

Poppy Legion

As part of the acts of remembrance during late October and early November, we raised money for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2015 by selling traditional poppies along with rulers, pens, pencils and badges with the poppy logo displayed on them. On Friday 29th January 2016, Eden Boys were presented with a framed certificate of appreciation for raising £186.93.



'Keep Calm and Read a Book'

I am very pleased to announce that three talented, privileged and hard-working students have been deemed as our very own Eden Boys' reading champions after scoring the highest on the Edinburgh Reading tests! :) They are now joining me every morning to deliver reading intervention to those that are currently struggling to possess the skills requisite to achieve in English. Can we please praise Karim Ciccarello (8B), Uzair Patel and Mohammed Yusuf Hadi (7C) for providing a helping hand in our battle to fight illiteracy. Now stop and think: Do you have what it takes to become the next reading champion?

Can we thank Miss Shaban for her continuous dedication in helping students with their reading.

Safer Internet Day Tuesday 9th February

Eden Boys Birmingham took the opportunity of welcoming Safer Internet Day to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. During the week internet safety was discussed by Learning Coordinators during form times with topics ranging from: cyber bullying, young people and social networking. Parental workshops were also put on by Mr. Islam and delivered to parents on Wednesday 10th February 2016. This was a fantastic opportunity to engage with parents and to ensure all our children remain safe whilst using the internet.

Food Bank

Our food bank is run from the school canteen by the main entrance every Friday afternoon 2:30pm-4:30pm by a group of Year 8 students. The students help sort through the food, pack the bags and distribute to the families who attend. Especially during the cold winter months the food items are extremely valuable and the work is very much appreciated within the local community. We now have over 20 people attending on a weekly basis.

Holocaust Memorial Service

Our students were given a fantastic opportunity to meet a Holocaust survivor Mindu Hornik at the Birmingham Council House. The annual Holocaust Memorial Service took place at the Birmingham Council house on Sunday 24th January. The atmosphere was surreal. Visitors and guests sat together listening to memorials, poems and stories. Chief Executive of Birmingham City Council Mark Rogers was also at the event who retweeted a picture of the boys with the caption 'Young or not so young, today's message was clear and simple: "Don't Stand By"'. #HMD2016



PCSO Tyrone Murray writes for our Pastoral newsletter

The food bank at Eden Boys School is proving to be popular with tenants from multi dwelling occupancies / hostels within the Aston area. The Aston Neighbourhood Policing Team have noticed a decline in certain crimes such as shoplifting which could be in part, attributed to service users being able to access this food bank.

I have also received lots of positive feedback from service users about pupils from Eden Boys' School. Service Users told me that the pupils treated them with respect, humility and were very polite. When service users left the school premises with their food parcels, they felt that their dignity was still intact, and this was due to the way that pupils engaged with them. One service user stated that the pupils were very mature and it was like having a conversation with an adult and that they are a credit to the school.

Key Messages

- Regular attendance at school is important in promoting social development and enabling students to keep up to date with the workload.
- Please ensure your son is well equipped according to the school equipment policy.
- Well done to all those who have already collected some merits. Keep collecting them as there will be a special merit award at the end of the year and for all those who achieve 100% attendance.

FORM ATTENDANCE

7A	99.3%
7B	98.8%
7C	99.1%
7D	99.3%
YEAR 7	99.1%
8A	97.7%
8B	98.8%
YEAR 8	98.2%

CUMULATIVE

Sept-Present 98.73%



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Eden PASTORAL BULLETIN

The Newsletter for Eden Boy's School Birmingham

Assalamu Alaikum

Peace be with you!

Welcome back to our pastoral newsletter! We hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday at the end of last term. As always this half term has been packed with activities and events. Since the school has opened we have raised over £2500 for charity, the Year 7 and 8 students took part in a workshop about Precious Lives by PC Robert Pedley, the number day launched by the Maths department raised money for NSPCC and much more.

It seems the half term holiday has come too soon! We hope all our students, parents/carers and teachers all have a restful holiday and come back ready for some more Eden Adventures.

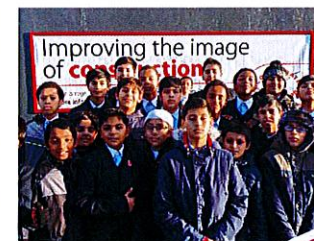
New Build

The landscape of Birmingham is swiftly changing with our new school building well underway. The progress each week is mesmerising! Eden is now making its mark on the Birmingham skyline- a testament to our unwavering desire and passion to change the world for the better.

