

EDGE



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Newsletter

23rd April 2018



Dear Parents

It really has been a fantastic start to the summer term and I don't think I can remember quite such a hot one. It has been an absolute pleasure to see the children come back to school for the last term of the academic year so enthusiastic, full of energy and raring to take advantage of every opportunity that comes their way. The weather has helped, of course, and ensured that the grounds have been used to their full with teaching and learning happening everywhere. Purposeful and productive outdoor learning doesn't mean simply taking the lessons outside but rather using the outdoor environment to spark children's creativity and curiosity and expose them to new experiences which will, in turn, enhance their attainment and progress. The outdoor environment has so much to offer as well as developing children's independence, risk taking and wonder of the natural world. Just a quick walk around our grounds at Edge Grove makes one realise how lucky we are to learn, work and live in such a beautiful place. Edge Grove Park, now rapidly becoming known as just The Park is already a firm favourite with Lower School at break times and is proving to be an excellent addition to the school.

Calendar

Monday 23rd April

Tennis v Beechwood Park, Years 5 to 8 - *postponed until Monday 30th April*

Tuesday 24th

Future Schools Pathways briefing for Year 6 parents, Theatre, 6.30pm–7.15pm
Hertfordshire League Team Tennis v Aldenham (A), 4.00pm

Wednesday 25th

House Meetings
Year 3 Mayan workshop, Sports Hall
Boys' Cricket v Beechwood Park, 1st, 3rd, Colts C, Colts D (H), 2nd, 4th, Colts A, Colts B, (A)
Girls' Cricket v Heath Mount, U13 (A)
Girls' *Introduction to cricket* afternoon v Abbots Hill School, U11, U10 (A), 3.00pm

Thursday 26th

Eco-Day, whole school event
Sarah Roberts, *Plastics in the Environment* workshops
Girls *Introduction to Cricket* afternoon v Longwood School, U9, U8

Friday 27th

Cricket for girls with Lydia Greenway games afternoon, 1.30pm - 4.00pm
Haileybury Jazz day, by invitation ▲
Boarding Activity Evening, Years 3 to 8

Saturday 28th

IAPS National U11 and U13 Table Tennis Championships at Edge Grove, 10.00am - 5.00pm
Mill Hill Junior Tennis Open for Year 5 pupils, 9.00am - 12.30pm

Sunday 29th

Squash, Radlett Charity Graded Tournament, Under 11, 11.30am - 1.30pm; Over 11, 2.00pm - 5.00pm

Monday 30th

Tennis v Beechwood Park, Years 5 to 8 (A), 4.30pm

On Saturday, the school hosted a TV company from the Canary Islands who were producing promotional material for the tourist industry there. A strange choice you might think, as did we, until it became clear that it was a documentary with a difference. Not only did they want to film at the school, but they also wanted five Old Edge Grovians from the 1940s and 1950s to talk about their memories of school life. The theme of these discussions was, 'if you could travel back in time, what would you tell your younger self?' A fascinating thought and one which has certainly made me think. It is often said that education is wasted on the young and to a certain extent, this may be true; many of us could probably have worked harder when we were at school. However, as I see the excitement and enthusiasm of our pupils every day, eager to participate and be involved in everything that is happening, I am confident they are taking full advantage of the fantastic opportunities presented to them. At the same time, I hope they are making lots of very happy memories and will be able to look back on their time at Edge Grove when they are in their seventies with such fondness. What they might want to tell their younger selves will no doubt vary but I am confident that it won't include things such as try harder, be more involved or just have a go and enjoy it!

Memories were certainly made on Saturday when 180 pupils, parents and staff massed on the start line of the Warrior Adrenaline Race for what was to be an enjoyable and unforgettable experience. Expecting a 5K run, the majority of us ended up doing 10K without realising, experiencing more mud than you can imagine including mud mountain, a zip wire, water slide and lots of other challenging obstacles around the course. For me and many others, the most memorable element of the day will be the fantastic atmosphere of team work, support, cohesiveness and Edge Grove community spirit. It was a very special occasion and I couldn't be more proud of the children who participated with such determination, resilience and good humour, helping and supporting each other all the way around. Well done to everyone!

My congratulations to Miss Jennings who yesterday completed the hottest ever London Marathon in a very impressive time. It is an amazing achievement to run 26 miles at any time, but all the more so in yesterday's very challenging conditions.

Our first full week ahead and lots happening. Please read the information letter carefully as everything you need to know about upcoming events will be there.

Best wishes

Ben Evans



EDGE GROVE SOCIETY

The **Edge Grove Society** is trying to locate any current parents that have had a previous connection at the school. Perhaps you have family members or friends that were old boys or girls who may have contributed to your reasons for coming, maybe a cousin, grandfather, neighbour, friend of the family?

We have many lost Alumni on our system and we are trying to locate and engage with as many people as possible so any help with connections would be greatly appreciated.

Please email egs@edgegrove.com.

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

<https://firefly.edgegrove.com/music-timetable>

Pre Prep News

Gill Emmerson,
Head of Pre Prep

A rest has led to the children sprouting up a few centimetres – and I have the proof in 2Cedar as they get measured every term! We have very much enjoyed



hearing about the wide variety of holiday destinations enjoyed by the children and we continue to be astounded by the quality of flipped learning that parents support at home. Transition is on our minds and we have lots of events planned for both children and parents to prepare for changes ahead. I now have the pleasure of teaching French in Pre-School on Friday mornings and I also look forward to seeing the children in their weekly PE sessions on the main site as they become familiar with our facilities. Please click below to see more from Pre Prep:

[Pre Prep News Page](#)

Lower School News

Yvonne Rogers,
Acting Head of Lower School

Year 3

A beautifully sunny start back to the summer term in year 3 and the children used as many opportunities as possible to take their learning outdoors! Some amazing Mayan models arrived on Wednesday and the children have been sharing their research and findings on a range of information; a particular favourite being the Ancient Mayan game of Pok-a-Tok.

