



# EDGE NEWS



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Edge Grove

Tuesday 7th May 2019

Dear Parents

Whilst running has preoccupied me for the last few months, it is a very common sight throughout the day at Edge Grove. I never tire of watching Pre Prep and Lower School pupils running and walking round the Park and Paddock, enjoying plenty of fresh air and exercise. They are certainly in good company too and since the idea of a daily mile or 15 minutes of regular, daily exercise was conceived by a forward thinking head teacher in Scotland, the idea has now spread to 3,600 Primary schools in 35 different countries.

The many benefits of the Daily Mile have recently been documented in a study conducted by the universities of Stirling and Leeds Beckett in association with the Department for Health. The obvious improvements to children's health such as improvements in fitness, a 4% reduction in skin folds and a reduction in sedentary time of 18 minutes are all to be expected and welcomed. However, as we encourage and develop skills in our pupils at Edge Grove (beyond simply being able to pass exams) to ensure their success in later life, the same can be said for encouraging regular and worthwhile exercise such as the Daily Mile.

Children over the age of five should be engaging in at least one hour of moderate to vigorous exercise every day, which in itself, will help to establish lifelong habits. Other benefits such as reducing the risk of diabetes, cardiovascular disease and even osteoporosis in later life all come with maintaining a healthy lifestyle from young childhood into late teens and beyond. Furthermore, the Daily Mile has also been found to boost pupils' brain development and function as well as their intellect. It comes as no surprise that exercise leaves children feeling more awake with increased attention and verbal memory as well as improved feelings of wellbeing. We see this every day in our children along with much enjoyment and laughter as they participate. The Daily Mile is not about speed or competition; it is about setting habits which will last a lifetime whilst ensuring our pupils are healthy, physically active and ready to learn.

A four day week ahead but a busy one with trips to the Radlett Synagogue and Lincolnsfield Centre, and Vox15 performing in the Downe House Choral competition at Cadogan Hall in London. My congratulations to all our pupils who participated in the IAPS National Table Tennis Championships held at Edge Grove on Saturday and particularly to Alex B who is the new U11 boys' champion (and U13 number 3 in the country!) and to Niyam who took third place in the U11 competition. Well done!

Best wishes

Ben Evans

## CALENDAR

### Wednesday 8th May

Downe House Prep School's Music Competition, Cadogan Hall, Vox 15

Boys' Cricket v Heath Mount 1st, 3rd, Colts B, Colts E (A), 2nd, Colts A, Colts C, Colts D (H)

Girls' Cricket v Beechwood Park U10, U11, U13 (A)

IAPS 1N Network Heads of Science meeting

### Thursday 9th May

Boys' Cricket v Heath Mount U9 (A)

Girls' Cricket v Berkhamsted U8 (H), U9 (A)

Table Tennis vs Aldwickbury (H), 4.30pm

### Friday 10th May

Year 6 visit to the Lincolnsfield Centre, 1940s experience, 9.00am-3.30pm (formal uniform)

Flourish parent workshop, 'Sustaining personal growth and development', Chapel, 8.45am-11.00am - cancelled

Boarding Activity Evening, Laser Tag, Years 3 to 8 - cancelled

### Saturday 11th May

Events @ Edge Grove launch, 12.00pm-2.00pm

Girls' Cricket Festival at Belmont U13, 9.00am-12.00pm

Archery, Hertford Junior Shoot, Haileybury College, 1.30pm

### Sunday 12th May



**Deadline approaching! Don't miss out!**

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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

Pre-School have been creating some wonderful textured art using glue, sand, sticks and lots of other natural materials. Their creations have inspired them to use lots of sensory describing words. They have also been busy in their garden, as we have elsewhere in the Pre Prep, and have planted lots of seeds; we all look forward to them blooming later on in the season. The Gruffalo story inspired the children to programme the Bee Bot robots to explore in the Pre-School forest, demonstrating some impressive coding skills. Year 2 enjoyed a Rainforest topic workshop on Friday with the enticing theme of chocolate. They spent the day exploring how chocolate is made and visited the Food technology room to make their own chocolate stirrers – delicious! Madame Taylor also taught the children a little Spanish to help them navigate their travels through South America. Year 1 pupils have made some very impressive home videos in their Rainforest flipped learning challenge which rival the work of a certain famous explorer. Finally, Reception have created comic strips and city skylines to illustrate their superhero topic and we have certainly seen some heroic effort in all aspects of their learning as the term gets underway.



