

The Eden Times

NEWSPAPER FOR EDEN SCHOOL BOYS

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Newsletter launched at Eden Boys

- Key moments of the year highlighted
- Read about amazing achievements throughout the year

Journalism Club - We are a group of aspiring journalists, writers and investigators. We love to report on the fantastic opportunities that Eden Boys' Birmingham offers to its students, and we see it as our job to shout good news stories from the roof tops. We've come to the end of a very eventful term, and a year packed full of amazing achievements. We hope you will join us here at Journalism Club in looking back over the key moments in the year as well as looking ahead to a new term, a new year and to new experiences.



Macbeth performed for Year 8 & Year 9

- Realistic battles scenes praised
- Sports hall turned into theatre

The Big Brum Theatre Company - On Wednesday 6th December we were lucky enough to open our doors to a group of very talented actors from Big Brum Theatre Company. They put on a production of Shakespeare's Macbeth for pupils in Year 8 and Year 9. Pupils commented on how realistic the bloody battle scenes were, while others commented on the educational benefits they would derive from this opportunity. Year 8 will go on to study Macbeth in their English lessons after Christmas, so for them, this was a golden opportunity. Our very own Uzair Patel was lucky enough to secure an interview with the talented actors. Richard Holmes, who played Banquo, was very impressed by the excellent behaviour displayed by the Eden audience. One of the witches, Siobhan Twomey, thanked staff and students at Eden for looking after them and making them feel so welcome. It has to be said we love anything that has both an entertainment value as well as an educational element. For this reason, we look forward to hosting the theatre company in future. Finally, we'd like to say a huge thank you to Mr Ditta and the PE department for allowing us to turn the sports hall into a make-shift theatre.

Shahmeer Khan & Raees Parvaiz



Residential trip to Kingswood

Kingswood Trip - On Friday 16th March the pastoral team took a group of lively and well-deserving year 8 boys on a residential trip to Kingswood in Wolverhampton. For many of the boys it was their first time away from home. The weekend was fun-packed and full of fantastic opportunities. The boys were able to take part in zip-lining, rock climbing, aeroball, an obstacle course and laser zone. We can't say a lot of sleeping was done during the weekend, so an early return on Sunday meant that Mr Bhayat, Mr Miah and Mr Masood were able to catch up on their sleep before returning to school on Monday. The boys were all very grateful for the opportunity and can't wait to return next year, inshaaAllah.

Anis Choudhury



Eden Boys give back to society



- Pupil awareness raised
- Forms across school raise money
- Gift hampers for local charity
- Elderly given blankets, soaps, socks & more

Humanitarian Club and the Winter Gift Programme - Ms Matthewman set up the Humanitarian Club earlier this year, with one aim: to make Eden pupils more aware of their role in society and ensure they give back! Being a good citizen was at the forefront of their minds when they launched their Winter Gift Programme. Forms across the school were challenged with raising money to purchase gifts such as candles, soaps, perfumes, socks, blankets and more. The aim was to send the gift hampers to the local charity St Basils and an elderly care home in order to put a smile on the faces of those less fortunate than ourselves. Eden Boys' really did outdo themselves, and were able to present an impressive array of gifts to those in our local community.

A huge thank you to Ms Matthewman and her team for doing us all proud!

Uzair Patel & Ibrahim Khalil

Staff & students dress up for World Book Day

World Book Day - On Thursday 1st March Eden Boys' Birmingham opened up its doors to Miss Havisham, Hagrid, Harry Potter, Ninja Turtles, Miss Hardbroom, Shrek and Fiona and a whole host of other literary characters. We are of course referring to World Book Day. Staff and students did an amazing job of dressing up as their favourite characters from the world of books. Costumes were stylish, creative and fun!

Throughout the day, the English department put on a range of activities. They held a cake sale to raise money for the National Literacy Foundation as well as holding a spelling bee (well done to Sahir Khan in year 7 for winning first prize). There was also a reading and writing competition to help promote the love of books. We can't thank them enough for their hard work.

Adam Ahmed & Mohammad Usman



BBC News Report Day

BBC News Report Day - As members of Journalism Club we're pretty au fait with the world of technology, so taking part in the BBC's annual School News Report Day on March 15th felt like the natural thing to do. We spent weeks preparing for the big day, conducting interviews, taking pictures and putting together a montage of a typical day at Eden Boys Birmingham. Isa Kazi and his team of video editors did a fantastic job of ensuring we presented our best face to the world. A huge thank you to Mrs Khan for putting our script together and Mr Amin for his technical support. I think it's safe to say we have a few budding television journalists in our midst. You can view our first ever video via the following link: <http://www.edenboysbirmingham.com/news/bbc-school-report-2018/>

We hope to continue contributing videos and using this as a platform to show our local community what Eden Boys' Birmingham is all about, so make sure to stay tuned!

