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## Newsletter

14th May 2018



Dear Parents

Many apologies for my slightly lower profile last week - my cold turned into a rather nasty virus and I thought it was probably best to keep it to myself. My thanks to one very thoughtful parent for the kind donation of Day Nurse after seeing me sneezing and spluttering on the cricket boundary - it was much appreciated! Despite a shorter week than usual, it was fun-filled and as busy as ever. It was particularly great to see Reception to year 8 all enjoying the travelling production of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* on Friday in the sports hall and such whole school occasions are very special indeed.

The week ahead is equally jam packed with the annual year 7 Baccalaureate presentations for parents, athletics at Jarman Park, trips to Hazard Alley, Tesco's *Farm to Fork*, Tring Park School and the Roald Dahl museum, a Flourish parents' workshop, maths enrichment at Aldenham School and lots of cricket and swimming in between. It is sometimes difficult to keep up so please read the information letter carefully!

On Thursday, we are welcoming 40 schools to our biennial Senior Schools' Fair (6.00pm - 8.00pm) which will be held in the Sports Hall. The schools (local and national) will be represented by their Heads, Registrars, senior staff and pupils who are keen to meet with you and talk about what their schools have to offer. There are very few poor

### Calendar

#### Tuesday 15th

Year 3 Hazard Alley visit  
Year 7 Baccalaureate Presentations, 6.00pm

#### Wednesday 16th

Lepra Assembly  
Year 4 Home Economics, Tesco Farm to Fork visit, 9.00am - 12.00pm ▲  
Middle and Upper School drama scholars to Tring Park School of Performing Arts for private rehearsal viewing  
Boys' Cricket v Westbrook Hay, 1<sup>st</sup>, Colts B, Colts C (H), 2<sup>nd</sup>, Colts A, Colts D, Colts E (A)  
Girls' Cricket v Belmont, U13 (A)  
Girls' Cricket v Westbrook Hay, U10 (H), U11 (A)

#### Thursday 17th

Boys' Cricket v Westbrook Hay, U9 (H)  
Girls' Cricket v Westbrook Hay, U9, U8 (A)  
Senior Schools' Fair, 6.00pm – 9.00pm, Sports Hall  
*(Please note that there will be changes to the usual activities programme)*

#### Friday 18th

Year 2 visit to the Roald Dahl Gallery and Bucks Museum ▲  
Flourish Parent Workshop, Chapel, 9.00am - 11.00am  
Aldenham School Maths Enrichment Afternoon, 1.30pm - 3.30pm (by invitation)  
Four Schools Athletics Competition at Jarman Park, Hemel Hempstead, 1.00pm - 4.00pm  
Edge Grove Society Golf Day at Porters Park Golf Club

#### Saturday 19th

Cricket v Bramdean, 1<sup>st</sup> XI (H), 10.00am  
Rounders v Bramdean, U13A (H), 10.00am  
Archery, Lintman Archery Tournament

#### Sunday 20th

#### Monday 21st

Years 5 to 7 Assessment week

schools out there today; the rigorous inspection regulations and framework together with increasing financial exigencies have ensured that schools either meet the high legislative and parental expectations or be forced to close their doors. However, whilst the schools present on Thursday are all excellent and always keen to receive Edge Grove pupils, they all differ in the distinctive education and environment they offer. Unlike many prep schools, we deliberately choose not to be a feeder school to any one or two particular senior schools because we understand that all children are different and have individual needs and requirements. Last year, our forty year 8 pupils went to 26 different schools, each one carefully tailored to meet their needs, personalities and academic and co-curricular requirements. It is for this reason that we spend so much time advising parents on the right senior school choices and why we urge against simply opting for the one most currently popular or the most convenient. It is far too an important decision to get wrong. It is also never too early (even if it may be a number of years away) to familiarise yourselves with the wide range of schools; single sex or co-educational, day or boarding, large or small, rural or urban, all of whom will be present on Thursday. Open days can be exhausting, time consuming and confusing so let the schools come to you, meet the staff and begin to get a feel for what will be the best fit for your children. This year there will also be a number of excellent seminars running in the Theatre and Chapel from 6.00pm on topics such as the International Baccalaureate Diploma as an alternative to A' levels, emotional wellbeing, 21<sup>st</sup> century boarding, character education and simply making the most of senior school. These sessions will be fascinating, illuminating and offer the chance to ask questions and to start making well-informed decisions - they are not to be missed!

