



# EDGE NEWS



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Edge Grove

Monday 30th September 2019

Autumn Term - Week 5



Dear Parents

A busy week ended with plenty of musical high notes at our first Rush Hour Concert of the term. These occasions are designed to be informal and a celebration of our pupils' ongoing musical endeavours rather than polished performances. Fully inclusive, we want children to have the chance to perform, regardless of their standard or time they have been learning their instrument. These opportunities ensure children grow in confidence and are able to celebrate each other's success, plus it gives a very good reason to practice regularly! I sat quite in awe of the talent, ability and range of accomplishment from our singers, instrumentalists and percussionists which also included a composition written by a year 8 pupil. Absolutely outstanding and a great way to almost end the week. On Saturday the music continued when Alex and I were pleased to be able to host a fundraising dinner for St. John the Baptist Church in Aldenham and as part of their musical entertainment, Alex O'Keeffe performed three pieces on the piano quite magnificently and with tremendous composure, in front of 50 strangers. A very proud moment for us.

On this same theme, I am never more proud than when seeing our pupils acting as ambassadors for the school, which they always do so well. Our autumn term Open Day on Saturday was our largest ever with 120 families booked in to tour the school and they were, without fail, impressed with the confidence, thoughtfulness and articulacy of our pupils acting as tour guides, as well as those taking part in activities around the school. Our visitors commented on the warm and energetic atmosphere which pervades the school as well as the obviously close relationships between pupils and staff. A hugely successful day and my thanks to all the children for giving up their Saturday morning and for their enthusiastic participation.

It was the annual IAPS Conference for prep school heads in Westminster last week which was quite a place to be and very hard to escape the barrage of banners,

## CALENDAR

*For fixture information see the Information Letter*

### Tuesday 1st October

Year 8 Geography Field Trip  
 Year 4 Trip to Paradise Wildlife Park  
 U13 Basketball v Lockers Park

### Wednesday 2nd October

Year 3 Trip to COAM  
 1st-4th Team Football v Heath Mount  
 Colts A-J Football v Heath Mount and St Columba's  
 U10 & U11 Hockey v Chesham Prep  
 U13 Hockey v Heath Mount

### Thursday 3rd October

U9A&B Football Festival at Westbrook Hay  
 U9C&D Football Festival at Edge Grove  
 U9E&F Football v Westbrook Hay  
 U8 Hockey v Chesham Prep  
 U9 Hockey v Heath Mount  
 National Schools Poetry Competition 2019 Launch,  
 Ignite Fellowship, Library, 4.30pm-5.00pm

### Friday 4th October

FoEG Coffee Morning, Pavilion, 8.30am-10.00am  
 Boarders' Activity Evening, Bushcraft  
 Comedy Night, Theatre, 7.30pm

### Saturday 5th October

1st Team National Soccer 7-a-side Regional Finals,  
 Chigwell, 9.00am-1.00pm

### Sunday 6th October

### Monday 7th October

Year 6 Trip to Kew Gardens, Science and Art  
 Prof Preedy Talk to Pre Prep parents, Theatre, 3.00pm  
 Lower School Rush Hour Concert, Theatre, 4.30pm

protestors and news reporters ready to assault passers-by with big, fluffy microphones. I did manage to keep off your TV screens, however, and thankfully head teachers are far better behaved in large groups than the average MP in the Commons. Over the two days, much time was spent contemplating Labour's recently announced plans to abolish independent schools as well as exploring educational innovation, children's mental health, collaboration with the maintained sector and the excellent work being achieved in prep schools across the country. Thought-provoking and engaging, I came away safe in the knowledge that Edge Grove continues to lead the way in prep school education nationwide but also under no illusion that our sector is facing difficult times. I will be writing to all parents in the near future, with ways in which you can support the strong case for independent schools, by engaging with your local MP and the Independent Schools Council.

One glance at the calendar highlights that we have a busy week ahead with many trips, fixtures and events. I hope that it is an enjoyable one for you all.

