

EDGE NEWS

Monday 24th February 2020

Spring Term - Week 7



Headmaster's Introduction

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Dear Parents

I hope you all had a great half term and I think everyone was certainly ready for the break. Alex, the boys and I enjoyed a very peaceful few days away in Somerset with lots of blustery and damp walks and plenty of fresh air. We certainly ended the first half of term on a high with a brilliant and fully inclusive whole school Creative Arts Day. I am sure we weren't the only Edge Grove household to be singing and humming Let's Go Fly a Kite for quite a few days into the holiday - I think I know all the words now!

It was wonderful to move around the school during the day, watching the children in their House groups collaborate and be completely engaged in either learning the song, practising their dance moves, making their art installations and generally absorbed in their creative tasks. One of the greatest joys of such a day, when the children are working in vertical groups, is seeing the older pupils take the younger ones under their wings, treat them with tremendous kindness and understanding and support them to achieve their common goals. Likewise, observing how much our younger children admire those in the upper years and absolutely love learning from them and being in their company. It is one of the many benefits of schools such as Edge Grove where we are able to give our pupils positions of responsibility at 12 or 13 years old and for them to be the oldest in the school, to grow in maturity in a safe and familiar environment, to build their confidence and self-esteem and ultimately achieve great success and become very accomplished.

Needless to say, the outcomes were fantastic but the high quality of all the House performances made it a very difficult job for the judges. It was a reminder, if needed, how much talent we have in our pupil (and staff) body from the singing to the acting and brilliant musicianship. Well done to everyone involved and thank you for all your efforts.



It is that time of year when senior school results, including scholarships, exhibitions and other awards are in and parents and pupils can start to relax. Our children have achieved considerable success this year, not only in gaining entry into some of the most academic and competitive schools in the country but also in the number of awards they have been given. I will write with full news of these next week when the results have all been collated but in the meantime, congratulations to everyone!

You may not be aware but 2020 is the Hertfordshire Year of Culture and to celebrate this, Aldenham Parish Council will be holding the Festival of Culture in Radlett from the 4th to the 7th June. As Chair of the organising committee (I am not quite sure how that happened but I am more than ably and thankfully supported by Alex), we would like to invite you all to the event which will include lots of child and family friendly activities on Saturday 6th June and Films in the Park on Sunday 7th June – see the attached flyer for more details. We will also be taking part in the schools' literary and art competition within our lessons. Please save the date and support Edge Grove's community involvement.

Have a great week ahead.

Best wishes
Ben Evans



Hertfordshire
2020
Year of Culture



SAVE THE DATES

FESTIVAL OF CULTURE IN RADLETT 2020
THURSDAY 4TH JUNE – SUNDAY 7TH JUNE



THURSDAY 4TH JUNE

EXCLUSIVE LAUNCH NIGHT
SCHOOLS COMPETITION WINNERS ANNOUNCED
RADLETT ART SOCIETY EXHIBITION OPENS

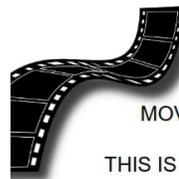


FRIDAY 5TH JUNE

THE UPBEAT BEATLES
ART EXHIBITIONS

SATURDAY 6TH JUNE

BOOK AND POETRY READINGS, ART EXHIBITIONS,
MUSICAL RECITALS, CHOIRS, STREET ENTERTAINERS,
BRING & SING, COMEDY NIGHT
RADLETT & DISTRICT MUSEUM VILLAGE TRAIL
THE RADLETT FESTIVAL OF MUSIC



SUNDAY 7TH JUNE

MOVIES IN THE PARK, ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD STALLS

THIS IS AN ALDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL EVENT TO PROMOTE
'HERTFORDSHIRE'S YEAR OF CULTURE 2020'



**WE INVITE YOU TO BE A PART OF THIS
VERY SPECIAL WEEKEND**

For more information email community@aldenham-pc.gov.uk

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CALENDAR

What's on this week



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For fixture information see the Information Letter

