

## Behind the Scenes of a Busy Prep School

It's not often that you get to know what's going on 'behind the scenes' of a busy Prep School such as Edenhurst. However, since January, there have been some significant changes and improvements (as well as further plans in the pipeline!) that I would like to share with you.

### Cleaning

At the beginning of the year, the decision was made to bring our cleaning team 'in house'. Whilst this inevitably came with a few teething problems, we now have a fantastic team of 3 (currently recruiting for a 4th) on board and I am confident, moving forward, that their effect will soon become apparent.

### Catering

In addition to our well-known cooks, Michelle based in Nursery and Melissa in school, we have now appointed Krystal as a Catering Assistant. The menus have been reviewed with suggestions being made and implemented by the School Council. With a clear focus on healthy eating and reducing waste, the majority of meals are now 'homemade', being prepared fresh daily on site. Seasonal fruit, yoghurts and a selection of crudites are also on offer every day.

### Minibus

We have employed an additional minibus driver, Tim, to assist with the school runs and trips.

### Grounds

The area around the front entrance has been enhanced with troughs of flowers (hanging baskets are imminent), the rockery has been cleared and planted and a 'living wall' is in the planning stage. The area by the eco bus has been cleared and cultivated, ready for planting.

The eco area (greenhouse, shed and external space) is currently being enhanced and a new fence erected. Opposite, an interactive activity wall is in the planning stages. In the playground, the EPTA have kindly offered to fund a new set of playground toys as well as cricket nets - watch this space!

### Renovations

Starting with the main entrance, a comprehensive programme of decoration is being rolled out and will continue through the summer in readiness for September. Whilst the colour is still being debated (samples can be seen in the main entrance), new flooring will be laid in the entrance hall, visitor bathroom, kitchen and lower corridor (including the Medical Room) of the prep building. Again, this will be fitted over the summer break. Getting the parquet flooring in the Dining Hall sanded and sealed is proving tricky as we are having difficulty finding a reasonably priced contractor. Please do let me know if you have any contacts who would be able to help. The Medical Room is also in line for an upgrade over the next couple of weeks.

I hope you are as excited as I am to see these plans coming to life and I look forward to sharing further updates with you over the coming weeks.

Best wishes,

Mrs Emma Mousley, Headteacher