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HALIMAH & SURAIYA

A New Year; a New Start

Welcome to Issue 3 of our Autumn/Winter themed magazine, The Edonian! We wish a warm welcome to our new Year 7s and to our new staff at Eden. In this edition, you will find everything from Eden going national, behind the scenes at the BBC broadcasting house, information on the new Student Shura & more. We hope you enjoy reading this edition.

Happy holidays!

TERM DATES

STAFF INSET DAY -	MONDAY 4TH JANUARY 2016
SCHOOL RE-OPENS -	TUESDAY 5TH JANUARY 2016
MID-TERM CLOSURE -	MONDAY 15TH -
	FRIDAY 19TH FEBRUARY
CLOSURE AFTER SCHOOL -	THURSDAY 24TH MARCH
EASTER HOLIDAY -	FRIDAY 25TH MARCH -
	FRIDAY 8TH APRIL 2016

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PRINCIPAL SAYS

Reflections on this Term



All Praises to the Almighty, Lord of the Worlds and the Master of our fortunes: salutations to our beloved Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), the seal of the Prophets and the guide for all our actions.

Aslamu a laikum- May Peace be Upon You All,

'Educational Excellence for All'- Rt. Hon. M.P. Nicky Morgan

It is with great excitement and happiness that I welcome you all to this third edition of The Edonian. It is wonderful to see how our founding students and staff have welcomed the new students, gainers, to our school with warmth, openness and friendship. This term has seen the many new developments that have taken place in the school which include the expansion of the staff workforce and the addition of an extra floor to accommodate the 103 students who joined us in September.

We have managed to establish with all our students our vision that also reflects the vision above stated by Nicky Morgan in her recent address to the nation. At Eden Girls' School Waltham Forest, we truly believe in delivering a high quality education that extends beyond the delivery of first class teaching. Not only are our students on track to accomplish great results that will equip them with the right qualifications inshallah (God willing) but also we continue to foster **character** building and **resilience** so that our students grow up with **confidence**, **self- belief** and a mind- set that nurtures a secure sense of **self- worth** through the many opportunities afforded to them (as you will read in this very latest edition.)

This term has been very exciting as the school has entered phase two of its development as it has journeyed from initiation to implementation. School structures, routines and language have become well embedded and innovation has blossomed as the challenge of the building has led us to introduce off site P.E., train new teachers in the Eden Way' and take greater advantage of our greatest resource- our proud capital London to take learning beyond the classroom.

I hope you enjoy reading about the many opportunities, trips and competitions the students have participated in this term as they have continued to develop as Ladies, Learners and Leaders through our mission of Excellence, Faith and Service.

May I take this opportunity to wish Happy Christmas to those celebrating this year and a restful and peaceful holiday to you all.

Wasalam (with peace,)

Shahina Ahmad
Principal

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2015

In the final term we celebrated our first annual Achievement Awards. Students were recognised for a variety of achievements including the new year 9 prefects and subject awards. The most prestigious award were the 'Principals Award' in recognition for excellent effort and achievement in all aspects of school life. Congratulations to all our winners.

	Year 7	Year 8
Lady of the year	Zara Khan	Zahra Salamut
Leader of the year	Kaynat Sajad	Halimah Choudhry
Learner of the year	Saalihah Ali	Humairaa Patel
Principals prize	Badriyah Islam	Aqsa Ali



EID EXTRAVAGANZA



On the 9th October 2015, Eden Girls had their 2nd Eid Extravaganza. We celebrated this joyful day by dressing in fancy clothes for the event. Students and teachers enjoyed this occasion greatly, and it made us feel like we were one big family: the Eden family!

Each form sold different things, such as sweets, jewellery, raffles and cakes. We bustled around buying lots of wonderful, yummy things and also took some goodies home for our families.

Every form strove to raise money, but of course there had to be winners. With over £400 profit made by 8D and their delicious sweets, they won, yet *again*; sweets are always winners, right?

