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WELCOME

Asiyah Ravat, Principal

Well, I can't quite believe we have reached the end of yet another term here at Eden Boys'. Spring term has been short but sweet with many accomplishments and stories of success, which we are delighted to share with you in this issue of STAR.

In January, we were honoured to welcome Mr Ernest Simon to our school. Mr Simon, who is a survivor of The Holocaust, answered many questions from our boys about his memories of this incredibly bleak period of history. We were very proud to see our boys communicate in an incredibly mature and respectful way and we look forward to seeing this behaviour continue as we develop on what we have learnt from Mr Simon during related activities in school.

We've been lucky to welcome even more visitors to school this term! The Royal Navy who are currently working with the charity 'Groundwork' to deliver the 'Young Garden Project' have been visiting us weekly, which you can read about on page three!

Our boys have yet again done us proud with their sporting achievements! We are very proud of our boys' sporting ability and so their success rarely comes as a surprise to us, however the boys did

find themselves very surprised at one event when their opposing team, an all girls' team, stole the win. All together now ladies... who run the world?

Our students certainly have been getting out and about during spring term! Turn to page 5 to read about a group of year 10 students who attended a Physics Master class at Birmingham University. They were set with the task of creating a thermostat which involved melting iron and soldering parts together. The boys thoroughly enjoyed getting involved and we felt very lucky to be invited to take part in the event.

Some other year 9 students also got to go on a trip outside of school, although this one was slightly further afield. Eden Boys' went international! We were thrilled to be able to send a group of boys to Spain. They had an incredible time exploring Seville, Granada and Cordoba and have made memories that I am sure they will cherish for a lifetime!

I am sure you will agree that it has been a small but mighty term! Putting this issue of STAR together has been a wonderful reminder of what a great term we have had and I am very much looking forward to the brighter, sunnier days of Summer Term here at Eden Boys'.

MOSAIC ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE 2018

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REGIONAL FINALS SCHOOL BRIEF

Dear Usman Masood,

Congratulations on reaching the Regional Finals of Mosaic's Enterprise Challenge 2018!

I am writing to congratulate Eden Boys' School on reaching the West Midlands Regional Finals of the Enterprise Challenge 2018 competition. This has been one of our biggest Enterprise Challenge competitions ever, with over 3000 students participating nationwide. Your students should therefore be very proud of their achievement of making it this far. This is a huge achievement!



Marking the arrival of spring, we are pleased to announce that Eden Boys' pupils have begun dedicating their time and efforts to lending a green hand to the local community.

MOSAIC SOCIAL ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE

A big congratulations to our pupils who managed to get through to the Regional Finals of the Mosaic Enterprise Challenge. The preliminary stage involved an ethical business questionnaire and a business simulation game – our pupils were able to achieve a whopping virtual £5.6 million!

For the next stage of the competition our pupils need to pitch a business idea that will benefit the school, to a judging panel.

Our pupils have proposed a 'Crusty Compost bin' for school canteens, so pupils can make good use of their unwanted bread crusts!

They have also proposed 'Crusty birdhouses' and a 'Crusty flower and vegetable patch' for our school garden – with appropriate licensing Eden Boys' pupils might be able to sell the flowers and vegetables to the local community. *Good Luck Eden Boys'!*



ROYAL NAVY GROUNDWORK PROJECT



This term has involved weekly visits from the Royal Navy, who are working with the environmental charity 'Groundwork' to deliver the 'Young Garden Project'; a project in which teams of pupils create garden designs for the local Handsworth Park.

"Eden Boys' are brilliant! The boys are very engaging and they know much about an array of subjects! They've all come up on the sofa to chat, and we all know that conversation starts on the sofa" – Royal Navy Tactical Manager

The pupils from Handsworth Wood Girls' are working together with our pupils to create mood boards and flat plans. The garden design ideas will then be pitched to a judging panel consisting of the Chair of 'Friends of Handsworth Park', a representative from the Royal Navy and the Head of Groundwork UK. The presentations will be judged on the clarity of the pitching, in addition to how well the ideas meet the brief that has been given to them.