Tuesday 25th February

7+ External Assessment for Year 3 entry in September 2020

Wednesday 26th February

Rugby v Beechwood Park, U10, U11, U12 & U13

Netball v Kingshott, U10, U11 & U13

Orienteering v Westbrook Hay, U13

Year 4 Mr G Electricity workshop, Apthorp Hall, 9.00am-3.30pm

Thursday 27th February

IAPS Netball U11A at Felsted, all day

Year 5 girls to Downe House for Musical Theatre day (depart 7.45am, return 6.00pm)

Rugby Festival at Westbrook Hay, U9

Rugby Festival at Lockers Park, U8

Netball v Kingshott, U9 & U8

Friday 28th February

11+ External Assessment for Year 7 entry in September 2020

External 11+ and Edge Grove 11+ scholarship day (final round)

IAPS Netball U13 at Felsted, all day

Saturday 29th February

Orley Farm Basketball Tournament, Harrow School, 10.00am-1.00pm

Sunday 1st March

Monday 2nd March

Year 7 Baccalaureate Outdoor Education and Team Building Day

ABRSM Rush Hour concert, Theatre, 4.30pm

IAPS Swimming Regionals at Aldwickbury, 4.00pm



Pre Prep News

Pre Prep News

Gill Emmerson
Head of Pre Prep

We very much enjoy whole school events, especially if there is an element of competition involved. Creative Arts Day involved each House in preparing a song with a freeze frame and also making a kite as a prop. We began the day with a community singing lesson to tune in to 'Let's Go Fly a Kite' much to the delight of both Mr and Mrs Eglinton, our voices soaring in to the atmosphere to lift all of our spirits! With customary enthusiasm, the Pre Prep staff House leaders took the brief and literally hung bells and bows on it to support the pupils to sing more expressively, make more creatively and act more dramatically than anyone else.

We spent a very happy day with all year groups side by side, working collaboratively towards the final assembly and a chance to share the fruits of our labours. In Pre-School, a kite themed day was also in full swing where learning in all its forms was in evidence. The pupils attempted to fly a kite in the garden and learned that in the absence of wind a healthy gallop does the trick. We have to say a very well done to Hedgerows and Stratton who were jointly awarded the trophy by the judging panel led by Mr Evans and we now look forward to the House Pancake Race on Shrove Tuesday.





Lower School
News

Lower School News

Samantha Robinson
Head of Lower School

It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the academic year. Year 3 have learnt so much in such a short space of time and have settled in well to the Apthorp building. This week (week 6), there has been a focus on creative arts. The children are learning a song and met in their houses to discuss ideas for Creative Arts Day. They are all going to be wearing their house t-shirt and will have a fun packed day. In drama, the

children have been investigating silent movies and working on their acting skills and facial expressions. Mr Eglinton has been very impressed! Well done to 3M on a lovely form assembly all about the body. We thoroughly enjoyed your interactive approach and were very impressed with your knowledge! Thank you Olive for your performance on the drums.

In Year 4, the children finished off their science and topic lessons for this half term and in particular the they found Anglo-Saxon “crime and punishment” quite fascinating and rather extreme. They compared the punishment meted out then and now, and had a good appreciation of how well such terrible punishments acted as deterrents. Dilemmas galore in English as the children planned their fantasy stories which have been left on a cliffhanger..... to be

continued.....after half term. Finally, maths was a mixture of some fraction and decimal revision, an investigation of tessellation and another investigation looking at naming and defining triangles. Creative Arts Day rounded off the week and the Year 4 children joined their house groups to combine drama, singing and kite design culminating in a performance in front of the whole school.



Middle School News



Middle School News

Kate McManus Head of Middle School

Year 5 have had an exciting week with the Wonderdome Planetarium visiting to deliver workshops. The children went into the dome and went on a journey through the Solar System. They investigated the scale of the planets and stars as well as looking at missions to Mars.

Year 6 have been looking at distillation of both saltwater and red wine. They were able to prove the ethanol had been distilled by setting fire to it.

In French, Year 5 have been using the verb jouer to talk about which sports they play. They have been brilliant at conjugating regular -ER verbs in the

present tense. Not an easy task to do. Fantastique Year 5!

Year 6 have been talking about friendship and what they enjoy doing with their 'copains'. They have worked in small groups to ask each other questions about their favourite activities in different weather conditions. Bravo Year 6!