50% of the money raised will go to charity, while the other half to our End of Year rewards trip!

“ There were lots of stalls and cool things were being sold and almost everyone was colourful. It sure was an awesome experience ”



BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

On the 14th of November, Eden celebrated *Children In Need* throughout the week by making a great effort to raise money for the charity, selling cute Pudsey badges, wearing colourful wristbands. Not only that, but on Friday, it was delightful to see that Eden was so filled with colour. All you could see was – not the purple head scarves this time- yellow tops and even polka dotted scarves. They were absolutely everywhere.



EDENS' BIG TOY COLLECTION FOR THE PATIENTS OF WARD T11



“The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said: “Exchange gifts, as that will lead to increasing your love to one another”. [Sahih Bukhari]

Students have been busy collecting and fund raising money for the children in ward T11 at UCL hospital. We want to give the children who have to stay in hospital over the holidays a gift from us at Eden. Badriyah & Khadijah in year 8 raised £200 doing a sponsored silence and Asma and Khadijah M raised another £60 doing a bake sale. Students have been digging deep and have donated generously over the past two weeks.

TRIPS THIS TERM



ADA LOVELACE

Ada Lovelace was a British Mathematician and the first ever Computer Programmer. As a woman of her time, it was very difficult to have a good education and to become successful in Maths or Science. She has become a role model to many women across the Globe, as she has shown that women are capable of achieving great things, even in male dominated fields. Annually, on her birthday, an event is held to celebrate Women in Maths, Science and Computing, and this was the event that a few selected students attended on the 13th of October. Many people filled up a whole theatre to watch the speakers at the event. The speeches consisted of women from different fields of Maths, Science and Computing, speaking about their expertise, but more importantly, their inspirations. The speakers ranged from an Astrophysicist to a Nano-Scientist to a Mars Rover Developer, and all these speeches were introduced by a funny and friendly host. This event gave the students an interesting and fun insight into their potential as women in the real world and about what they can achieve.



Dr. Jen Gupta - Astrophysicist & Science Communicator

THE JOURNALISTS HAVEN

Friday 4th December brought with it a visit for Year 9 to the BBC Broadcasting House in Portland Place. As part of our unit on News Writing in English, we had a fantastic opportunity to visit the impressive home to the largest news room in Europe.

On arrival we were met at the foyer by a life sized dalek, followed by a tardis and then just up ahead, a very realistic set up of Albert Square!

During our tour we were flooded with informative tidbits whilst we watched journalists jostling below us putting together the 11am Domestic and Global News Bulletin; sat on the infamous lime green sofa of 'The One Show' in their tv studio; 'joined' Huw Edwards in an interactive news bulletin and weather report as well as unleashed our inner drama divas in a fabulously freaky 'tea time' radio drama!

Overall an engaging morning out in Central London, definitely raising some interest in journalistic futures for the



A VISIT TO THE BARBICAN



Parliament Week was well underway and 9.2 were lucky enough to visit the Barbican to take part in a Suffragettes workshop hosted by the illustrious BFI. Bryony Dixon, the curator, hosted an event displaying 100 year old film archives of the incredibly brave and audacious young women of the 19th & early 20th Century.

Sehar and Laiba (9.2) said: 'We were taken aback by just how much these young women gave up for women's rights, and for our lives today. They were so courageous! We were astounded by their passion, they didn't let anything get in their way- even if that meant setting fire to buildings!'

The students returned with an understanding far removed from the traditional view of the young 'frail' Victorian woman, to women far more sophisticated and complex than they had first thought.



EDEN REMEMBERS

At the eleventh hour, on the eleventh day, of the eleventh month, Eden observed a two minutes silence remembering the fallen ones, and those who survived during the World Wars.

There were many soldiers who fought in the wars and lost their lives, fighting for peace for their countries. To recall this time we, as a school, came together and read out poems, and watched a live stream of 'Silence in the Square', which some of our Edonians attended.