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**Ages - Reception to Year 6**

## Creative Workshop

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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

Presentations of top quality were given by Year 3 this week as children showcased their Easter Mayan projects to one another. The high standards of step pyramids were impressive and children very much enjoyed sharing all their hard work. In Topic this week children researched what the Mayan civilisation achieved and what they brought to the world including a sophisticated writing system and several types of calendar to measure time. In science they investigated materials by participating in a hunt around the school grounds. Children got to understand that materials are either termed magnetic or non-magnetic, and explored why certain objects are suited to specific materials. In English fronted adverbials and compound words were thought about and identified. Maths lessons consisted of revision methods for multiplication including partitioning, grid and extended column.



## Year 4

In Topic we are building up to 1066, considering who the key contenders were, and why they had claim to be Edward's heir. We used drama to help show how contentious the decision was in those days. In Science the children planted sunflower seeds so that they can watch them grow, they wrote about the very specific functions of the parts of a plant. English has been HOOOOT! David Walliams style - looking at his style of writing and enjoying his humour, comparing books and designing a book to write a book review. Maths was much more straightforward, revising and practising all four methods of calculation as well as breaking down large numbers into several smaller ones (using the distributive law) to make a calculation more manageable.



# Middle School News

Kate McManus

Head of Middle School

In Maths, 6 Blue EMa have been learning about equations of straight line graphs. They had a chance to practice their skills using coordinates in all four quadrants by playing Battleships in pairs, which certainly brought out all of our competitive natures!

In History, Year 5 have completed their slideshows on the attempts made to cure the plague of 1665 and it was clear that people would try anything and everything they could, all to no avail. We then proceeded to look at the Fire of London in 1666 and how that helped eradicate the final phase of the plague. Year 6 have been answering each others questions on how Hitler rose to power in Germany. This was their final lesson before the focus now turns to exam revision.

In Drama this term Year 5 will be looking at Just So stories and writing their own scripts using the key features of these. This week they have been listening to some of the stories, understanding the key features and researching Rudyard Kipling. They will be presenting to the class next week. Year 6 will be looking at the news and creating their own news programmes and weather reports this term. This week they looked at performance poems in pairs and presented them to each other focusing on characterisation, projection and diction.

It has been an excellent week in PE with both Year 5 and 6 learning lots of new things about athletics. Year 6 have been focusing on their sprinting technique, with reaction time, sprint starts and how to run in the main part of a sprint race all covered. Year 5 have had a go at some shot put, indoor javelin and high jump. With the latter being the most popular, partly because you get to jump and land on the big crash mats!

In French, Year 5 have completed their presentation about themselves and their families and have started revising how to describe what they enjoy doing during their free time. They have enjoyed creating small conversations about the different activities they carry out in different weather conditions. Year 6 have used a variety of reading and writing tasks to revise how to talk about films, TV programmes, books and internet in French. They have also started working on a presentation about themselves, their hobbies and interests.

It has been a very noisy week in the music department. Year 5 have been looking at African Drums and how percussive music is used in West African music. Year 6 have been learning a piece of reggae samba called Samba Insetos, this is a rhythmically difficult piece of music which all classes have responded excellently to. A very musical and extremely loud week!

In Classics, 5DN have been looking at a Greek creation myth, and examining some of the strange and wonderful ways that these myths relate to us today. They found it particularly fascinating that Atlas (a Titan sentenced to hold up the world by Zeus) may have influenced the naming of an atlas (a book containing or 'holding' maps of the world)!



