



## Robotics Club

Year 9 Students are taking part in a fantastic project constructing a 'Mind storm robot', complete with careful programming for it to carry out challenges, such as collecting objects and avoiding obstacles. We look forward to the finished product!

## Sport and Fitness

This year at Eden Boys School we aim to offer a range of sporting activities, including: badminton, volleyball, basketball, football, health-related fitness, table tennis and gymnastics. Students will spend 4-6 weeks on each sport during their PE lessons focusing on the key sporting skills, techniques and tactics.

Complementing the diverse range of activities on offer here at Eden Boys, we also facilitate a range of after school sports clubs for students to attend which include: badminton, football, tennis, basketball and fitness.

## Upcoming Events:

- Year 7 Parents' Settling in Evening – Thursday 17th November
- Year 7/8 Interfaith Walk – Wednesday 23rd November
- Year 9 Skills Show – Thursday 17th November

## Upcoming Religious Festivals

At Eden Boys we promote respect, tolerance and acceptance of people of all backgrounds, all faiths and no faith. Raising awareness about different faiths advances understanding of others in our diverse community. In the coming weeks we will be learning about the following religious festivals:

**Diwali – Hinduism | Birth of Bahauddin – Bahai faith  
Guru Nanak's birth – Sikhism | Christmas  
Birth of Prophet Muhammad (Peace be Upon Him)**

## Cumulative Attendance by Registration Group

7A: 99.10%	8B: 98.50%
7B: 98.50%	8C: 98.20%
7C: 98.70%	8D: 97.80%
7D: 100.00%	9A: 94.4%
8A: 98.20%	9B: 98.8%

## Nasheed Choir

We thank Dayaan Ukyae, Sef Khan Mohammed Hanzalah Khan, Mohammed Talha and Mr Tariq, for an impressive and entertaining performance at our Aashoorah event.

## Touch Rugby Festival

Students from Y7 and Y8 were selected to take part in a touch rugby festival. The boys received coaching from professional players and played in tournaments with other schools in the Birmingham area.

## Amazing Arabic Club

Arabic is the 5th most common language in the world, it is the liturgical language of Islam and there is now a high demand for Arabic speakers. At Eden we have an Amazing Arabic club, if you are interested please contact reception.



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## Heritage Week

A group of Year 8 boys attended the prestigious KPMG building near Snow Hill station. The event was about Birmingham heritage, and the experience raised the pupils' aspirations to work with and for this successful global company. Professor Carl Chinn spoke about the diverse heritage of Birmingham's people and touched on the history and contributions of migrant communities in Birmingham. The leader of the council and many other guests attending the event were very impressed with how Eden Boys took centre stage asking mature and meaningful questions.



## MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT Fundraiser

The school held a coffee morning and cake afternoon in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. We would like to thank all parents who generously baked and donated cakes for the cause. Pupils took part in individual and class fundraising, and together we raised an outstanding £2518.14!



## 3 Faiths FORUM

3FF builds understanding and lasting relationships between people of all faiths and beliefs. 3FF run education, engagement and action programmes that bring diverse communities together. 3FF delivered workshops with our pupils on the Art of Empathy, the Art of Asking, and Encountering Faith and Belief.



## Student Shura (Council)

The buzz in school has been fantastic over the last couple of weeks, during the campaigning process. The classrooms were set alive with colourful banners and posters. Well done to the students who took part and campaigned for votes. Congratulations to our newly elected Student Shura! Our Student Shura for 2016-2017 are:  
7A-Tammimul Ehsan, 7B-Ahad Maaz, 7C Isa Khan, 7D- Owis Alim Latif, 8A-Ishaq Abdullah, 8B-Abdul Haadi Safwaat, 8C- Farhan Issa, 8D- Shoab Shoaib, 9A- Abdul Wali and 9B- Mohammed Alam Well Done!

## STEM Club

During this term, the STEM club are working as a team to put their STEM skills to the test as they think creatively to tackle some real-life problems to harness and control forces. They will be planning and carrying out an investigation for the best wing design for a remote controlled survey aircraft.

