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The Eden Message

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Nurturing Today's Young People, Inspiring Tomorrow's Leaders.



Principal's Welcome

All Praises to the Almighty, Lord of the World 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.

Educational Excellence

The success of this academic year has been a wonderful experience with many great memories for all of our Eden Boys' Leadership Academy Manchester family. We have made a fantastic start to the foundations of our school to be built upon. All boys' have taken part in the an introduction to fencing, the school has won an award for 'Employer of the Year' from Ashton Sixth Form College where we had two secondary PGCE trainees and 8 PGCE primary trainees, 4 boys' achieved a Bronze medal and 2 boys' achieved a Silver medal for UKMT Maths Challenge, which is a prestigious award for the University of Leeds and 3 boys' work has exhibited in a major London Art Gallery. This shows that by taking risks, pushing ourselves to be the best we can be and with great resilience, we can achieve superb success in such a short space of time.

Character Development

Our students are inspiring each other with their character development inline with our STAR values and characteristics of the Prophet (PBUH). This term we have welcomed The Anne Frank Trust as part of our spirituality day and we have benefitted immensely through the experience that we have gained from these presentations. Students have used faith events such as Eid-UL-Fitr to collect charity gifts to give to a local Hospice.

Service to Community

Our pupils display outstanding leadership qualities as was seen in the recent Head Boy interviews! Many students have supported our appeals for a range of worthy causes including Manchester Together, Children in Need, the Poppy Appeal, and local charities.

I pray that all our families have a safe and relaxing summer holidays and look forward to seeing everyone in September 2018.

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Little Acts of Kindness

On Friday 16th February 2018, the pupils at Eden Boys Manchester performed random acts of kindness. The aim was to fill your entire day with little acts of kindness like giving somebody a pen if they needed one, sharing something with someone or challenging yourself to help seven people over the course of one day.

To give us a head start, we were kindly presented with a lollipop that had an act of kindness to perform attached to it. We were also asked to write one nice thing about someone else in our form group anonymously on a post-it note which was then used to create a big 'Kindness Tree' display in the hall. The colourful display remains a delight to see and fills us with positivity. We thank Mrs Abdi for initiating and organising this event across the school.



It is a wonderful display. It truly represents what our school is about." **Mrs Merva**



Seerah Competition

The Eden Boys Manchester held a Seerah competition to commemorate the life of the last Prophet (Muhammed S.A.W). As it was the Islamic month of the Prophet's birth, students and staff sent peace and blessings upon the beloved last Prophet and shared stories about his life.

The task was to create a poem, speech or Nasheed (an Islamic song) about the Prophet's biography or some of the qualities he had. The auditions lasted more than a week due to the amount of excited people who wanted to take part and compete in the challenge!

Many people showcased their amazing talents which made judge and Vice Principal Mr Afzal's shortlisting decision very difficult! The finalists were Ahmed Bizarri, Ahmad Al-Saeti, Salwan, Sahil, Adam, Shihab and Sufiyaan. They all gave a great final performance and were awarded a large chocolate bar each. The triumphant winner was Ahmed Bizarri who was awarded with a Kindle and a certificate.



I am very honoured to have received the winning certificate and prize. I am very grateful the judges thought I was a deserving winner." **Ahmed Bizzari**





Winter Fasting Programme

At Eden Boys Manchester many students took part in the Winter Fasting Programme. The programme ran every Monday and Thursday from the beginning of January to the February half term. Students and staff completed sunnah fasts not consuming any food or drink from before sunrise until sunset at around 4.15pm. The Winter Fasting Programme took place to encourage people to try and fast in the short months whilst also reflecting on their character.

To celebrate the end of the programme Mr Afzal organised an iftar event. This was attended by boys who had completed the programme, staff members (current and new) as well as members of the local community.

The evening began with a Qur'an recitation which was followed by Nasheed performances. Some pupils also shared their 'Eden First impressions' and gave speeches on fasting. After breaking for Maghrib prayer we got to the exciting part....the food! We broke our fast to refreshing sips of zamzam water with dates, and then devoured yummy food such as tandoori chicken, rice, curries, samosas and chocolate cake.

The event was a great way to finish the fasting programme and we thank everyone who helped organise it.







Food Bank

Over 2,000 people live on the streets of Manchester. With this large number in mind, Mr Afzal and Mr Limbada helped organise a food bank for the homeless people of Manchester. During the chilly winter term the students of Eden came together and donated tinned foods and pasta as well as other items for the food bank in Manchester City Centre.

The project was a major success as the students donated food and drinks for a great cause and played their part in helping the community of Manchester.



It was a good way to show how our school is always helping our elders" **Hassan 71**



Science Mastery

During the Spring term of our school year at Eden, some students were presented with the opportunity to enhance their subject knowledge of different scientific areas that they are unable to explore in the KS3 curriculum. Selected pupils worked in teams to complete a project-based STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) task over a 7 week period.