In conjunction with our focus on promoting healthy eating through making adventurous choices at lunch time and understanding the importance of a varied diet, we are also looking at keeping our pupils as active as possible. We are lucky at Edge Grove that we have access to nearly fifty acres of grounds for break times and recreation, over five hours of timetabled games and PE lessons, regular matches and a variety of after school activities. This means our children are busy and enjoy keeping fit. However, to further enhance this we will be joining the Daily Mile campaign (<https://thedailymile.co.uk/>) which aims to improve the physical, social, emotional and mental health and

wellbeing of our children – regardless of age, ability or personal circumstances. We have cut a special path around the perimeter of The Park of which two laps will be just over a mile and perfect for the children to use safely. Please visit the daily mile website to learn more about the benefits of this initiative.

I hope to see many of you at the schools' fair on Thursday.

In the meantime, my best wishes for an enjoyable week.

Ben Evans



*Warming up for the Daily Mile*

## 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](#)



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

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

**Are you considering an Independent Senior School for your child?**

**Are there just too many Open Days to go to?**

**Are you finding it difficult to make an informed choice?**

**Why not let over 40 Independent Senior Schools come to you?**

Join us at our

# Senior Schools' Fair

**Thursday 17th May 2018**

**6pm – 8pm**

**Attended by over 40 independent Senior Schools including:**

Abbot's Hill, Aldenham, Bede's Senior School, Bedford Girls' School, Bedford School, Berkhamsted, Bradfield College, Charterhouse, Cheltenham College, Clifton College, Downe House, Felsted School, Haileybury, Harrow School, King's Ely, Merchant Taylors' School, Millfield, North London Collegiate School, Oakham, Oundle School, Pangbourne College, Princess Helena College, Queenswood, Repton, Royal Masonic School for Girls, Rugby, Shiplake College, St Albans High School, St Albans School, St Columba's College, St Edward's Oxford, St Helen's School, St Margaret's School, Stowe, Taunton School, Tring School, Winchester College, Wycombe Abbey.

**Seminars running during the evening include:**

	<b>THEATRE</b>	<b>CHAPEL</b>
6.00PM – 6.30PM	Felsted - Character Education	Bedford Girls - The International Baccalaureate Diploma as an alternative to A-Levels
6.45PM – 7.15PM	Shiplake - Boarding in the 21st Century	Bedford - Making the most of Senior School
7.30PM – 8.00PM	Princess Helena College - Children's emotional/mental wellness	St Edward's Oxford - The differing benefits of IB and A-Levels

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# SUMMER BALL JUNE 30

7PM SPARKLING RECEPTION  
3 COURSE DINNER WITH WINE



LIVE MUSIC AND DANCING WITH  
THE LEO GREEN EXPERIENCE



£100 PER TICKET

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COCKTAIL BAR - CASINO - LIVE AUCTION

# Sports News

**Click here for all this week's match reports**

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**Academic Commendations,  
Commendations and Golden Moments  
4th May to 10th May**

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

## Chess - Well done Nicolas!

Congratulations to Nicolas (year 4) who took part in the Herts Mega-Final last Saturday after qualifying at the Monday chess activity. He did well on the day, qualifying for the Southern Area finals in June.

## Thank you Charlotte-Anne

On behalf of The Rainbow Centre in Sri Lanka, we would like to thank Charlotte-Anne (year 7) who has independently and very kindly sold her unwanted clothes and raised £35 which she has donated to the school's overseas charity. It is fantastic to see our Flourish principles in action – well done!

## Edge Grove Summer Fete, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 11.00am – 3.00pm

The Friends of Edge Grove will be holding the annual Summer Fete on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June from 11am until 3.00pm. Entrance is free for adults and £5.00 for each child. This will give the children access to all five inflatables, the arts and crafts stall. We also have the Victoria Jane School of Dance performing throughout the fair, offering free dance workshops for the children to sign up to and attend free of charge.



The Summer Fete is a great opportunity for the whole school community, along with friends and family, to come together and get involved.

Each year group [committee rep](#) is responsible for a specific task at the fete and they are looking for helpers on the day. If you can spare some time to help, please either email your year group rep or me on [vicechair@groupmail.com](mailto:vicechair@groupmail.com).

Thanks and best wishes

Gemma Shaw  
Chair

## Edge Grove Online shoppers! We need you!

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Shop at over **4,200 leading stores** via our site and you'll raise free funds for your chosen charity.