Most of you would have noticed the school taking shape while driving past: the rush of builders, machinery and cooperation to help build our school- our future.

The pupils have been visiting the school site during the construction and installation phase. They have found this experience to be

very valuable as it displays the hard work and dedication put in to the formation of their new school. The boys were joined by the local community support officers for the tour.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Spirituality Day / 26th February 2016
World Book day / 3rd March 2016
International Women's Day / 8th March
Sport Relief / 8th - 20th March 2016
World Poetry day / 21st March 2016
Fundraising for Birmingham Children's Hospital



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Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club is run daily between 7:20 and 7:50. During Breakfast Club, an Islamic circle takes place with Moulana Khalid. Pupil discuss various Islamic topics each day. Students also have the opportunity to express any concerns or issues they may have to their Head of Year during this time. The Breakfast Club has been very successful allowing pupils to get to school early and have a healthy breakfast. It also encourages students to become independent and clean up after themselves.

STEM

Our STEM club enthusiasts have been boggling their brains designing a package for the 'Pringle Challenge' this half term. The aim of the challenge was to create a package to protect the crisp by keeping it in one piece as it travelled through the postal system. Students were required to consider the environmental and economic issues related to designing and making the package, whilst also aiming to make the product aesthetically pleasing. Now, let's just hope the postman does not get peckish on his morning rounds!



Scheduled English Trips:

Theatre lovers in Year 8 and 7.2 are very excited about their upcoming trips to the theatre. Year 7 are off to see the Olivier award-winning Theatre production of 'Goodnight Mister Tom' on the 17th March! It is the winner of the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize and commended for the Carnegie Medal where Michelle Magorian's wonderfully uplifting tale is brought gloriously to life in this magical stage adaptation by David Wood at the New Alexandria Theatre.

In addition to this, the Year 8 boys are off to see the unfolding of the sinister gothic masterpiece 'Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde' on Wednesday 10th February at the Crescent Theatre. Set in the foggy atmosphere of Victorian London, this chilling adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's timeless novel cleverly explores the darker side that lurks within us all.

The classic tale relates how Dr Jekyll, fascinated by the duality in his own nature, discovers a drug which isolates the evil side of his character and creates a corrupt alter-ego he calls Mr Hyde. Gradually Hyde gains control as the drug loses its power of restoration.

The psychological conflict between good and evil is played out before our eyes - but the fight is not black and white, for as Jekyll is the brake on Hyde's extremities of vice, as is Hyde the check on the excesses of Jekyll's virtue.

The Journalists of Tomorrow:

Several boys from across Year 7 and 8 have been attending Journalism Club every Tuesday with the English Faculty. As part of our ever growing Journalism Club, students are given the opportunity to write articles, research topics and display their consciousness of their punctuation for the School Newsletter. They also get the honour to interview both staff and students! All activities are closely linked to a range of skills

that are required in English and serves well to all those English enthusiasts. Currently, the boys are preparing a BBC news report on the new school building, watch this space!

Achievement Evening

We had our first ever Achievement Awards evening on Tuesday 15th December 2015. There was an air of anticipation and excitement. Certificates and special badges were given to pupils for their hard work and effort. The students were very supportive of others who deservedly received an award.

The launch of the Anti-bullying video was a real hit with the students. The video is testament to the unity and family bond of our school. The school Nasheed Choir provided fantastic live entertainment. They were very brave and sang beautifully. Thank you to Mr Tariq for helping with the Nasheed Choir and we hope to see more performances.

The event was hosted by the Head Boy and the Head of Student Shuraa. Some speeches and words were full of emotion, as the Principal's speech proudly thanked all students' and staff. The students organised a special gift for Mrs Ravat consisting of flowers and chocolate to show a small token of our appreciation for the commitment, hard work and support our principal has provided to us all.



Aston Villa FC After-School Club

Eden Boys in partnership with Aston Villa Football Club receive specialist football coaching on Monday evenings from 3:30pm - 4:30pm. There are currently 20 boys that participate in the sessions. The pupils are always very excited to go and test their football skills at the training ground.

