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Image: Some of the effort that went into the Winter Gift Programme

WELCOME...

As we approach the final few months of the year, we find ourselves thinking about those who aren't as fortunate as ourselves, such as the homeless, the hungry and the poor. Here at Eden Boys', we pride ourselves on our generosity to those in need and so last year, we were thrilled to raise over £18,000 for a variety of different charities. This was a huge success which parents, pupils and staff worked hard to achieve.

It was even better to see our boys dedicate themselves to being valuable members of our community and being proud of their contribution to the fundraising. You will read on page 3 about our 'Big Sleep Out' which was to reward some pupils who went the extra mile with their charitable deeds to raise an extra £100 each! Although, we aren't convinced much sleep was had!

2018 will once again see Eden Boys' go above and beyond to raise money for those less fortunate as we aim to beat last year's total! Kicking off our fundraising events with the 'Winter Gift' programme saw pupils bring in food and gifts for the homeless charity, 'St Basils' and other local charities, a sneak peak of which can be seen on this issue's front cover!

We are proud to have some talented sportsmen here at Eden Boys'! As well as our first sports day, we have had some of our keen footballers and cricketers competing in many interschool matches. Our Year 7 boys won the Community Football Tournament which was a fantastic achievement, The talent doesn't end there, as our cricketers are also demonstrating some excellent skills! Who knows, we may even have the next Freddie Flintoff or Moeen Ali in our school.

The school walls have recently become the proud home of some excellent pieces of art work, created by our Boys. These pieces of art are displayed for all to enjoy, examples of which can be found in this issue.

2017 has been another successful year here at Eden Boys and I know that I, along with all teachers and support staff are very proud of our achievements and the high standards that we continue to display. We are extremely grateful to all the parents and families in our school community for the continued support, and I'm sure you're just as excited as we are about the New Year.

I wish you all a good rest, and I look forward to welcoming you all back in 2018.

A. Ravat

Asiyah Ravat, PRINCIPAL

This term Year 8s have been exploring the challenging nature of Aboriginal Art and its incredibly dense history. Students have been investigating not only the painting techniques used by Aborigines, but the portrayal of identity through such a rich artistic form.



Image by: Khubaib Ibrahim 8B

SERVICE



Image above: St Basils Harvest Festival

St. Basils Harvest Festival

To celebrate the Harvest Festival, we asked all students to bring non-perishable food items (noodles, cereal bars, bread, cake, biscuits and tinned food) to school. All food items were donated to St Basils, a charity working with homeless and vulnerable people across the UK.

The Humanitarian Club worked hard promoting the Harvest Festival collection and their hard work really paid off! The students made a real effort to bring in a wonderful range of food items which were donated to St Basils. The Humanitarian Club is a small group of students from Y7 – Y10 who are leaders on all things Humanities based. The Humanitarian Club focus on themes, topics and projects that have links to RS, Citizenship/PSHE, Geography and History.

They are a new group but so far have helped in promoting the Macmillan Coffee Morning and the Harvest collection. Their next project is to get donations for the upcoming Winter Collection where we aim to give festive and thoughtful gifts to young and old people who are dealing with homelessness and being supported by St Basils and the elderly residents at a local care home.

St Basils works with young people aged 16-25 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, helping over 5000 young people per year across the West Midlands region with specific services in Birmingham, Sandwell, Solihull, Walsall, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, the Wyre Forest and Coventry. Every year over 1200 young people are housed in our 29 supported accommodation schemes,

which for some young people includes their young children as well. They have a range of prevention, accommodation and support services to help young people regain the stability they need to rebuild their lives, gain skills, training and employment and move on. The aim is to help them successfully break the 'cycle of homelessness' so that they can go on to experience a bright, fulfilling future and never return to a state where they are at risk of homelessness again. For this reason we are honored to be able to help them and contribute to the amazing work they do.

A big thank you to all students, parents and staff who donated items to this fantastic cause!



Eid Bazaar

Eden Boys' School was proud to host its very first Eid Bazaar on Saturday 8th July. The event was a huge success as staff, students and members of the local community enjoyed a fun filled evening of food, stalls, games, a bouncy castle, barbecue and the most popular attraction of all: sponge the teacher, which was surprisingly very popular!

As you will be aware, Eden Boys' School runs a weekly food bank which helps individuals from the local community every Friday afternoon. We operate the food bank in conjunction with Fare Share.

The Eid Bazaar, as well as being an opportunity for members of the local community along with staff and students to celebrate Eid, was organised to raise the necessary funds for the delivery of the food bank.

We are proud to announce that through the support of the local community, the school was able to raise in excess of £1100! This will help cover the cost of running the food bank for another year and help individuals in the community who are in need of our support. A big well done to everyone!

The food bank is funded by the money raised during the Eid Bazaar.