"Key aspects of the brief involve creating a garden that, in addition to being visually appealing, reflects the diversity of Birmingham; a garden that brings communities together; a garden where people of all ages, genders and ethnicities can enjoy spending time." – Groundwork UK

The winning designs will be put forward to the local council, in a bid to raise funding to put the plans into fruition. The winning team will also receive £100 in vouchers!

Year 10 Basketball vs Jewellery Quarter Academy

On Monday 29th January the Year 10 basketball team experienced a competitive game with the current Birmingham league champions. The boys played really well maintaining a close score line. The game concluded with the boys losing to JQ Academy. Man of the match Oobaidah Hayter.

Year 10 Basketball vs St George School

Eden Boys' first basketball league game was played against St George's School on Tuesday 16th January. The boys representing the Eden team were Ismail Muhumed, Adam Mahmood, Eesah Holder, Awais Gulzar and Nathan Ubah. The game was very competitive with Eden leading at the half way point, however with some excellent offensive play St George's managed a comeback and ended up winning the game 14-9. It was an unlucky start to the league however it was a good experience for the boys. The Man of the Match was Adam Mahmood.

Table Tennis vs Holte School - Girls Girls Girls!!

On Thursday 1st February the U14 and U16 table tennis team travelled to Holte to play a league game. Little did they know Holte School's 'A' team was full of girls! The boys quickly learnt just how talented the girls at Holte were, ending up losing to them in almost every game.

The under 14 team however found some success on the night drawing with Holte's under 14's. A very good experience in the end for the boys. The Man of the Match was Dayaan Ukaye.

Eden Boys' vs Nishkam School year 7 and 8 football tournament

On Wednesday 14th February 2018, Eden Boys' played against Nishkam in an indoor 5-a-side football competition. Both the Year 7 and 8 teams were made up of some talented individuals. The games were challenging yet fun with both teams playing for the win. The tournament finished with the Year 7's winning one game and drawing the other, and the Year 8's winning both games. A massive well done to all involved. Players of the tournament were Ilyas Adgerbridge from Year 7 and Uzair Jagirdar from Year 8 for his amazing penalty save.

Player of the Tournament - (Y7) Ilyas Adgerbridge (Y8) Adnan Malek

Stoke vs Liverpool

On Wednesday 29th November students from year eight and nine had the opportunity to take part in a professional football coaching session hosted by Stoke Football Club. Following the session the boys' went on to watch Stoke FC take on Liverpool in a mid-week premier league match which ended with Liverpool winning 3-0.



PHYSICS MASTER CLASS

by Ismail Muhumed, 10A

A few months ago, myself and 13 year 10 pupils were invited to a master class in Birmingham university. We felt really privileged to be chosen as this was an opportunity to develop our knowledge on science and explore exiting topics.

The day began with a compelling introduction into extreme temperatures. We learnt eye opening facts like, the sun is 15,000,000 °C. On top of this we had direct contact with one of the coldest substances in the world, liquid nitrogen. A few of the pupils were hesitant, fearing that their fingers may fall off!

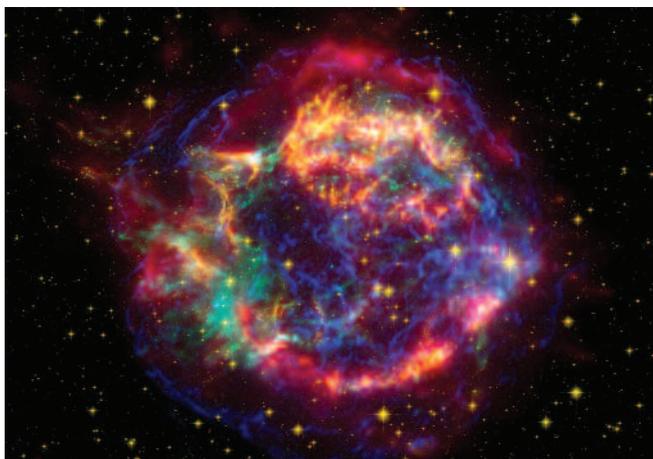
After learning about extreme temperatures and how they could be formed naturally, in the sun, and artificially, in science labs, we were educated about its importance. Extreme temperatures cause materials to have different properties which can be beneficial in industry. We visualised this physically in an experiment with a copper

rod. In normal temperature, when a magnet was dropped down the rod, the magnet fell straight down. Interestingly, when the rod was cooled in the liquid nitrogen, the magnet levitated in the middle and didn't fall through. The copper rod forms a super conductor which has numerous useful properties.