Year 4

The children settled back into school life this week as they soaked up the sun and engaged in plenty of outdoor learning. Children were excited and engaged as they shared the knowledge that they gained over the Easter break about the great date in history; 1066. They were able to pinpoint this momentous occasion on their British history timelines. Please click below to see more from Lower School:

[Lower School News Page](#)

Middle School News

Kate McManus
Head of Middle School

A beautifully sunny start to the new term has seen the Middle School flock to the paddock during morning break and at lunch. It has been a joy to see all pupils enjoy themselves in this exceptional weather, and fantastic to see so many boys and girls playing cricket in their free time too.

Please click below to see more from Middle School this week:



[Middle School News Page](#)

Upper School News

Anna Warren,
Head of Upper School

A determined and focused return to the new term has been seen throughout the Upper School classrooms this week. I really enjoyed watching many of our talented Upper School musicians perform in last Friday's concert in aid of hurricane support in the Caribbean. Click below to see some pictures of individual pupils performing. Year 7 are thinking ahead to their exams which will be at the end of this half term, and have been organising their revision materials. Year 8 are very busy too with preparations for Common Entrance, and for others the Edge Grove Baccalaureate assessment week. Also, click below to see a picture of the Upper School tennis team in action too. Well done!

[Upper School News Page](#)

Sports News

Click here for all this week's match reports

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Academic Commendations,
Commendations and Golden Moments
23rd March to 19th April

Please click for details of the academic commendations, commendations and golden moments given out so far.

Congratulations Yadhav!

Congratulations to Yadhav in year 5 who has been selected to play cricket in the South Area Squad (U10) for Hertfordshire.

Women's Rugby Final

As you may be aware our Miss Evans, games teacher, plays for Saracens. They have reached the premiership finals and on Sunday 29th April at 3pm will be playing Harlequins, it will be a great show case for women's rugby and an opportunity to see Miss Evans and the team in action!



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Edge Grove Summer Ball

The Summer Balls at Edge Grove are really special occasions and with over half the tables sold already we are well on the way to a sell-out event once again this year.

If you have not already purchased your tickets please email ball@edgegrove.com as soon as possible as tickets are limited. If you have submitted a form but not yet paid, we cannot secure your place until payment has been received.

The photobook from the last ball is on show in the main school reception to give you an idea of the scale of the event if you have not yet been to one.

Don't miss out on this fabulous night to end the school year in style!





EDGE GROVE

SUMMER BALL

JUNE 30

7PM SPARKLING RECEPTION
3 COURSE DINNER WITH WINE

LIVE MUSIC AND DANCING WITH THE LED GREEN EXPERIENCE

£100 PER TICKET

TO BOOK TICKETS & FOR FURTHER INFO: BALL@EDGEGROVE.COM

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EDGE GROVE GOLF DAY

Open to all parents, staff and Alumni

Friday 18th May 2018
Porters Park Golf Club, Radlett

Breakfast rolls, tea/coffee on arrival
18 holes of golf
2 Course Lunch
Prizes and awards

To book your place or secure your four ball team please email smaughan@edgegrove.com

£80 per person
£30 for Porters Park members

EDGE GROVE SOCIETY

Golf Day Booking Form



South Herts breast cancer **now**

FAMILY RUN FOR FUN

11 AM SUNDAY 10TH JUNE 2018

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SUNDAY 1ST JULY

House News!

Please check out the House News on FireFly at

<https://firefly.edgegrove.com/interhouse>



Camping with Dad weekend

9th and 10th June

It's time for another camping weekend! For those who have never been before it's a brilliant half day of activities and free play when children and fathers (or other male family members) get to spend quality time with the children in the wonderful grounds of Edge Grove.

For further details and to see how you can book your pitch click here: [Camping-weekend-2018](#)



Flourish Parent Workshop Developing the 'Inner Coach'

Friday 18th May, 2018, 8.45am – 11.00am
£25 per person

Encouraging children to recognise they have the ability to take control of their thoughts, feelings and actions can be transformational – supporting them to do this by developing their 'inner coach' is a valuable life skill.

Recognition that the focus and frequency of thoughts shifts perceptions is key. The 'inner coach' focusses on the positive, it observes, evaluates and thinks through options and positive solutions rather than catastrophizing and self-blaming. With practice the inner coach becomes stronger, the preferred thought pattern, allowing children to cope better with challenges and maintain a 'can do' approach to life. This activity based workshop explores:

- 'Inner mind chatter' - how we talk to ourselves and the effect
- Recognising how thought patterns influence feelings and behaviour
- Developing evaluation skills
- Taking ownership of 'mindset'
- How to set and achieve goals



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

Old Edge Grovians Passing Out!

Congratulations to Old Edge Grovians, Barney Elmhurst and Huw Power at The Sovereign's Parade at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst .



Congratulations!

Well done and congratulations to Daniel and Dante in year 8 on achieving distinctions in their Grade 5 Music Theory exams.

Concert in aid of The Commonwealth Resounds Hurricane Fund

On Friday 20th April year 7 & 8 musicians performed in a concert in aid of Hurricane Support – a series of concerts raising money for Caribbean islands affected by recent hurricanes in association with The Commonwealth Resounds. The music on offer was very eclectic, from rock to baroque, raising £210.

Click here to see photos on the [Upper School News Page](#)



Answer to the last puzzle: 1, 2 and 3 (Answers to this week's puzzle should be sent to Mr Wooding's email: nwooding@edgegrove.com)