**Use the link to Sign up for free NOW and the school will get additional funds for the referral.**

£100 weekly shop will raise £100 annually for the School

**SIGN UP FOR FREE NOW**

<https://www.giveasyoulive.com/signup>



## Pre Prep News

Gill Emmerson,  
Head of Pre Prep

Snails and slugs have captured the imagination of Pre-School this week as they continue to study mini-beasts. Magnifying glasses at the ready, shells and anatomy are being closely studied. The children were also making a collage of a giant swirl which captured their imagination, producing the kind of perseverance and endeavour that makes us all very proud and what we all strive for at Edge Grove. I was also charmed by an array of 'litter bugs', bottles filled with litter the children had collected showing purpose behind their creativity. Years 1 and 2 started off their week with a Monday Mile around Edge Grove Park to get hearts and minds racing and I don't think I will be able to resist the call for me to join them – quite right too!

Please click below to see more from Pre Prep:



[Pre Prep News Page](#)

## Middle School News

Kate McManus  
Head of Middle School

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their well wishes and the warm welcome back! It is just wonderful to see all the children again and what they have been busy creating while I have been away. I have walked around to different classes constantly this week, witnessing excellent teaching and learning with the Middle School pupils fully engaged and focused. Thank you to those year 5 parents who came along to the Upper School Pathways evenings and I look forward to seeing more of you at the future ones. Please do note for your diaries the Senior School Fair this Thursday (17th May) at 6.00pm in the Sports Hall.

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

[Middle School News Page](#)

## Lower School News

Samantha Robinson,  
Head of Lower School

Year 3

The children came back fresh-faced and ready to go after our sunny bank holiday! As it turned out, the RSPCA had been in touch with us regarding the appalling tales of poor animal welfare that they have heard and the despicable living conditions of a monkey family in the Twits' garden. Year 3, keen to help as always, have written back to the charity providing lots of details to help them resolve the issue!

Year 4

Topic this week continued to wow children as they delved further into the day that changed British history by exploring the Bayeux Tapestry. They were excited to hear that after 950 years the French have agreed to loan the magnificent piece of art to Britain.

Please click below to see more from Lower School:

[Lower School News Page](#)

## Upper School News

Anna Warren,  
Head of Upper School

This week's Guiding Principle has been seen in action this week as pupils in Year 8 consider and discuss voting and elections, locally and nationally. Year 7 have also been sampling what it feels like to be a leader; they have been assigned a class in the Pre Prep to lead an activity of their choice. We've been very impressed with their responsibility maturity, resourcefulness and creativity. They have also been very busy fine tuning their presentations for Tuesday's Baccalaureate evening.

Click below for pictures, and for more Upper School news!



[Upper School News Page](#)



**Answer to the last puzzle: A = 2, B = 1, C = 7, and D = 8. (Answers to this week's puzzle should be sent to Mr Wooding's email: [nwooding@edgegrove.com](mailto:nwooding@edgegrove.com))**

## 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](mailto:ssharp@edgegrove.com)

# TRY SAILING IN MAY



Want to get back out on the water?

Looking to try sailing or windsurfing?

Fancy trying something new with your family?

Come and join us! RYA Push The Boat Out is a fantastic opportunity for you to experience sailing and windsurfing.

RYA clubs and centres across the country are offering a range of 'have a go' and taster sessions throughout May so getting involved could not be easier!

Find your nearest PTBO venue and more information at:

[rya.org.uk/PTBO](http://rya.org.uk/PTBO)



## ALDENHAM SAILING CLUB

May 20<sup>th</sup> 11am - 4pm

For more details & to book a place:  
- go to [aldenhamsc.co.uk](http://aldenhamsc.co.uk), or  
- email [ptbo2018@aldenhamsc.co.uk](mailto:ptbo2018@aldenhamsc.co.uk),  
- or phone 0208 207 3782

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# FAMILY RUN FOR FUN

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# SUMMER Cookery Camp



## Edge Grove School

We have lots of new and exciting recipes for budding young cooks including Pies and Puddings / Italian Masterclass / Asian, Wagamama style / and our Showstoppers and Bread Makers Bake Off

Join us for one day, two days, three days...or even all seven!

24<sup>th</sup> July - 25<sup>th</sup> July – 26<sup>th</sup> July

30<sup>th</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August – 2<sup>nd</sup> August

- Fun with Food holiday activity from 9.30am - 3.30pm (extended hours option available)
- Basic Knife skills
- Combining Herbs and Spices
- Cookery Day for children from 7 - 14yrs
- £65 per child, per day – Child care vouchers accepted

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