In Geography, Year 5 have been exploring 6 figure grid references this week. It is pretty tricky but with the help of their OS maps they managed to master the skill. I have also suggested they all start looking at atlases to get to grips with the country's locations and capitals.

Year 6 have looked at the global supply chain. They were shocked to see the hidden dark side of global trade when we explored the concept of sweatshops in LDC's.



Upper School News



Upper School News

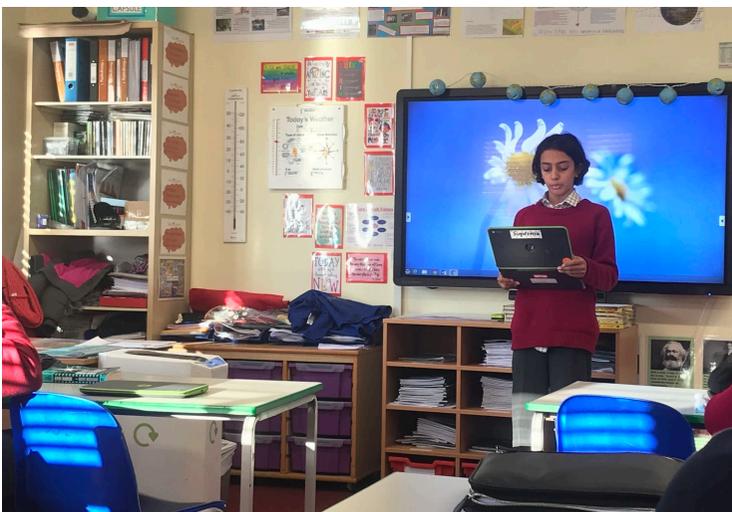
Anna Warren
Head of Upper School

Year 8 Critical Thinking: 'Can Money Buy Happiness?': In their Socratic Seminar, our Year 8s used the Oxplore website to kickstart an excellent discussion on the topic of money and happiness. Linking in perfectly with this half term's PSHEE unit on financial capability, the pupils grappled with the idea of 'wants' and 'needs', and whether material goods can ever be the source of true contentment.

In Geography, Year 7 have become meteorologists this week, identifying trends in climates and looking at why our climate varies so much within the UK. Please do ask your child to explain the Mid Atlantic drift, the polar maritime climates and how to use a climate graph. We are building up to carrying out fieldwork in the school grounds.

Year 8 are researching and writing a speech on the highly controversial HS2 transport network. The speeches will be performed to the class, myself and in some cases a member of SLT and they are the children's first taste of the type of challenges that await as part of the Baccalaureate award. Please do ask your child to tell you about HS2, the advantages and disadvantages and whether they think it should continue to go ahead.

In Textiles Year 7&8 Elective, we finished weaving with paper and the children are now exploring weaving with wool and other materials. And in our Year 7&8 Theatre Rotation, children have been studying aspects of Elizabethan theatre/stage and also looking at how ancient Greek theatre influenced theatre to the present day.



Boarding News





On Sunday evening we had a number of boarders in which was great to have such a relaxing start to the final week of Half Term.

On Monday evening the children had a mixture of games in the Sports Hall as well as a few upstairs in the Boarding House playing PS4, finishing off homework and talking about Half Term plans.

On Tuesday evening the children had a variety of homework and spellings upstairs as well as a few running around in the Sports Hall.

Wednesday evening was our first evening of Multi Sports which included being paired up and playing a range of basketball, badminton and table tennis. All of the children enjoyed moving around the hall and playing the different sports with their friends.

On Thursday evening the Year 7&8 boys had their outing to Shaketastic whilst all of the other children played Dodgeball which was great fun and a great way to end a busy half term in the Boarding House!



Upcoming Boarding Activities

Week 7

Tuesday 25th February	Table Tennis Tournament
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Wednesday 26th February	Badminton
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Thursday 27th February	Dodgeball
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Friday 28th February	Film Night
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Week 8

Sunday 1st March	Boarding Dinner
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Monday 2nd March	Waffle Night
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Tuesday 3rd March	Multi Sports
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Wednesday 4th March	Badminton and Table Tennis
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Thursday 5th March	Warhammer
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Friday 6th March	Activity Evening - Rock Up
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For all Match Reports click [here](#) and don't forget to follow Edge Grove Sport on Twitter @EdgeGroveSport.