The Big Sleep Out

On Friday 14th July 30 boys from years 7, 8 and 9 were rewarded for raising over £100 each for the charity 'Make A Child Smile' and took part in a sleep out.

Everyone arrived at 9pm in their onesies and took part in team building exercises, including football, FIFA tournament, table tennis and badminton.

Everyone enjoyed a take away from the local chip shop and when it was time for lights out they were given a mug of homemade chocolate with marshmallows. Very little sleep took place as everyone was too excited taking part in their slumber party.

At 5am the pupils were treated to breakfast and then headed home for well-earned sleep!

This was a fantastic end to a year when students at Eden Boys' helped raise over £18,600.00 for charities.



TEAMWORK



Macmillan fundraising is a piece of cake for Eden Boys' School pupils!

Pupils and staff from Eden Boys' School, Birmingham put the kettle on last week to raise over £1,300 for Macmillan Cancer.

Supporting the charity's annual World's Largest Coffee Morning event, the secondary school in Wellhead Lane invited in families and the local community to share cakes and a cuppa.

Together they raised a staggering £1,350 for the cancer charity which is close to many people's hearts.

Parents, pupils and staff provided some fantastic cakes to be sold, including 11 year old Ismail who created an impressive vanilla and chocolate cake adorned with dozens of Kit Kat fingers.

Eden Boys' School Principal Asiyah Ravat said:

"Our form groups worked together to raise the most money, with our pupils responding well to the competitive element we introduced in school. I'm delighted that their determination, not to mention their baking talents, supported such a worthy charity.

"Thank you to all the families and our local community for supporting our Macmillan Cancer coffee morning. Without them, we would not have been able to raise such a huge amount."



TOURNAMENTS

Cricket

Eden Boys' have made a name for themselves taking part in the Aston School's Cricket tournament!

Our first match with Holyhead School was a great start with Umair Zaman as our skipper. We sailed through to the end with Hamza Asad bowling consistently well and Eden winning the match by 5 wickets.

The second game was with Broadway Academy which we won comfortably by 80 runs. With the final game against Holte School, the boys started confident and were determined to do well and with some strong bowling and excellent fielding the boys lead the game and gained another win. The season finished with Eden unbeaten and winning the Aston Schools' Cricket Cup! A huge congratulations to all the boys.

Team statistics from cricket

Hamza Asad (4 Wickets - 47 Runs); Umair Zaman (5 Wickets - 87 Runs); Yusuf Ashraf (7 Runs); Yousaf Sharif (6 Wickets - 47 Runs); Muhammed AbuBakar (3 Wickets - 40 Runs);

Mohammed Huzaifah (1 Wicket - 11 Runs); Yusuf Mahmood (5 Wickets - 18 Runs); Mohammed Talhah (1 Wicket - 1 Run); Musa Yaqub (1 Wicket); Ismail Abdullah (3 Wicket);

Ishaq Abdullah (9 Runs); Sef Khan (1 Wicket); Eesa Khan (3 Wickets); Amaan Ukaye (1 Wicket - 2 Runs)

Eden's first Sports Day

Eden Boys' first annual sports day took place on Wednesday 19th July 2017. The day was structured through competitive games of Football, Basketball, Table Tennis and Badminton. Students represented their form groups in the different sporting events with medals available for the winners of each sport and an overall winner's shield. The form groups who won the overall shield were 7C (Mr Ahmed's form), 8A (Mr De Las Heras's form) and 9B (Mr Tariq's form).

Talented students: Football - Yousaf Sharif, Mohammed Sallah, Muhammed Huzaifah and Adnan Malek. Basketball - Mohammed Gulzar, Adam Mahmood, Mohammed Hamzah, Ismail Muhamed. Table Tennis - Amaan Ukaye, Dayaan Ukaye. Badminton - Muhammed AbuBakar, Adam Lowery, Ibrahim Hoang, Shah Islam.



Both images: Eden's First Sports Day

AMBITION

Macbeth Theatre trip

6 o'clock, Thursday 2nd November - it was time. All pupils had gathered and were ready to go. As part of the GCSE curriculum, Macbeth was a text that we would be questioned on. Plays are not written to be read but to be performed. Where we would hope to gain a deeper insight into the play in a fun and enjoyable way. A short 15 minute journey took us to the Crescent Theatre in Birmingham.

Everyone eagerly waited in anticipation for the show to start. For most people, it was their first time inside a theatre. The lights dimmed and three witches entered on stage. They all cackled with laughter. But wait...one of the witches was male! And Malcolm and Donalbain were Duncan's daughters!? What a pleasant surprise that challenged all of our expectations. A modern twist to the traditions of the past where only men were allowed on stage and would portray female characters. Not every attempt at modernity was successful, though, as misused guns mysteriously appeared amongst the swords and bows and arrows.