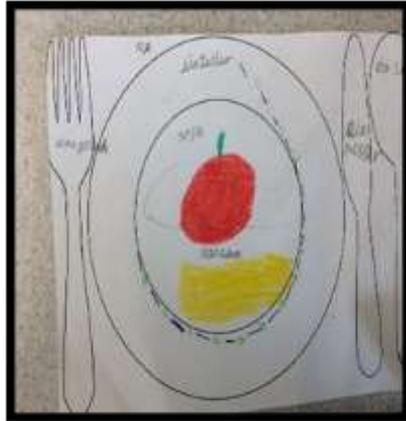
Best wishes, Ben Evans

# Pre Prep News

Gill Emmerson

Head of Pre Prep

Pre-School have been focusing on harvest through 'apple picking time', enhancing teaching through hands-on experiences such as going to pick apples from the Edge Grove orchard, bringing them back to Pre-School, apple printing and making their very own apple crumble from scratch. The delicious smell pervaded the entire building as we cooked it in the STEM kitchen. I was lucky enough to be given my very own portion to enjoy! The apple crumble baking linked nicely with the ongoing interest in The Gruffalo and we are delighted to be the proud creators of 'Gruffalo Crumble.' The Pre-School have been enjoying their weekly music lessons with Mr Eglinton and their involvement has been most rewarding. Pupils across the Pre Prep have begun to engage in our new approach to world languages and I am delighted that native speaking parents have already been involved. From singing Mandarin songs in Pre-School to designing German table mats in year 2, we are all excited to extend our knowledge.



# Lower School News

Samantha Robinson

Head of Lower School

## Year 3

Year 3 have had yet another busy week. The children have shown a great interest in our topic subject of the Stone Age. They have explored how children's lives were and compared them to their own lives. The children produced a story board called "A Day in the Life of a Stone Age Boy" and were able to write some fantastic facts. Their knowledge in this subject has rapidly improved due to their focus and continued engagement. During maths lessons this week, children have been ordering numbers and using "greater than" and "less than" signs using number lines. It can be seen how much the children have been practising their times tables and have improved in their test scores considerably. English has brought us Wallace and Gromit, which has shown great enjoyment amongst the children. They have begun writing a setting description, using some wonderful adjectives. Continuing on from discussions of transparent, translucent and opaque, children have been exploring shadows and how they are formed in science lessons. The children enthusiastically created some wonderful puppets.

## Year 4

Moving on from classifying animals in science the children used the same skills to identify plants and used something that is very plentiful in the Edge Grove grounds, leaves, to identify trees. Lots of new language was learnt about leaves, did you know that some have lobes, teeth, veins, glands and prickles? In maths they revised rounding and established the rules that apply to all rounding before moving on to neat column method and some word problems. The children started the week in English lessons by planning a fable, reviewing how to write accurate dialog to use in their fable writing, and then reading their fables aloud. Do you know the one about the jealous pig and cat.... it didn't end well for the pig, he ended up in a bacon sandwich! Our children have fabulous imaginations and wit.



# Middle School News

Kate McManus

Head of Middle School

In the Middle School this week, the pupil council representatives received their badges in assembly on Monday (see photo below). It is lovely to see them looking so proud and so keen to serve their friends!

In PSHE, Mrs Chenovits's form group shared an excellent circle time on Friday and the pupils came up with pledges which they have placed on their working wall. They will need to now put these pledges into action to help make pupils daily lives easier by being kind, respectful and tolerant.

In Art, year 5s have been reflecting on their visit to Hampton Court and creating some wonderful designs for their Tudor tiles. At first they are creating a single design and then they are replicating symmetrically to make a 2, 4 or 5 way design. Year 6 are learning about positive and negative space when drawing form. They are currently studying composition skills and using positive and negative space to think carefully about how they position their artwork on a page.

In Technology, year 6 have been investigated power to move objects; in particular the use of pneumatics. They are now using 'Techcard' to construct powered toys that use air as a force to move a part or all of it. Year 5 have been using the apples grown on Edge Grove orchard to create baked apples this week. There has been learning how to safely use knives and apple corers while preparing a delicious and (partly) healthy dessert.



# Upper School News

Anna Warren

Head of Upper School

With creativity as this week's guiding principle, pupils in the Upper School have been reflecting on how they can harness their inner powers of imagination, innovation and inspiration. This was very much in demand in the 'Friday special' across the Year 8 maths classrooms: working in pairs, the children had to work against the clock to find creative ways to solve a range of very challenging problems!

In this week's Baccalaureate lesson, year 8 reflected on the tale of 'The Giant Jam Sandwich', a tale of an ingenious baker who devised a very clever solution to combat a highly problematic issue. Analysing the story, the children also explored qualities of effective team leaders and team members. The session ended with looking at the incredible life-lessons we can learn from birds: geese and eagles to name but two!

In Art, Year 7 & 8 have been looking at Mexican Day of the Dead iconography and learning about symbolism. They have been researching the highly decorated skulls which are a major aspect of this two day celebration and have been making preliminary design ideas for their own artworks.