Mr McManus takes on the London Marathon

Following in the footsteps of our 'Faster Headmaster' last year, Mr McManus has been chosen by Hertfordshire Community Foundation to take on the 26.2 miles of this iconic event on Sunday 26th April 2020.

Click [here](#) to read more and to support Mr McManus and the HCF.



Edge Grove rugby goes from strength to strength

This week (week 6) we had a number of fixtures against Kingshott, St Martins and Lochinver House and the boys performed brilliantly throughout.

Click [here](#) to read all the Match Reports.



St Albans High School
for Girls

Year 5 Netball Coaching Masterclass

Are you in year 5?
Are you a keen netballer?
Are you thinking of applying to STAHS Senior School?



Fun coaching sessions and match play opportunities led by STAHS Senior Netball Coaches

STAHS Playing Fields and Courts
Saturday 21 March 2020
8:45am-12:15pm

To sign up, please email admissions@stahs.org.uk with your contact email address, daughter's name, current school and year group.

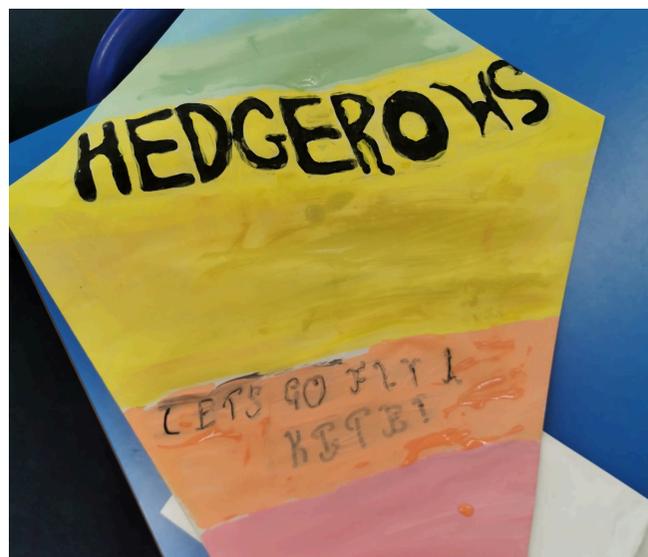




Creative Arts
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Creative Arts Day