A lively crowd giggled and gasped as Banquo bumped his head as he fumbled his entrance (the actors were more cautious from then on) but his joyful reaction gave the audience confidence and they were soon cheering for his karate kicks as he defended himself from astonished assassins. Lady Macbeth held a few notable squeals that captured the audience nervously, the drunken porter had a few innuendos that are always popular with us teenage boys and overall the cast gave a good representation of what it was like to view a Shakespearean play how he might have imagined it.

The play finished late, around half past 10, and we all crammed onto the coach and discussed our favourite parts on the trip home. As all plays are unique, I think we all enjoyed this experience and would be more than willing to return again. We would like to thank the Crescent Theatre for their wonderful performance.



Aston Villa Premier League Enterprise

Eden Boys' has seen the launch of the Aston Villa Premier League enterprise for the second year running, with a team of 5 eager and entrepreneurially minded Year 9 students set to hit the ground running. The scheme revolves around exposing young people to a real-time, business oriented brief, set by the Premier League, as an initiative to engage gifted students in combining entrepreneurial flair with a common shared interest of football. We're entering with high expectations to win the first prize this year, after last year's success of reaching the semi-finals at Stoke City FC. The project commenced on the Thursday 2nd November with representatives from Aston Villa FC visiting our school to introduce the students to this year's brief, and begin work on their initial business idea. This year is all about focusing on how football clubs across the country can better embrace the ideals of diversity, inclusivity and equality, which also serve as foundational principles for the running of Eden. Our team are proposing a business venture where football matches simultaneously act as sites to bring together members of the community through the celebration of particular faith, as well as secular, festivals. In the upcoming weeks will see the team, which is now divided into their respective roles, prepare their business idea presentation. This will be an executive summary of the business, with the ultimate aim of showcasing the calibre of students present at Eden in order to secure the victory for the next stage of the competition and represent Aston Villa at the national level.

RESPECT



Witton Cemetary – Armistice day

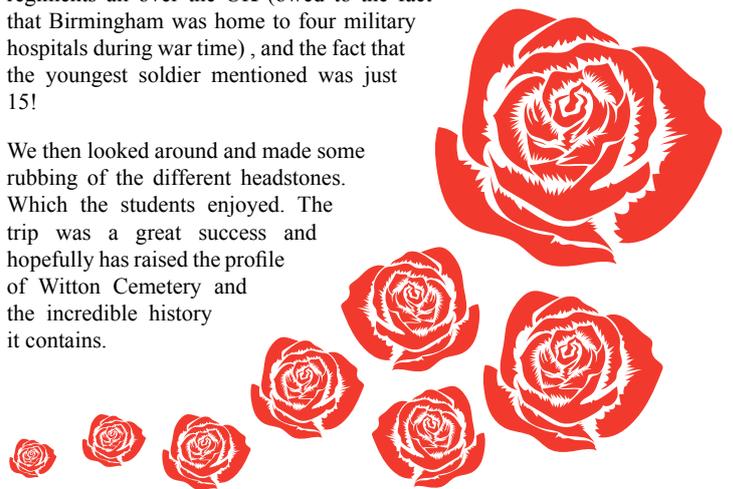
This November will be the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Passchendaele. It was one of the bloodiest engagements of World War 1, with over half a million casualties on both sides in just 3 months. With the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1 just around the corner next year, it is more important than ever that we do not forget the sacrifice of those who fought in both world wars.

To this end we were very pleased to be able to take out the Humanities club at Eden Boys Birmingham to Witton Cemetery in the company of Izzy Mohammed, a noted local historian. Although this cemetery is just a 10 minute drive away, most people do not realise that it contains over 600 war graves, from both world wars. (In fact one of the students on the trip mentioned that he went past on the bus every day and had no idea!)

After observing a 2 minute silence at the stroke of 11, we walked over to the memorial in the middle of the cemetery.

The pupils were blown away by the memorial wall, which contained over 200 names of soldiers from regiments all over the UK (owed to the fact that Birmingham was home to four military hospitals during war time), and the fact that the youngest soldier mentioned was just 15!

We then looked around and made some rubbing of the different headstones. Which the students enjoyed. The trip was a great success and hopefully has raised the profile of Witton Cemetery and the incredible history it contains.



KPMG Many People - One Birmingham

I was very pleased to be able to take out some of our Year 8 students into the centre of town on Friday the 8th of September for a lecture on the history of Birmingham, hosted by none other than Professor Carl Chinn (Birmingham's best known historian). The students were blown away by the detailed history and amusing stories presented by the professor, who introduced a whole new generation to the vibrant and colourful past of our city.

The name of the exhibition was Many People's - One Birmingham, and as the name suggests the lecture gave the students an inside look into the different groups of people that call Birmingham their home and their interesting legacies.

The staff in attendance were also blown away by the questions of the pupils from Eden Boys', which managed to impress the professor too!

Well done Year 8!