Under the watchful eyes of the Science department, students discussed a range of issues in the world, and thought about what they could do to help. They researched the scientific theories behind their ideas, alongside the methods which they could use to build their own projects.

Pupils then built models, trialling and testing their constructions whilst completing their projects, which included: making a solar powered oven, producing a water

filtration tank, developing the use of hydropower, making a solar powered car, rewiring a motor-controlled car, creating a motor powered hoover and making a motor powered fan.

The students enjoyed the mastery programme and both staff and pupils alike were extremely impressed with the boys' improvisation skills. We look forward to seeing the students at Eden overcome more challenges like this in the future Insha'Allah.





500 Words Challenge

At Eden Boys Manchester this half term the English department challenged students to take part in BBC Radio 2's 500 words short story challenge. The task was simple: students had to write a story using exactly 500 words on a subject of their choice which could then be submitted online. The winning story would then be read out live by a celebrity on BBC Radio 2.

The English department were thrilled so many students were enthusiastic about taking part, and said, "We believe the challenge is good, as it highlights the importance of writing and reading for young people."

Students spent weeks drafting and redrafting their submissions, asking teachers for feedback and sharing their stories with their fellow peers.

Some students commented on their reasons for taking part:



No one can tell your story so tell it yourself. No one can write your story so write it yourself."



Don't forget - no one else sees the world the way you do, so no one else can tell the stories that you have to tell."



Ski Rossendale Tubing Trip

At Eden Boys Manchester, as a reward for a successful first term, we had an end of term trip to go Tubing at Ski Rossendale. We started the activity on a machine that took us to the top of the tubing slope. The view from the top was amazing! We mounted the green blades and took turns to slide down the sub-zero slope at record pace!

After a while we broke for lunch to regain energy and get warm again. The staff in the cafe very kindly provided us with hot chocolate as we prepared ourselves for round two of icy escapades.

Back outside we went on round doughnut discs which were heavy but fun as we could now spin around as we slid down the slope. We took turns trying to beat our previous best and enjoyed watching the teachers have a go sliding down too.

Cold, wet and exhausted, but with smiles on our faces, we boarded our coaches and headed back to school after a very fun day out. We are already looking forward to the reward trip next term!





Pancake Day

Pupils have been learning about Lent as part of the school's faith and character curriculum. Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before Easter in the Christian calendar. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. Lent is marked by fasting, both from food and festivities.

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Lent starts: The Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. It's a day of penitence, to clean the soul, and a day of celebration as the last chance to feast before Lent begins. Shrove Tuesday is sometimes called Pancake Day after the fried batter recipe traditionally eaten on this day.

Pancake Day was a big hit across Eden Manchester with boys as well as staff queuing up at break time to devour the scrumptious pancakes. Staff got hands on in ensuring the 50p pancakes were flavoured to the taste of the pupils purchasing, as they had a choice of either a lemon and sugar or maple syrup. We managed to raise in excess of a £100 in just 15 minutes! This was donated to Cancer Research UK.

We thank Miss Butt for organising the sale.



World Book Day

All around the world, World Book Day was celebrated on 1st March and the boys at Eden Manchester had a fun time joining in festivities to mark the event. The pupil's key challenge was to decorate and transform their form room door to look like the cover of their favourite book. With their competitive side emerging, students worked

with their form tutors to create artistic masterpieces with doors resembling the covers of Harry Potter and Diary of a Wimpy Kid amongst other books.

Along with this there was a book quiz during form time and the whole school also took part in a 'Drop Everything And Read' initiative during lessons throughout the day. We also designed a book token.





The Tenner Challenge

Ready, steady and start your business! Throughout this term students at Eden Boys Manchester have been taking part in the Young Enterprise Tenner Challenge. This is where 11-19 year olds are pledged £10 to start their own business. They then have one month to make as much profit on this as they can. Students are being encouraged to set up a mini stall and sell products with their peers. The challenge allows key skills such as creativity, positivity, resilience and problem solving to be developed whilst also building on team working skills.

Here are some examples of businesses students have decided to create as a result of their work with Young Enterprise:

- ✿ Sweet stalls
- ✿ Card stalls
- ✿ Toys stalls
- ✿ Furniture auctions

The winning group will get the chance to go to London to enter the final of the Young Enterprise 2018.



A massive thank you to all the students that wrote the articles in 'The Eden Message, Issue 2 / 3'.

- ✿ **Hassan - 7I**
- ✿ **Shihaab - 7M**
- ✿ **Sahil - 7N**
- ✿ **Ahmad - 7M**
- ✿ **Ayaan - 7N**
- ✿ **Kamran - 7I**
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