offer, limited product offer and so on.

The goal is to build on the great existing Edge Grove community by:

- supporting Edge Grove family business owners
- supporting local businesses
- offering valuable discounts to Edge Grove families.

This is in early stages of development and we welcome your comments and ideas.

If you are interested in being listed on the business directory, please register your interest with us, so we can update you on the latest developments. See website link below.

[www.foeg.co.uk/directory-contact](http://www.foeg.co.uk/directory-contact)

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- Fun with Food holiday activity from 9.30am - 3.30pm (extended hours option available)
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## The Spire Bushey 10k, 5k & Junior Races 14<sup>th</sup> July 2019



*Time to get the younger generation fired up and ready to run!*

The Spire Bushey Junior Races will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> July at Queen's School, Bushey. This event is a great opportunity to get local schoolchildren to run together and have fun – we regularly have over 250 children from many schools around the area running on the day.

We would love to inspire youngsters to get involved by asking as many schools as possible to encourage their children to join in the fun.

Held on the same day as the Spire Bushey 5k & 10k, the Junior Races are held at 12pm, after the adult's race, giving parents the opportunity to watch their children run.

The overall atmosphere is fantastic and the Junior Races create by far the most excitement of the day!

We cater for all ages and offer different distances, suitable for each age group. The age categories are:

- *School Year 2 and under*
- *School Years 3 & 4*
- *School Years 5 & 6*
- *School Years 7 & 8*
- *School Years 9 & 10*

The races will be chip-timed, with all finishers receiving a bespoke medal. The first boy and girl in each category will also receive a prize. There are other team prizes on offer, with the school fielding the most children prize always being the most hotly contested!

Click [here](#) to sign up!



## Recycling – you can recycle the following with us

### The Pet Food Recycling Programme- Recycle all pet food plastic pouches & flexible plastic bags through this programme

TerraCycle®, Whiskas® and James Wellbeloved® have partnered to create a free recycling programme for all pet food plastic pouches & flexible plastic bags. With five cats at Edge Grove we should be earning plenty of points for our chosen charity – Guide Dogs for the Blind.

### Recycling in partnership with KP Snacks®

TerraCycle® and KP Snacks® have partnered to create a free recycling programme for popcorn, crisps and pretzels packets. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING IN ANY NUT PACKETS!**

### Crisp Packets

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.).

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