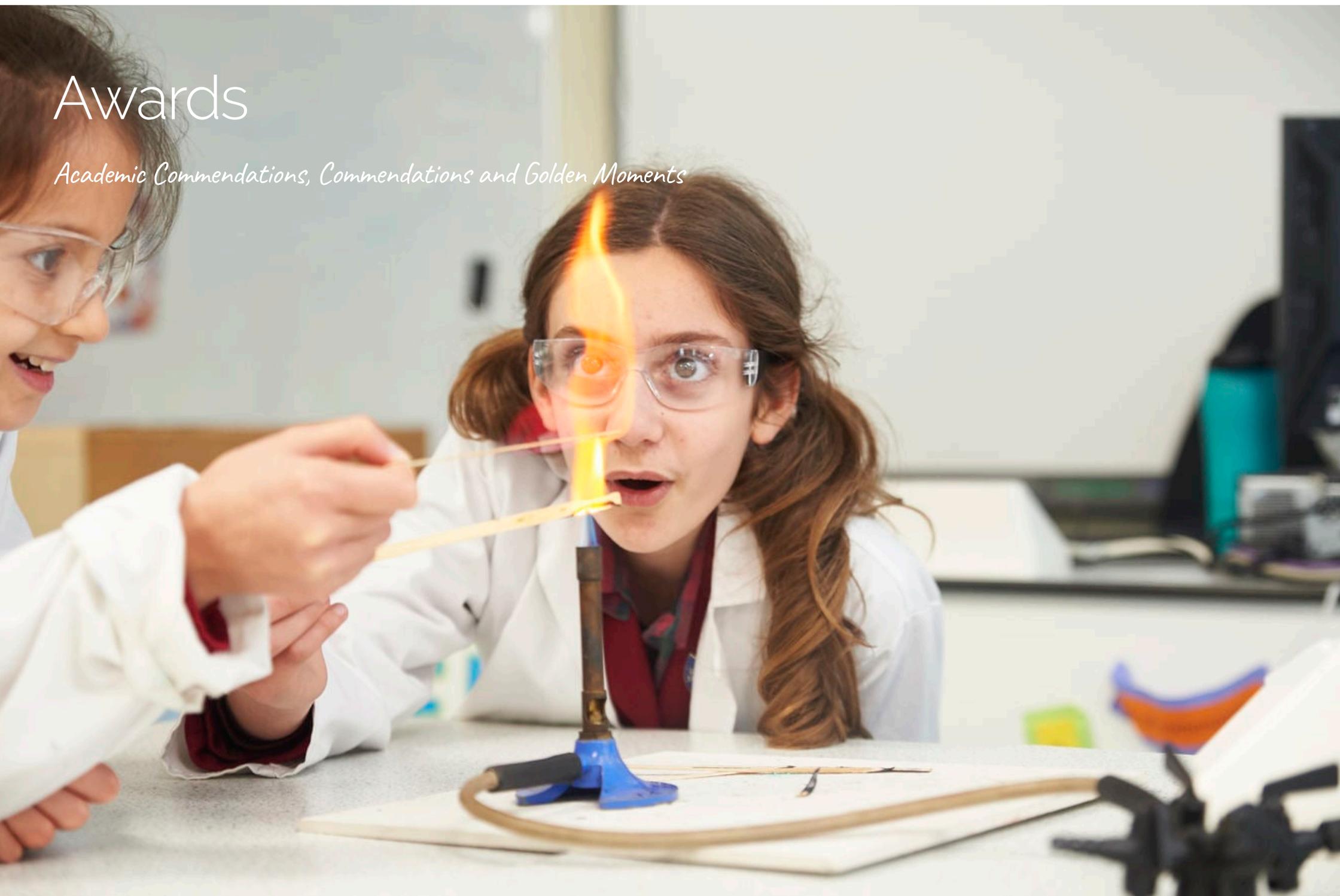
Here is a selection of photos from our Creative Arts Day held on Friday 14th February. Well done all for your enthusiastic participation!





Awards

Academic Commendations, Commendations and Golden Moments



7th - 13th February 2020

Click [here](#) for this week's Academic Commendations, Commendations and Golden Moments or see the full list below:

Academic Commendations

Bartlett, Anabelle 3D
Burov, Nikolay (Niky) 5N
Chavda-Patel, Amara 3D
Camilotti, Niccolo 5N (4)
Eledan, Joseph 3D
Gubler, Oliver (Ollie) 5N
Fraser, Oliver 3D
Kachhela, Shay 5N (2)
Gami, Devan 3D
Kapadia, Kimaya (Kimmy) 5N
Guard, Rose 3D
Mistry, Keya (Shona) 5N
Hancock, Holly 3D
Okoye, Chizara (Zara) 5N
Howard, Darcey 3D
Arumugam, Lakshman (Lucky) 5S
Kifleyesus, Kellan 3D
Barnard, George 5S

Mahmood, Jannah 3D
Davies, Teagan (Tiggy) 5S
Maslowicz, Zak 3D
D'Cruz, Nathan 5S (2)
Nursiah, Esmé 3D
Meier, Oliver (Olly) 5S (4)
Pal, Riana 3D
Robins, Isla 5S
Parekh, India 3D
Samra, Sophia 5S (3)
Pinkerton, Alexander (Alex) 3D
Ali, Daniyal 6A
Shah, Amaya 3D
Bulmer, Charles (Charlie) 6A
Shah, Avi 3D
Koffman, Mia 6A
Shah, Devika 3D
Numaguchi Kingswell, Momoka 6A
Phillips, Lacey 3M
Sander, Liam 6A
Woolfson, Jesse 3M
Alsaghir, Raneem 6C
Christofis, Sofia 3R
Bennett, James 6C
Hopkins, Evie 3R
Pearson, Lottie 6C