Personally I found the second half of the master class more enjoyable. We were given a task which was to create a thermostat with a kit we were given. What made it particularly exiting was that we had to solder the parts together and melt iron to use as an adhesive. There was another school with us which filled the room with a competitive vibe as we wanted to finish first. Fortunately, Mohamed Shazed was experienced and finished thirty minutes early. The rest of us managed to finish not long after Mohamed, however none of the pupils from the other school finished. What a great day we had.



**Physics Masterclass
- University of Birmingham**
Students taken by Bilal Ahmed.



ASTRONOMY IN THE CITY

On Wednesday 24th January, 14 of the school's brightest year 10 students accompanied Ms Trenchard and Mr Amin to the University of Birmingham's "Astronomy in the City," to attend a public lecture on Supernovae. In addition to hearing a post-doc discuss his cutting edge research on theoretical supernovae, the boys learnt about what happens to a star when it dies. We were treated to an explanation of three very different types of telescopes, and developed an understanding of how to navigate the night's sky by star hopping. Our boys were a credit to the school, noted for their politeness and respectfulness by other attendees.



EDEN BOYS' SCHOOL PUPILS HEAR FROM HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR

Our students heard first-hand about the atrocities of the Second World War when Holocaust survivor Ernest Simon paid us a visit. 87 year old Austrian born Ernest Simon addressed the whole school at an assembly to launch the secondary school's Holocaust Memorial Day activities. Mr Simon shared his story about how he and his younger brother came to the UK in 1939 via the Kindertransport to flee the Nazis when Ernest was aged eight. Soon after, his parents followed on domestic permits, however the family lived apart for many years as Ernest was sent to live with a foster family at the start of the Second World War. Unlike the stories of many Jews around the time of the Holocaust,

Ernest's story has a happy ending as the family were reunited in Leeds in 1942.

Ernest, who now lives in London, shares his testimony to help young people better understand the nature of the Holocaust and to explore its lessons in more depth. The visit was arranged through the Holocaust Educational Trust (HET) as part of their Outreach Programme, which is available to schools across the UK all year round.

Year 9 pupil Muhammad Ibrahim commented, "It was a real honour and privilege to meet Mr Simon. Listening to his amazing story really made me appreciate the challenges the Jewish people went through during the Holocaust."

HMD MEMORIAL SERVICE

On Sunday 28th January the Anne Frank ambassadors attended the HMD 2018 Memorial Service at Birmingham council house. This is a letter we received from Lisa Kennedy, the event officer:

'Thank you for organising the students of Eden Boys' to be part of this year's event. I was very impressed with their good manners and maturity, and their confidence in speaking in front of so many people.

I have received many compliments regarding the day, and yesterday's audience members spoke to me to say how impressed they were by the boys' presentation skills. I hope the boys' enjoyed the afternoon, they certainly enjoyed the maltesers! Please pass on my thanks to them and to their parents for giving them permission to attend.'

'I hope that Eden Boys' will be able to participate in future HMD events.'

3FF – SCHOOL LINKING PROGRAMME

Eden Boys' School has been working closely with interfaith charity 3 Faith Forum (3FF) for the past two years. This has involved 3FF delivering workshops on empathy and respect for people of all faiths and none. Further developing our collaboration with 3FF and in line with the school's commitment to developing and enhancing relationships with schools across Birmingham, Eden Boys' is taking part in the 3FF school linking programme this academic year. School linking involves our students working collaboratively with students from another school on a range of activities designed to promote tolerance, understanding and respect for people of all faiths and none.

This year, the school is linking with King Solomon International Business School, a free school like Eden Boys' with a Christian ethos. The school

linking will take place over 3 'link' days, link day 1 at a neutral venue and day's 2 and 3 taking place at the school sites.