Aston Villa Vs Liverpool FC

As we continue our strong partnership with Aston Villa, the boys will be going to spectate at yet another big football match comprising of Aston Villa Vs Liverpool on the 14th February. It will be an interesting game as Villa are fighting relegation and Liverpool are hungry in their bid to become part of champions league football. The year 7 boys are very excited with many Liverpool and Villa fans amongst them.



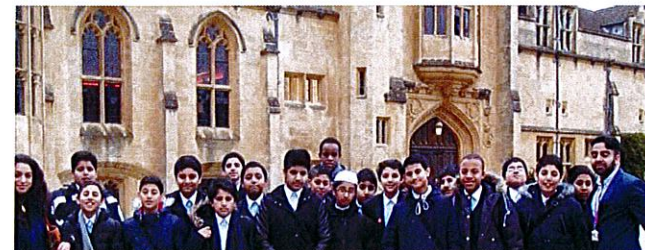
Number Day

Friday the 5th February marked NSPCC Number Day 2016 - a fun nationwide maths fundraising event for people of all ages to help raise money to support the NSPCC. Here at Eden Boys we ran a number of events in the lead up to and on Number Day. For the last couple of weeks, the boys have been working hard to bring in loose change in the hope of winning the Form Group Copper Competition in which pupils have to collect as many 1 and 2ps as they can. Congratulations to 7C for collecting the most coppers with all proceeds going to support the work of the NSPCC. We will also run a Pi Competition, Mathematics themed bake sale, Pupils versus Staff Countdown Competition and a non-school uniform day in which students wore clothing with a number on it to show their support for the NSPCC Number Day. We raised a total of £270.69 for NSPCC.

Enterprise Club

Eden Boys' entrepreneurial skills have been tested in the last couple of weeks with our participation in the £50 national schools challenge run by Mr Hughes in collaboration with Moth in a China Shop Charity. As part of this, the boys have had to pitch ideas, setup shop and test whether they have the gift of the gab when it comes to selling. Having already made over £300 profit since the start of the challenge it seems we have some of Birmingham's best businessmen amongst us with a huge well done to Adam Mahmood 8B, Mohammed Faizan 8B, Ibraheem Fiaz 8A, Abdullah Sajjad 8A and Mohammed Hamzah 8B who have already managed to set up and run a stationary shop and a tuck shop.

University of Oxford Trip



As part of the holistic education we provide here at Eden Boys' School Birmingham, the Maths department organised a trip to the University of Oxford, one of the leading universities in the world on Friday 5th February. It was an invaluable opportunity for pupils to visit the university and ask questions to current students, lecturers and admissions tutors. It enabled them to gain an insight into mathematics at a higher level by participating in an academic session. We hope this will be a chance for the boys to realise the many opportunities available to them and explore a historical institution that they may go on to study at one day.



'Precious Lives' by PC Rob Pedley

Students received a very inspiring talk about recent youth murders and how choices that young people make every day result in life changing consequences for so many. It focused around youth knife crime in particular but was also adapted to a wide range of audiences covering varied topics from drugs and antisocial behaviour to being more motivated to achieve at school.

Chemistry at Work-Think Tank Museum trip

On Thursday 4th February 7.2 visited the Thinktank, Birmingham Science Museum for a 'Chemistry at Work' event. The event aimed to show how the chemistry studied at school is applied in everyday life and how science can be relevant, fun and exciting. A mixture of lectures and practical demonstrations were given allowing our students to actively get involved.



Atkins Assembly

It has been a fun packed term with STEM activities running every week. We were honoured to have Joanne Hoskins, the senior engineer: Water, Ground & Environment for ATKINS, lead an assembly for our students. Ms Hoskins discussed the different roles engineers have, the qualifications needed and also the money engineers make. This left students with the passion and enthusiasm to look into engineering as a career.

'Stop and Search' workshop

An inspirational workshop was delivered by Sulaimoon Samuel (national safeguarding practitioner) on stop and search. The workshop was very interactive and knowledgeable with all classes enjoying the session. The boys now understand the procedure of stop and search.

Thomas Vale - Health and Safety Competition

Thomas Vale the company constructing our amazing new school gave the pupils a great opportunity to enter a competition. The student had to design a health and safety poster and submit by Friday 5th February. The winning poster will be displayed around the new school site with a prize of £100 in first, second and third place. Frankie from Thomas Vale-project manager was very inspirational in his assembly talking about how knowledge is power and without it can be very hard to succeed. The boys took a lot from the assembly by Frankie and are looking forward to the £100 prize - may the best designer win!