# Upper School News

Anna Warren

Head of Upper School

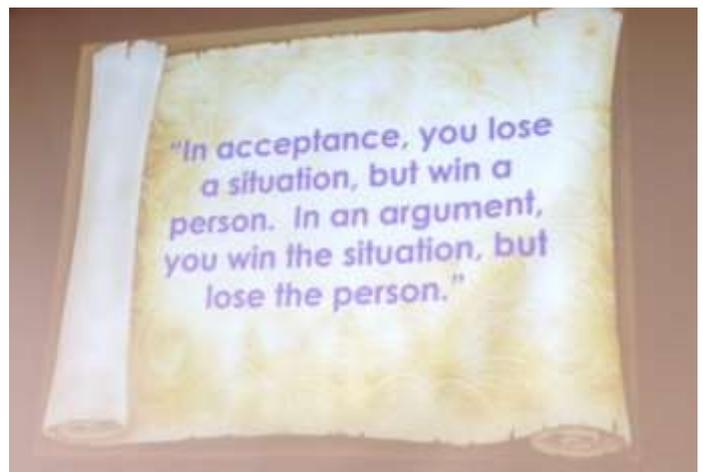
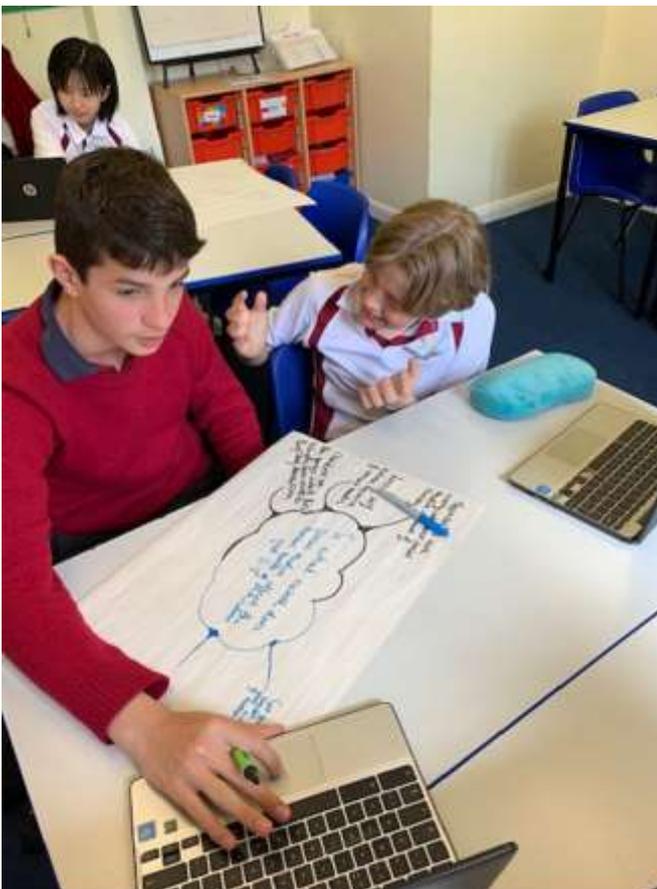
In the Year 7 form rooms this week, the pupils are getting to grips with planning their Baccalaureate presentations. I have been so impressed with the enthusiasm and energy that has been demonstrated so far, and look forward to seeing their presentations come to life soon.

Preparation for this year's Baccalaureate conference is well under way. This week, the groups have been very busy writing their introductions, and have started looking at their methodology. In their groups, there are constant discussions about their research, conclusions and findings.



## Year 8 Baccalaureate

The Year 8s enjoyed their final E-Cube workshop this week. Entitled Building Bridges, this module explores the ways in which our senior pupils can restore and renew the relationships they share with peers, family members, as well as themselves and their communities. The unit also focused on building self-confidence and boosting self-esteem



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# EDGE GROVE GOLF DAY

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**Additional competitions and activities on the Day:** Raffle and Auction



### Sports News

Follow Edge Grove Sport on Twitter  
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**Academic Commendations,  
Commendations and Golden Moments  
for the 26th April-2nd May**

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### MUSIC

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

[Click for music lesson timetables](#)

### MUSIC

Charlotte-Anne (Deputy Head Girl) is a very busy musician outside school either at chorister school or rehearsals for orchestras and performing all over the UK and Europe.

In March she travelled to the beautiful Yehudi Menuhin School, a specialist music school in Surrey, to play in the Classic FM concert series. The concert was a sell-out and was played to industry professionals including Daphnie Boden the patron of the National Youth Harp Orchestra (NYHO) and Royal College of Music. Well done Charlotte-Anne. What a fantastic achievement!



### RUGBY

Jamie (Year 3) has been busy on the rugby pitch! Last week at the end of season awards for Saracens Rugby he was awarded with the 2018/19 Most Improved Player award by the coaches in his team. It is his first season playing for both Saracens and at Edge Grove and his effort, commitment and dedication to this new sport is wonderful to see. Well done Jamie!



## Haileybury Rock and Jazz Day

On Friday 3rd May, five pupils travelled to Haileybury for a Rock and Jazz workshop day.

The pupils were split into different groups and had to learn how to play new songs. It was great to see our talented players taking part in the day, and they impressed with their skills!

There was an activity session after lunch in order for everyone to get some fresh air. The day culminated in a concert given by all of the groups.

## 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 Eglinton or Mrs Eglinton if you have any questions!



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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.

# Beechwood Park Senior Schools' Information Evening



**Thursday, 9th May, 2019 6.30 - 8pm  
at Beechwood Park School**

**Over 20 Independent Senior Schools will attend, including:**

Abbot's Hill, Akeley Wood, Aldenham, Bedford Girls', Bedford, Berkhamsted, Bradfield College, Haberdashers' Aske's School for Boys, Haileybury, Merchant Taylors', Oundle, Princess Helena College, Queenswood, Royal Masonic School for Girls, Shiplake College, St Albans School, St Albans High School for Girls, St Columba's College, St Edward's Oxford, Stowe, Uppingham and Wycombe Abbey

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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

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