Mr B Ravat





And the new Head Boy 2017-2018 is...Ismail Muhamed.

So who is Ismail? We spent 10 minutes with Ismail and asked a few questions to see who he really is.

Congratulations Ismail on becoming Head Boy for Eden Boys' School 2017 2018.

Q: How are you feeling right now?

I have a lot of emotions right now. I'm very proud and a bit overwhelmed. I wasn't expecting this. My presentation didn't go too well as I had I.T problems.

Q: Why did you want to be Head Boy?

I felt I wanted to have an impact on the school, to make it welcoming to everyone. I wanted the pressure to become a role model and an inspiration to everyone.

Q: Did you think the interview had gone well?

At the time, no, but now I think I improvised well and was able to think on the spot.

Q: Who do you see as a role model?

My dad as he had difficulties growing up. He had to move Countries often and learn new languages. Despite this he went to University in Holland and had a good career.

Q: What is your favourite food from the school canteen?

Pizza and baked potato.

Q: What is the most embarrassing situation you have been in?

When we went on the Macbeth school trip a photo was taken of me and it is one of those photos you wish had never been taken for many reasons.

Q: Who is your favourite comic book hero and why?

There are so many but I think I would have to say Nightwing.

Q: If you were a millionaire what car would you buy?

Wow this interview is harder than the interview for Head Boy! I really can't think but it would be matt black in colour and have tinted windows.

Q: Where do you see yourself in 15 years?

Running my own company.

Q: What makes you different from the other candidates?

I have been able to change a lot personally. I came from a school with a negative environment and was in detention quite a bit. I am proud that I have been able to change and because of this I will be able to advise boys who find themselves in similar situations.

Q: What are you most looking forward to in the role?

To have frequent meetings with other pupils and help the environment.

Q: What changes would you like to make?

I may be a bit ambitious but I would like to make a few changes to Friday assembly! Move Citizenship so it's not after school on a Friday!

Q: If you were an animal what would you be?

A Chameleon/Lizard as I can change and adapt to the environment.

Q: If you were going to be stuck on a desert island, what 3 things would you take with you?

Endless supply of ice cream, my i-pad and a teleportation cabinet (so I can get back home), not my mums curry (laughter)

Interviewed by:

Abdul Jabbar 9D, Adam Ahmed 9C, Isa Kazi 9B and Ibrahim Khalil 9A (Journalism Club)



Personal:

Favourite colour: matt black

Favourite book: I'm currently reading Sherlock Holmes 'A Scandal in Bohemia'.

Favourite subject: Maths

Favourite teacher: So many I can't decide but Mr Ravat is funny sometimes.

Hobbies: I like watching Basketball

Until Next Time

We are very happy to confirm that our second school in Birmingham, Eden Boys' Leadership Academy Birmingham East, will open in September 2018. For the first two years the school will run from a temporary site, Whitehead Road, Aston until we have a new building built in Alum Rock.

As you will see from the leaflet (right) we have been hosting open evenings for the new school here at Eden Boys' Wellhead Road. If you know anyone who is looking for a secondary school for their son and they live near Alum Rock, please let them know about us.

School Term and Holidays

2017 / 2018 (All dates are inclusive)

Spring Term 2017

Staff Inset Day	Monday 8 th January 2018
Re-open (for students)	Tuesday 9 th January 2018
Mid Term Closure	Monday 19 th - Friday 23 rd February 2018
Closure after school on	Thursday 29 th March 2018
Easter Holiday	Friday 30 th March – Friday 13 th April 2018

Summer Term 2018

Re-open	Monday 16 th April 2018
May Day Closure	Monday 7 th May 2018
Mid Term Closure	Monday 28 th May - Friday 1 st June 2018
'Eid ul Fitr 1439* Holiday	Thursday 14 th and Friday 15 th June 2018
Closure after school on	Tuesday 24 th July 2018

*Eid holiday may be revised slightly according to the sighting of the moon.

Images: Rajhanul Islam 8A (left) and Zain Khan 9:3 (right)



Eden Boys' Leadership Academy, Birmingham East

Eden Boys' Leadership Academy, Birmingham East is a non-selective, all-ability academy for boys aged 11-18yrs opening in Alum Rock. The academy will be part of a successful family of schools, run by the Tauheedul Education Trust. It will open in September 2018 with an intake of 120 pupils in Year 7 and 60 pupils in Year 8.

The Trust is holding a series of Open Evenings to allow local parents, residents, businesses and organisations to learn more about the academy, our offer and the admissions process. The events will be held at our sister school Eden Boys' School, Birmingham.

8th November 2017 6.00pm - 7.30pm	24th November 2017 5.30pm - 7.00pm	8th December 2017 6.00pm - 7.30pm
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Open Evening Venue: Eden Boys' School, Birmingham, 150 Wellhead Lane, Birmingham B42 2SY

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