## The Arts Club

Our Arts Club has been a great success with students confidently expressing creativity and flourishing with all the new equipment on offer! We are currently finalising ideas for our department logo, which will be situated on the first floor and will be an historical moment for the school.

Students have also created designs of commemorative hats, being submitted to the Poppy Day and Remembrance Day event arranged by the Birmingham City Council. Good luck to all the boys that took part!

## Eid Celebration & Fundraiser Non Uniform – Pastoral

The students enjoyed the Eid party on Friday 16th September with lots of food and drink. As part of the non-Uniform day they raised £250.00 for the Tauheedul Charity Food for All, a big thank you to parents for their contributions.



## Harvest Assembly

We were proud to host Reverend Helen Jobling at Eden Boys on 27th September. Reverend Helen delivered an informative assembly to our students on the harvest festival and the many real challenges young people around the world face every day.



## The Significance of CHARITY

Giving charity is a central element of a Muslim's identity. To be caring, kind and compassionate towards our fellow human beings is the essence of being a good Muslim, as the Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) stated, 'You will not believe until you love for others what you love for yourself'.

It is important for us to remember that charity goes beyond simply giving money to others, although this is very rewarding.

Another form of charity which is equally rewarding is explained to us in another Hadith in which the Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) stated, "Your smile for your brother is a charity. Your removal of stones, thorns or bones from the paths of people is a charity."

Your guidance of a person who is lost is a charity," and so at Eden Boys, service to communities, is a core element of our mission.



## Aston Villa Social Enterprise Launch

Special thanks to the staff and pupils involved in the Aston Villa Enrichment Programme. Eden Boys' School hosted the event which was attended by a full press crew and VIP guest Aston Villa footballer Libor Kozak. Libor was interviewed by year 9 pupils and later stated that he was very 'impressed' with their maturity and manner of questioning. For further information on the Aston Villa Enrichment Programme at Eden Boys' School or the interview conducted by our pupils, please visit:

<https://www.avfc.co.uk/News/2016/10/12/kozak-supports-social-enterprise-programme>

## Year 7, 8 and 9 Curriculum Evening

Thank you to all parents who attended our Curriculum Evenings, where we discussed the new GCSE grading system and specifications.

## E-Safety Workshop: Our children are digital natives

The advantages of technology far outweigh the disadvantages. As parents, we fear the potential dangers of social media, cyber-bullying, adult content, predators and we are confronted with an increasing number of shocking stories involving children and the internet. However, the internet offers amazing opportunities for learning, connecting people, creativity, collaboration and much more. While it might be tempting to ban internet access on smartphones, this actually makes children more vulnerable when they are exposed to it at other times. Please visit the websites below for valuable information and tips on online safety:

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) Visit the 'Know It All' Section for an interactive guide about online safety  
[www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org) – Free up-to-date Security advice  
<http://clickcleverclicksafe.direct.gov.uk> – Click Clever Click Safe Campaign

Eden Boys Birmingham win the National Award in Enterprise 2015-2016 by Moth in a china shop -Mr Hugh's Oil.



## International Literacy Day: 'Reading the Past, Writing the Future'

Thursday 8th September marked the 50th anniversary of International Literacy Day. The English Department provided many exciting workshops for the students to take part in, these included: creating visual but informative leaflets for HWK, library inductions and tours, whole school reading for 30 minutes in silence under the national initiative 'Drop Everything And Read' and the spectacular Staff Vs Students Countdown competition during lunch break where masses of students gathered to witness their fellow peers battle their way to victory in a series of anagrams based on themes within school subjects. The victors of the competition were: Umar Jeewa, Salman Shafaq, Ismail Muhammad, Ibrahim Muhammed, Isa Kazi, and Musa Yaqub - well done! Thank you to everyone who took part!



## Year 6 Open Evening

On Tuesday 4th October we held an open day for potential year 6 students to come and see and learn more about our school. Our student volunteers did an absolutely fantastic job meeting, greeting and escorting parents and year 6 boys around the school.



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