There, they watched the programme, which featured famous people such as the Overtones band, London community Gospel choir, a 91 year old veteran, folk singer Seth Lakeman, Miranda Raison and many others.

At 11 o'clock, complete silence fell. Even the traffic surrounding one of busiest tourist sites in London fell quite, motorists stepped out of their vehicles to stand and show respect.

The event concluded with crowds invited to place poppy petals in the fountain as a symbolic act of remembrance.

Our front page had over 1000 Likes on FaceBook and attracted 100's of positive comments.



This image is going viral and was shared over 100 times on Twitter



 **Russell Crook**
 a very small, but significant and very powerful chink of light for the future, well done ladies
 Like · Reply · More · 4 minutes ago

Black History Month

In October Eden took part in a 'Black History Month' workshop. It is celebrated annually in the United Kingdom in October. Just like last year, Year 7s and Year 9s were introduced to different specialised speakers who told of their experiences and stories. Students listened to stories of slavery and the struggles black people had to face. The students were then asked to discuss different ideas on

how to honour the too-often neglected accomplishments of black people throughout our history. Some lucky students had the chance to perform in front of the speakers, in order to express their ideas. Everyone was engaged and listened amazingly well. It's safe to say that a lot was learnt over the course of the day.



Athletics at Eden

Students in Year 7, 8 & 9 took part in Eden's first ever competitive athletic games hosted by a neighbouring school. The girls did really well and even came first in two of the races. Well done team!



Spirituality in Islam

With the name of Allah, the All-Merciful, the Very-Merciful.

May peace and blessings be upon His noble Messenger, Muhammad, the Seal of the Prophets.

Spirituality is a fruit which can only be ripened by the purification of the heart. While Islam places immense importance on outward actions such as prayer, there is a huge emphasis placed on inner purity. Allah Ta'ala says in the Qur'an, "Success is surely achieved by he who purifies himself..." (Surah A'la 87:13). Likewise, when describing the state of the people on the Day of Standing, the Qur'an highlights that the only thing that will avail man is a sound heart (Surah Ash-Shu'ara 26:88). It is for this reason that the Messenger of Allah (may peace and perpetual blessings be upon him) would supplicate, "O Allah! I ask you for a sound heart."

In attempting to reach such dizzying heights of spirituality, we have started to observe the Sunnah fasts (every Monday and Thursday). As highlighted in Surah Baqarah, fasting is a means of attaining piety and reverential fear of Allah which subsequently allow an individual to develop their spirituality. Hasan al-Basri (may Allah Ta'ala have mercy upon him), a great Islamic luminary, would say, "The best season to a believer is winter for its nights are long for those who wish to pray, and its days are short for those wish to fast."

Indeed, purification of the heart and good deeds are bound to one another – one cannot attain purity except through good deeds. The Messenger of Allah (may peace and perpetual blessings be upon him) would be incredibly pure of heart but at the same time, he was punctual of all the outward deeds that were required of him.

May Allah Ta'ala grant us piety and a sound heart. Ameen.

**Maulana Muhammad
Head of Year**



STUDENT SHURA ELECTION: THE NOMINEES & WINNERS

Just like last year, students from each form have bravely put themselves forward to receive this year's place in Eden's Student Shura. Students from each form volunteered for the spaces and spent weeks of campaigning for their votes. There were posters, cakes and presentations! Ultimately, three students from each form went through to the final and had a chance to prove to their class, for the last time, why

their colleagues should vote for them. An assembly was then held and the Student Shura were elected and awarded their badges!