## Sports News and Match Reports

Follow Edge Grove Sport on Twitter  
[@EdgeGroveSport](https://twitter.com/EdgeGroveSport)

[Click here for match reports](#)



## Academic Commendations, Commendations and Golden Moments

[Click here for this week's awards](#)



## MUSIC

Music lesson timetables will be updated on The Source on Friday afternoons.

[Click for music lesson timetables](#)

## CRICKET

During the summer, Radlett U11 Cricketers won the Hertfordshire Junior leagues title and from a squad of 14, eight of the boys were from Edge Grove:

Kieran  
Grey  
Dan  
Sam  
Toye  
Yadhav  
Nicky  
Zachary



They were crowned champions at an Awards Presentation held at Shenley Cricket club on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September whereby ex-Middlesex and England bowler, Angus Fraser presented the trophy. Well done boys!

In other cricket news, after a fantastic year of cricket, James S-J has been selected for the Hertfordshire U13 County Age Group (CAG) Squad for 2019/20. This is the first year that James was eligible for County Age Group selection after playing Charlie Cricket for the last two years as part of the Herts Cricket performance pathway. This is a fantastic achievement. Well done James!

# MEET THE TEAM

## Mrs Jessica Eglinton, Director of Music

I began my Edge Grove journey back in 2010 when I was a freelance Flautist and Peripatetic teacher of Woodwind. I soon found my passion for being part of the school's extra-curricular ensembles, concerts, shows and carol services. Throughout the years I have gradually built my teaching experience and along with taking a PGCE took on more and more classroom lessons, ensembles and concerts. As a teacher and a freelance musician, I am extremely passionate about the quality of teaching within the music department. My new role as Director of Music is an incredibly exciting opportunity to build on the school's successes to date. I am very much looking forward to leading the team of highly qualified and committed music staff, and to develop all that the department has to offer. There are many new thrilling events occurring in the music department this year. Jazz band are competing in the National Concert Band festival, there is an Alumni Jazz band day, family rush hour concerts, Lower School having singing as part of the academic timetable and the Young Dizzy Brasscals event on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. It's going to be a busy year in the Music Department!



### Young Dizzy Brasscals Day - Friday 22nd November

On Friday 22nd November we will be having a day of Brass! The Young Dizzy Brasscals will be coming in and running a series of workshops with the children to teach them about the wonderful world of Brass instruments. The Young Dizzy Brasscals passionately believe in helping and inspiring the next generation of Brass players. In addition to their performing work, such as the LSO, BBC Phil and the LPO, all members of the band are experienced teachers, working in a variety of educational settings including Junior Trinity Laban, London Philharmonic Orchestra, Drum Tech and The Education Group.



In the evening, we will be hosting an exciting Big Brass Night. There will be a very lively and energetic concert performed by the Young Dizzy Brasscals alongside our own platinum award winning Edge Grove Jazz band and there will also be food and drinks available. It is set to be a very lively and entertaining event! Keep an eye out for more information and how to book tickets.

### More About the Young Dizzy Brasscals...

Formed in Forest Hill – South East London's melting pot of music making – the Young Dizzy Brasscals have been dishing out their unique recipe of tweed-clad 10-piece drum 'n' brass since 2012. They can be seen serving up well-marinated dance floor fillers at top venues such as Fabric, the Forum, Hammersmith Apollo, KOKO, the Roundhouse and Scala, or delivering sizzling sets at UK festivals such as Bestival, Glastonbury, Latitude and Secret Garden Party.

Ingredients include:

50g Trumpet – Freddie Bols,  
David Geoghegan, Dave Hopkin, Cai Isfryn & Sebastian Philpott

30g Trombone – Barney Philpott, Chris Smith & Richard Turner

Tbsp of Bass Trombone – Dan West

30ml of Tuba – Richard Evans

Served on a bed of Drums – Ric Elsworth

With a Percussion garnish – Eddy Hackett

In 2016 the band entered the studio to record their debut eponymous album. A stand-alone single Paranoid Android was released in 2017, accompanied by a live-action video remake of the original Radiohead animation by Magnus Carlsson. A festive EP Sleigh Another Day then followed in 2018, complete with a parody video of a classic East 17 ballad. 2019 sees the band present a series of 're-imagined' shows at their Brixton Blues Kitchen residency – performing iconic albums front-to-back in their entirety. So far the series has included complete covers of The Strokes debut *Is This It* and Arctic Monkeys' Mercury Prize-winning *Whatever People Say I Am, That's What I'm Not*.