Low, Harry 3R
Rainbow, Dominic 6C
Mynett, Louie 3R
Sutcliffe, Theodore (Theo) 6C
Padayachy, Elinor 3R
Izadpanah, Ariana 6E
Roberts, Iris 3R
Alsafi, Davin 6GT
Rubinow, Ben 3R
Bennett, Monty 6GT
Sadarangani, Roma 3R
Faridrad, Joshua 6GT
Samuel-Napier, Eliza 3R
Fazzini-Jones, Lucia 6GT



Wilkie, Lewis 3R
Liu, Zhenghan 6GT
Hirani, Risha 4M
Salzman, Mila 6GT (2)
Kim, Andreas 4TC
Sansom, Arthur 6GT
Phillips Bhan, Aria 4TC
Tilbury, Jemima 6GT
Meacock, Albert 5C
Cox, Frederick (Freddie) 6L (2)
Oladuji, Zachary 5C
de Jong, Edmond 6L
Olunloyo, Oluwadarasimi (Dara) 5C (2)
Levene, Mirabelle 6L (2)
Opaleye, Eniola 5C
Salunke, Vihaan 6L
Toledo Shapiro, Nathan 5C
Tailor, Roshan 6L
Caplan, Oliver 5D
Matteucci, Isabella 6T
Fabian, Ethan 5D
Mynett, Dylan 6T
Hilton, Amber 5D (2)
Patel, Nikita 6T (2)
Murphy, Dillon 5D (2)
Johnson, Nia 7D (2)

Taylor, Arthur 5D
Kyte-Ogunnubi, Temi 7D
Vincent, Demi 5D
Niu, Zhenyuan (Terry) 7D (3)
Ashley, Rex 5E
Xu, Qianxun (Chihiro) 7D (3)
Colton, Max 5E (3)
Pinkerton, Amber 7KM (2)
Izzi-Engbeaya, Ehije 5E (3)
Lawson, Zoe Grace 7M (3)
Lieberman, Ella 5E
Niu, Shiyao (Lucy) 7M (5)
Martin-Jenkins, Missy 5E
Asaria, Ali 8K (2)
Mehta, Kyan 5E
Levene, Riley 8K
Murray, Henry 5E (3)
Shaw, Felix 8K
Padayachy, Hugh 5E
Steven-Jennings, James 8K
Roberts, Isabella 5E
Branston, Buster 8O
Vasani, Gabriella (Gabby) 5E
Fatania, Kush 8O
Coster, Emilia 5M
Robey, Hadley 8O

Faridrad, Bethany 5M (2)
Sunden, Benjamin 8O (2)
Nursiah, Evan 5M (3)
Goyal, Panav 8T
Tanna, Rohan 5M
O'Keeffe, Alexander 8T
Asaria, Fatemah 5N
Oyetunde, Daniel 8T

Commendations

McKim, Caoimhe (Keavy) 3M
Phillips Bhan, Louis 6C
Oladuji, Zachary 5C
Bajomo, Foladara 6E
Zotova, Tatiana 5C
Cox, Thomas 6E
Colton, Max 5E
Izadpanah, Ariana 6E
Lieberman, Ella 5E
Kasonga, Funsho (Nathan) 6E
Mistry, Keya (Shona) 5N
Malyon, Jack 6E
Ehinderero, Matthew (Tobi) 6A
Alsafi, Davin 6GT

Hao, Zi Chen (Lucas) 6A
Dzivenu, Fynn 6GT
Koffman, Mia 6A
Liu, Zhenghan 6GT
Shaw, Mark 6A
Sansom, Arthur 6GT
Shaw, Stephen 6A
Harris, Sophie 6L
Zimmerman, Max 6A
Levene, Mirabelle 6L
Ali, Mehdi 6C
Pick, Charlie 6T
Cookson, Hayden 6C
Amin, Kieran 7KM

Golden Moments

Kaelan Shah 3R - Mandarin club lined up beautifully in the hall waiting for their snack. They were sensible and sat listening beautifully to the instructions from the teacher. Well done boys!

Edward Evans 4M - Mandarin club lined up beautifully in the hall waiting for their snack. They were sensible and sat listening beautifully

to the instructions from the teacher. Well done boys!

Andreas Kim 4TC - Mandarin club lined up beautifully in the hall waiting for their snack. They were sensible and sat listening beautifully to the instructions from the teacher. Well done boys!