Sabiha Makda-8D
Yasmine El-Hamri-9A
Zahra Salamut-9B

So here they are:
Khadijah Salamut - 7A
Bareerah Chughtai-7B
Yusra Faisal-7C
Muska Miakhil-7D
Ilma Mahmood-8A
Sarah Mahmood-8B
Aliyah Allybocus-8C



LEADERSHIP DAY NOVEMBER 2015



YEAR 7

It was crazy. It was colourful. It was- in some ways- chaotic: Year 7's experienced their second Leadership Day so far. It was a day full of arts and crafts, fun and the ultimate 'Dragon's Den' experience. On the 25th of November the entire school had yet another Leadership Day, with Year 7's creating, advertising and pitching their own products. First divided into form groups, they were made to choose groups and create ambitious products, based on their class's topic. Once listening to a talk delivered by the manager of HR at O2, Nabila Akhtar- the year group were clearly inspired as they consequently created amazing products. They finished their day by presenting their results in front of the three Dragons (more commonly known as Mrs Ahmad, Mrs Malik and Mrs Mahmood) and the announcement of a winner. After all the hard work, 7A were the lucky ones who were able to wow the judges with their 'TAS'- Teacher Alert System and confident speaking. In all, The Leadership Day was a definite success.



YEAR 9

Wednesday 25th November was the day that 9A and 9B went on a trip to the grand Bank of England in Central London. Students travelled alongside Ms Ayub, Ms Dauhoo, Ms Mayet and Mr Ahmed to one of the most famous landmarks in London! They then took part in an activity, where they walked around the historical bank, collecting information to fill in worksheets. The pupils then travelled around the city, taking note of the other famous landmarks: St. Paul's Cathedral, London Bridge and Millennium Bridge - all the while looking at the buildings' unique architecture. Everyone had a great time and we would all love to go again!



YEAR 8

Excitement, skills and fun! Year 8 had a Leadership Day again. We had speakers from MADE coming in, who talked to us about the environment and how important it is to us. Students and teachers were busy bees, rushing around creating new fantastic ideas for a fun packed Dragons Den themed activity, which would later be judged by the three dragons, Mrs, Ahmad, Mrs. Malik and Mrs. Mahmood. It sure was nerve-racking, pitching our fantastic ideas. But before that exhilarating but thrilling event, contestants had to face a penultimate challenge; their form. Form tutors had to pick who would enter the finals out of their competitive forms, which included Year 7 and Year 8, who would later on to present their campaigns in assembly. Of course, the dragons had to pick the ultimate winners. With 8A the runners up, the fantastic 8B beat them, with their school bus idea -no more purple heads on board the 158!

A FIRST TASTE OF EDEN

By Sumayyah Bhana (Year 7)

Crazy, chaotic and slightly overwhelming- three words to describe my first day at school. My day consisted of a varied sequence of getting lost, tripping on my skirt or complaining about the staircase.

With little to no sleep the night before, I wasn't exactly feeling at my best, but tried all the same: tried to make friends, tried to actually enjoy the school dinner and, most importantly, tried to survive my first day as an Edonian. Here I was standing in a new school, with a new uniform, surrounded by new people. People usually think having your first day at secondary school is scary. They're wrong. It's completely confusing to a point where you can't even begin to comprehend what is happening.

People are already talking to their own groups: primary friends that they already know. They don't have to worry as much, they already have their group. I began to talk to another girl in the same unrelaxed, outsider position as me; our social awkwardness somehow bonding us. It was strange at first, but I began to relax. I let out a breath I was completely unaware I was even holding.

That was when I realised everyone was really just like me; in the same strange, bewildering situation.

So I started to talk, creating mutual friendships between the girls. Sure, it was weird but it was my first day of five years of secondary school. A time I really expect to enjoy!

YEAR 9'S VISIT GEORGE MONOUX #STEM

On Wednesday 11th November 2015, 9.1 had the privilege of visiting George Monoux College for a fantastic science afternoon. The students had an interactive lesson on psychology where they participated in various awareness tests which made them think and tested their minds. When they entered the science lab, they made different paper planes which they flew across the classroom, (We definitely can't do that at Eden!) to see which one went the furthest. Students then began to create their hand made rockets which they then launched outside. Many rockets were good, however one rocket stood out and flew the highest. Students analysed this rocket and realised it was more streamlined than the others. Pupils enjoyed this trip (and the Krispy Kreme Doughnuts) and learnt a lot from the college teachers.