The Edge Grove Jazz Band

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# BOARDING NEWS

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## *The adventures of Boarding at Edge Grove*

Unfortunately due to the rain we had to cancel our Adventure Playground activity on Monday evening and instead took part in Badminton, Table Tennis and Basketball in the Sports Hall.

On Tuesday Mr McManus took the boarders to Shaketastic in Radlett and spirits were high after this little sugar rush!

Wednesday had been a busy day with matches for all of the children but this didn't stop them from burning off some more energy playing Fifa, Table Tennis and Badminton in the Sports Hall. We also had 3 very special visitors from Pre-School. Thank you to Mrs Goossens, Miss Booth and Mrs Lamptey-Senior for coming and spending the evening with us. We all loved having you with us!

Thursday was yet another busy night in boarding. After dinner we all went and played Dodgeball in the Sports Hall, after 45 minutes of intense playing we then went upstairs for a showers, a biscuit and a glass of milk before bed time.

Thank you to all the children who boarded this week, it has been great fun! We look forward to another busy week one next week!



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# UPCOMING BOARDING ACTIVITIES

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Autumn 2019

## Week 5

Sun 29 Sept Film & Popcorn  
Mon 30 Sept Lego Robotics  
Tue 1 Oct Cookery  
Wed 2 Oct Badminton Tournament  
Thu 3 Oct Crazy Golf  
Fri 4 Oct Bushcraft

## Week 6

Sun 6 Oct Chinese Takeaway  
Mon 7 Oct Fifa/ Wii Tournament  
Tue 8 Oct Tuck Shopping Trip  
Wed 9 Oct Table Tennis Tournament  
Thu 10 Oct Treasure Hunt  
Fri 11 Oct Card Games/ Comics

## Week 7

Sun 13 Oct Cookie Nights  
Mon 14 Oct Film Night  
Tue 15 Oct Halloween Shopping  
Wed 16 Oct Pumpkin Carving  
Thu 17 Oct Halloween Party

## Friday Activity Nights:

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September- Laser Tag  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October- Bushcraft  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November- Inflatables  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Party



For further information regarding the evening activities, please contact

Miss Hughes on  
[nhughes@edgegrove.com](mailto:nhughes@edgegrove.com)

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# FLOURISH PARENT WORKSHOP

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*An interactive, strategy-focused approach*

## **Building resilience, boosting wellbeing**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October**  
**8.45am-11.00am**  
**£25 per person**

The World Health organisation defines wellbeing as “the state in which an individual realises his or her own abilities, can cope with normal stresses of life, can work productively, and is able to make a contribution to his or her own community”.

We all want children to be happy and able to cope with the ups and downs of life and whilst we cannot always protect them from pressures and troubles we are able to help them develop skills and strategies to support them. Resilience can be built and developed and is closely wellbeing; children with a sense of resilience are more able to approach situations and relationships with confidence and optimism and tend to have a positive self-image and good self-esteem.

The passage from child to adult brings constant change. Assisting children to understand what resilience is and how they are able to develop this life skill will underpin their wellbeing now and for life. Join us at this workshop to explore:

- The link between resilience and wellbeing
- Emotional resilience
- What impacts resilience
- Fostering independence
- The link between wellbeing and improved learning and achievement



For further information, or to book your place, please contact Sally Sharp, Head of Wellbeing: [ssharp@edgegrove.com](mailto:ssharp@edgegrove.com)



# Friday Coffee Mornings



## DATES:

Friday 13th September 2019

Friday 4th October 2019

Friday 15th November 2019

Friday 6th December 2019

Time: 8:30am – 10:00am

## Location: The Pavilion

(The building on the main pitch by the long driveway to Radlett Road Entrance/Exit)

Come for a cuppa and a natter with other parents!!

After much demand it's back...

## The Friends of Edge Grove Comedy Evening!



Come and join us for an evening of lots of laughter provided by a professional team of comedians.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019

7:00pm – 10:00pm

Please email Sarah Meier: [sarah@meier@gmail.com](mailto:sarah@meier@gmail.com) to book your place/table.

Tickets are sold on a first come first served basis. Don't miss out. Sign up now!

Tickets: £20 for cold platters at your table and entertainment.