Oliver Caplan 5D - Selflessly helped me pack away all the equipment from Year 5 & 6 snack, was very polite and made sure the hallway was clear.

Freddie Simeone-Hogan 5S - Held the door open to the Jubilee block for many people to pass through.

Hayden Cookson 6C - Hayden was very helpful during his maths cover lesson.

Nicolas Holland 6T - Collected all the books in without being asked. Thank you!

Samuel (Sammy) Coffey 7KM - Thank you for taking the chairs down before school. It is a

massive help to me.

Declan Orriss 7KM - Thank you for taking the chairs down before school. It is a massive help to me.

Declan Orriss 7KM - Well done for achieving the CONNECT flourish.

Niyam Patel 7KM - Thank you for taking all the chairs down in my classroom this morning completely off your own back. I really appreciate your help.

Niyam Patel 7KM - Well done for achieving the CONNECT flourish.

Javan Williams 7KM - Well done for achieving the CONNECT flourish.



Upcoming Events

Flourish Parent Workshop, FoEG events and more...

Flourish Parent Workshop
(Interactive, strategy-focused sessions)

Effective Communication
Friday 6th March, 8.45am-11.00am

Focus:

- What is effective communication?
- Listening skills
- Communication styles: passive, assertive, aggressive
- Communicating clearly: 'I' statements
- Building and supporting good communication habits

Communication is about more than just exchanging information. It is about understanding the emotion and intentions behind the information. As well as being able to convey a message we need to also listen in a way that gains the full meaning of what is being said and makes the others feel heard and understood.

Encouraging communication that develops expression of thoughts, feelings and ideas can positively influence a child's relationships and behaviours throughout life. As well as benefiting self-esteem, problem solving abilities and behaviour, good communication skills are key to building and sustaining successful relationships, achieving goals and supporting wellbeing.

This workshop provides an opportunity to explore how we can talk to children so that they will listen, listen to children so that they will talk and to experiment with tips and techniques that may encourage clear, confident, effective communication now and for life.

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





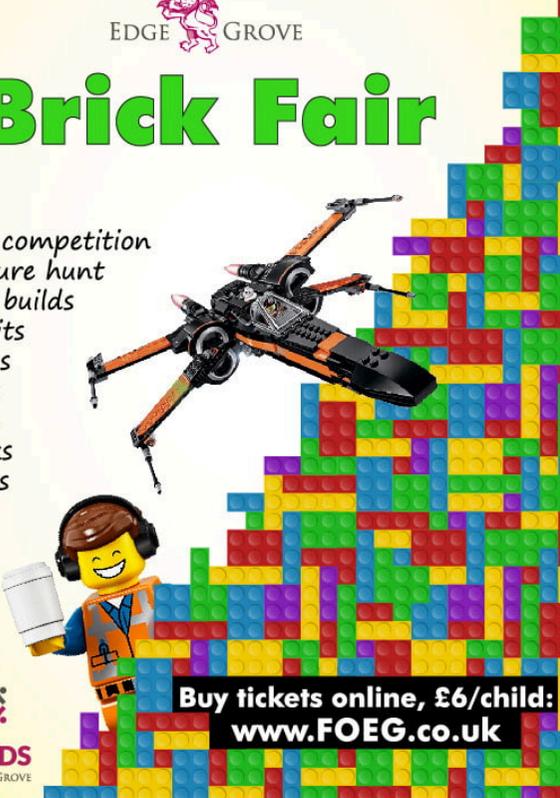
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Saturday 21st March 2020, 2-5pm
FREE Lego Minifigure with every ticket

EDGE  GROVE

Brick Fair

Build competition
Treasure hunt
Brick builds
Exhibits
Games
Prizes
Raffle
Snacks
Drinks



Buy tickets online, £6/child:
www.FOEG.co.uk

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Come along for a day of Lego fun!

The FoEG is excited to be hosting the first Lego brick building and games event at Edge Grove. Don't miss out on this new fun event for kids of all ages!

Event tickets are now available from www.foeg.co.uk

FREE Lego minifigure included with each ticket (to be collected at the treasure hunt).

Deadline for tickets sales: Monday 2nd March 2020.

Thank you for reading

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