Ibrahim Hussain & Isa Kazi

Royal Navy Visit

Royal Navy Community Project

When the Royal Navy comes knocking and asks for your help with a community project, you don't say no! With the help of Mr Islam and a dedicated team of year 9 pupils, the Royal Navy are hoping to transform a space in Handsworth Park. The team are lucky enough to have Handsworth Wood Girls' School on board as well. We know for a fact that the end result will be nothing but spectacular.

Telal Naeem & Adam Lowrey



Much Ado About Nothing trip to Globe Theatre

'Much Ado About Nothing' at the Globe Theatre in London - The English team were lucky enough to secure a number of free tickets to see 'Much Ado About Nothing' at the Globe Theatre in London.

Saif Ahmed in year 7 told us more about what the day entailed. 'As we headed to London in the coach, I was really excited as I had never seen a Shakespeare play before. Unexpectedly the theatre had no roof which made it really cold but added to the excitement of it. It was especially magical when it snowed! The play was really funny and I found it overwhelming to be there. I really enjoyed the play and gave a big clap at the end due to how good it was.'

Yusuf Holder who is also in year 7 added, 'I think that the play was inspirational as it shows how far love can take you through life. You can have a very bad time but this play is sure to cheer you up instantly. It will make you happy just like it made me happy when I watched this phenomenal play.'

Thanks to Mr Darby, Mr Ravat and Mr Normanton for accompanying the students on the trip.

Uzair Patel & Haneef Ahmed

Success after failure

Moth in a China Shop - It has been an exciting couple of weeks at Eden boys, we entered the Moth in a China shop competition, run by Mr Hughes, for the second time. It is nearly the end of the competition and we have exceeded our previous record. We have made over £800 so far with and with only 1 week to go we aim to make £1,000.

The competition started with an absolute FAILURE! We had a stationary stand and we barely sold anything, not enough to make a profit. So we went back to the drawing board and decided to invest the rest of our £50 into foods such as samosas and chocolate puddings. Since then we have been giving up our lunches and breaks trying to make some revolutionary ideas to turn a profit. After a slow start we hit the ground running and started to work every day and make as much money as possible. In doing so we participated in Breast Cancer Now and donated 1 week of our profits to the great cause. This was a reminder that life isn't all about gaining, but giving as well. We have also ventured into other business ideas such as ice cream, milkshakes and our very own baker using Mr Hughes' oil instead of butter, which makes them even more delicious. We hope to report our success in the coming weeks, so watch this space.

Amir Mir



Interview with Mr Darby

Isa Kazi and Anis Choudhury interviewed Mr Darby of the English department earlier this year. Mr Darby joined Eden in September and the boys were eager to pick his brains. They found that he was inspired by his own English teacher Mr Clark! I wonder how many pupils will be inspired to follow in Mr Darby's (stylish) footsteps? He was also dedicated to reading and wanted to be a writer in his younger years. This passion for reading and writing led Mr Darby to taking up a career as an English teacher. We can't thank him enough for making that decision.

As a fellow male, we were keen to get his advice on GCSEs and how he coped with the all-important exams. He told us 'they're going to come quicker than you think. But if you're willing to work hard, your teachers will work harder for you.' Great advice there Mr D!

The interview wouldn't be complete without asking Mr Darby what he thought of Eden so far. He told us

that he was 'nothing but impressed by the amount of hardworking and talented staff. School is a one big family and there is a good sense of community between everyone which you don't find in other schools.'

Interview with Ms Mushtaq

The boys then went on to interview our very own French teacher, Mademoiselle Mushtaq. She started her teaching journey at Eden Girls' Coventry, and decided to make the move to Eden Boys' Birmingham in September this year. So naturally the boys thought she would be able to settle the age old argument: are boys better than girls? Let's just say we're still awaiting Ms Mushtaq's response. At least she's diplomatic!

Mademoiselle did however, have plenty of advice for those taking their GCSEs this year. 'Work hard, learn your vocabulary, use flashcards and revise your tenses. Oh and did I mention work hard?' Thanks for the advice Ms Mushtaq!

Ibrahim Khalil & Adam Ahmed

Closing statement from Journalism Club

Closing statement by Journalism Club - We've had a very successful autumn and spring term. We hope the summer term is full of just as many successes. We'd like to say a massive thank you to the staff for their hard work, dedication and endless support. Thank you for allowing Journalism Club to be a part of all of your events. Well done to the pupils for their efforts and achievements. We'd like to end by saying stay safe, work hard and enjoy a well-earned break!