There will be a pay bar (please bring cash)

**Keen Bean**  
Coaching, Camps, Parties

# OCTOBER Half Term Camp

AT

## EDGE GROVE SCHOOL

Week 1 **October 21st - 25th**  
Week 2 **October 28th - November 1st**

### OPENING HOURS

**9.30 am to 3.30 pm**  
(extended hours available)

**PHONE 07798792590**  
**EMAIL [hello@keenbeansport.co.uk](mailto:hello@keenbeansport.co.uk)**  
**[keenbeancamps.co.uk](http://keenbeancamps.co.uk)**

## PRICES AND TIMES

SPORTING BEANS, CREATIVE BEANS, PERFORMING BEANS

1 DAY	2 DAYS	3 DAYS	4 DAYS	5 DAYS
£32	£64	£89	£113	£129

### NURSERY CAMP

£34	£68	£95	£120	£139
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Early Drop off	£4	(From 8:30am)
Late Stay Pickup	£8	(till 5:30pm)
Both	£10	

## CONTACT US AT

**PHONE 07798792590**  
**EMAIL [hello@keenbeansport.co.uk](mailto:hello@keenbeansport.co.uk)**

For further details, as well as terms and conditions, please visit our website  
**[keenbeancamps.co.uk](http://keenbeancamps.co.uk)**

## Mini Beans

This is a chance for your children to take part in a safe and fun environment with exciting play-based activities. These are kept short and energetic to keep the interest of all children. Activities include: **bouncy castles, Inflatable slides, football, multi-sport and dance sessions** as well as many other great fun activities.

**Ages - 3-4**

## Creative Beans

Bring out your creative side in a series of crafting and building activities! Take part in **Lego Challenges** that test your skills, from building the tallest, strongest tower to making working mechanisms that create marble runs and machines. Become a robot master with our **Lego Mindstorm** workshop, making everything from racing robots to working mechanical arms.

Many more creative activities are offered such as **Papercraft Modelling** (to take home!), **3D graphics art** and **Cardboard Crafting** for costumes and props.

**Ages - Year 2 to Year 6**

## Sporting Beans

Bring lots of energy to our fun and exciting activities which change every hour. Can you hit the bull's eye in **Archery** or be the fastest through our **Inflatable Assault Course**? Will Iron Man or Hulk win in our padded **Sumo Wrestling**? Can you score the basket that wins the game for your team?

Other activities include: **Basketball Dodgeball, Baseball, Tub Golf, Bouncy castle, Bean Bag Curling**, and many more!

There is so much to do that you will not want to go home!

**Ages - Reception to Year 6**



## Performing Beans

Become the next **Dancing Queen**, or **King of the Stage!** Learn how to work the room and keep the crowd in awe of your presence. Perform in mini-shows, become fun characters, bust some moves in dance routines and project your voice for all to hear. Become an inspiration!

**Ages - Reception to Year 6**

# SPOOKY Cookery Camp



- Edge Grove School
- Fun Cookery Day for children from 7 – 12 yrs
  - 30<sup>th</sup> October
- Fun with Food holiday activity from 9.30am - 3.30pm
  - Extended hours option available
- £65 per child, per day – child care vouchers accepted

To book a place, go to our website [www.how2boilwater.com](http://www.how2boilwater.com) or email [bookings@how2boilwater.com](mailto:bookings@how2boilwater.com)



## Teen Cuisine 12yrs plus - Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October



### Edge Grove School

- **Get beyond beans on toast!**
- **Understand why cooking for yourself is so important.**
  - **Cook your own nutritious and delicious dishes.**
  - **Learn how to use different herbs and spices.**
  - **Discover how much fun cooking can be.**

9.30am - 3.30pm (extended hours option available)

£75 per child – includes refreshments and all course materials.

Child Care Vouchers accepted

To book a place email [bookings@how2boilwater.com](mailto:bookings@how2boilwater.com)





## **Calling all budding artists**

Aldenham Parish Council are holding a drawing competition for all local schools. The winning entry will have the opportunity to switch on the Radlett Winter Lights on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November with Father Christmas and see their drawing in large print on all the promotion material.

### **How to enter:**

It's simple – the children draw their designs on the paper provided (please email [office@edgegrove.com](mailto:office@edgegrove.com) and we will send you the template) adding their name, school and class details on the back.

Aldenham Parish Council will collect all entries from the school reception.

### **Deadline:**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019.

### **Announcement:**

Winners will be announced the week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> November by the school and on the Aldenham Parish Council website.

Any questions can be directed to Aldenham Parish Council

[community@aldenham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:community@aldenham-pc.gov.uk) or call 01923 856433