PINSET MASONS DEBATE

On Friday 13th November, Ms Hasan, having previously selected students to accompany her, went to Pinset Masons in Central London. Shukri Ali (9B), Safiyah Ahmed (9B), Zahrah Salamut (9B), Faisa Abdulle (9B), Halimah Choudhry (9A), Yasmine El-Hamri (9A) and Neha Asim (9A) travelled to Liverpool Street to take part in Pinset Mason's Debate with multiple other schools in London.

Students were to come up with arguments 'for' or 'against' the given statement. Eden had a visit from two lawyers who trained the students in advance on Tuesday 10th November 2015, giving the Edonians just 2 and a half days to prepare – but that didn't stop them from performing exceptionally well on the day and missing out on getting through to the finals by only half a mark! It was a shame but, everyone agreed when they said it was a great day and experience for everyone and that we ALL have high hopes for next year!

ANTI BULLYING WEEK

'Together we can stop bullying and create safe environments in which children and young people can live, grow, play & learn'

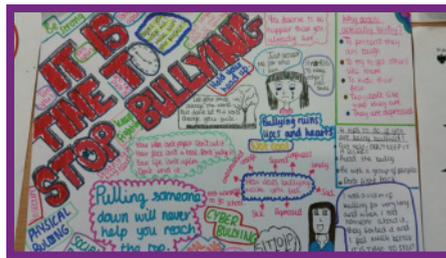


This is 2015's Anti-Bullying Alliance's Vision. In true Edonian spirit, we took our own spin on national anti-bullying week, using competitions, posters and much more to raise awareness of this important cause.



Winners of anti bullying campaign

The theme this year was 'Make a Noise about Bullying' with the hashtag #antibullyingweek. As a school we took this to heart and definitely made a noise. It started from the 16th of November and ended on the 20th, marked by Eden Girls School with a colourful



assembly, packed with videos, talks and competition announcements.

The students rushed to make inspiring, fun posters to submit to the competition, raising awareness for bullying whilst having fun. This year, Eden made an amazing effort to create a light-hearted, amusing week.

If you wish to find out more information, check out the anti-bullying alliance website. We hope Eden has spread awareness on bullying and the problems surrounding it!

NATIONAL POETRY DAY

On Thursday 8th October, here at Eden we waxed lyrical to celebrate National Poetry Day 2015! In our English lessons, we took inspiration from the likes of Dylan Thomas to create class poems on this year's 'brilliant' (ahem) theme of **light**.

'Lighting up the Night' is warm literary contribution from 7.2 Y, the type of poem that makes you warm and fuzzy inside.

On the contrary 8.1's 'The Light, the Hope, the Healer' is a much harsher and darker poem. This poem portrays light as a saviour and 'healer' in a variety of difficult situations. Enjoy!

Lighting up the Night

The colour-bursting fireworks make a beautiful sight
When it turns to night.
The fairy lights applaud the dancers
As they twinkle in friendship to the stars above.
The stars dance in return,
Playing with the music up all night.
But now as night is falling fast
It is their time to sparkle and shine.
Glowing street lights brighten up the path,
And lead the way to happiness.
The moon and the sea whistle together,
A harmony so hypnotising, so sweet, so soothing-
You cannot help but feel at peace.
And the friendly fire hugs us with its warmth,
Sings a lullaby and puts us to sleep.

By 7.2Y

The light, the hope, the healer

The phoenix bows his golden head,
Sharing their sorrows, his tears join theirs;
The sobs at the grave-yard dwindle to a hush
And his song illuminates their wounded hearts.

Trapped inside her craziness, a prisoner to her mind,
The familiar warmth of light embraces her;
Whispering words of hope, words of freedom.

A shining white creeps in between her eye lids as she lies on the operating table,
She hesitates: 'Have the angels finally heard my pleas?'

Trembling, her eyes focus for the first time,
Mesmerised by the tube light- the first thing she has ever seen.

By 8.1