On Monday 22nd January, Link Day 1 was held at The Lighthouse in Perry Barr. 30 students from Eden Boys' joined 30 students from King Solomon School to work collaboratively on a range of activities. The day was a fantastic success with staff and students from both schools enjoying the activities, learning together and developing new friendships. Students particularly focussed on the importance of 'Respect for All' and how each of us has the right to express our opinions but also the responsibility to respect the views, beliefs and opinions of others.

Link Day 2 is scheduled for Tuesday 24th April, when students from King Solomon School will join us at Eden Boys' School for another fun filled day of activities and joint learning.

TRIP TO SPAIN

Y Viva España



TRAVEL BLOG written by Uzair Patel, Year 9

18th February – 9:05am

Luggage is in the hold, passports are at the ready and I am starting to soar like an eagle. We departed from school at 4:30am, but no-one is exhausted just yet, there are too many butterflies whirling in everyone's stomachs. I am dreading the four hour flight ahead of us... Anyway, I will try to keep you posted as much as possible. Adios!

18th February – 4:00pm

We have just arrived at The Royal Alcazar Palace and Gardens in Seville, it is sunny, warm and beautiful. It is crazy to think that only a few hours ago I was in miserable rain. But we've arrived late – there was a faulty seat on the plane... I do hope they let us in... Did you know that the tangerine trees here are used to make a world famous condiment...? Marmalade!

18th February – 8:30pm

We have just checked into our hotel in Cordoba, but grrr... we have been allocated our room-mates... We all thought we would get to choose. Never mind! Comfortable beds, and state of the art bathrooms, who can complain? Apparently we're having dinner at a traditional Arab/Moroccan restaurant, I hope they serve a good tagine, I can't wait! Hasta la vista!

19th February – 8:00pm

After all the commotion yesterday I slept like a log, thankfully, because there is a long day ahead of us. We have just had breakfast, and I am buzzing. Our itinerary for the day looks great: first stop Cordoba Mosque/Cathedral, second stop lunch, and third stop the Museo Vivo de Al in Andaluz! Then Grenada, here we come!

20th February – 11:00pm

We are walking through the Alhambra Palace, and I just can't find the words to describe how extraordinary it is. The long queues were definitely worth it. The reddish clay fortress is set amongst the most exquisite gardens, and water, there is water everywhere! It is rippling through lavish orchards, bubbling up through intricate courtyards, and replenishing the green that stands tall against the scorching midday heat. I want to buy a souvenir, a reminder of this amazing experience.

21st February – 6:00pm

We are in the innovative Malaga airport, having just arrived from the Alupajassas mountains (the views there were incredible. It is unbelievable to think that there are villages and forts nested in the slopes)! I don't want to leave the sun and beauty of Spain, but I'm looking forward to seeing my family again!

BREAST CANCER NOW



Mrs Packard's daughter Grace, is running the London marathon on Sunday 22nd April to raise money for Breast Cancer NOW (UK's largest breast cancer research charity) and we are raising money to support her reach her target of £2,000 for this important charity. Please give generously.

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAYS

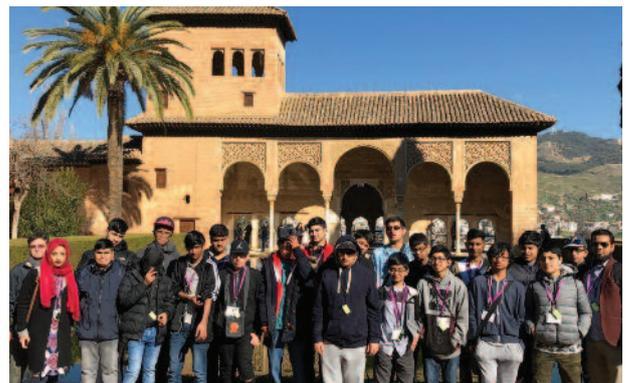
Summer Term 2018

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

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

MEMORIES FROM SPAIN

You will see from the photos the beautiful areas we visited in Spain. Seville, Cordoba, Granada, the village of Alpujarras and also Malaga. We stayed in five stars hotels and rooms with views. What a fantastic time we had. An experience with memories to last forever.



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