

THIS WEEKS NEWS

- 30.05 - 02.06 - Half Term Playscheme
- 11.07 - Summer Concert @ Goldsmiths

- Curriculum Themes & Drivers Update
- Parent Governor Needed NOW

- Girls United - Final 10.06.23
- 26.05 - INSET Day



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Edmund Waller WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Please join us in saying a collective 'au revoir' to Ms Rogations, who leaves Edmund Waller today - GOOD LUCK!

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19th May 2023

The Empire Strikes Back?

Empire

Trade

Conflict

Migration

Childhood

Settlement

Legacy

Beliefs

We have spent the last three years reviewing, reconsidering and revamping our curriculum. Last week we wrote about the development of subject specific teaching and the way that the curriculum is underpinned by three key drivers - London & Beyond, Social Justice and Sustainable Future. These three drivers are threaded throughout the entire curriculum - we feel that these are essential to the development of our learners to support them in becoming healthy, productive and well-balanced

members of a modern society.

These three drivers are then divided across eight themes that are interwoven throughout the entire curriculum and visited (and revisited) by the children during their learning.

And so, after this week, there are eight newsletters left until the summer holiday: eight weeks and eight themes... You can see where this is going...

That's right, each week we will pick a theme and explain in more detail what this looks like in practice & in terms of the impact on the children's learning. The themes have not been plucked from the air, they are the product of a lot of work and, we feel, represent key concepts and ideas that add an extra dimension to the way we teach the curriculum. Viewing the Victorians through a lens of Empire or Trade are all fascinating ways of making topics relevant and allow us to frame and facilitate important conversations around the positive - and the challenging - aspects of the legacy (there's another one!) of a given time period. Where possible we will share examples of children's learning and pupil voice, the children's understanding in their own words. I can feel the excitement building in the community already.

Next week, EMPIRE!

We NEED you!

You will have received a letter this week regarding a vacancy for a parent governor within our Governing Body. All parents and guardians of children at the school are eligible to stand as candidates, this can be a hugely rewarding experience that not only provides an invaluable insight into the decision making process behind a thriving modern primary school, but is also essential to ensure the correct checks and balances are in place for the school's effective running. Register your interest here [School Governor Nomination](#) - Deadline **12pm Weds 24th June**.

Girls' Football

Our fabulous Girls United football team have been on a bit of roll recently. Last weekend, they qualified for the final of the Championship Cup. This will be played on Blackheath Common, 10th June. On Wednesday, Ms Poole & Lee from Girls United accompanied them to the O2 to take part in the TOCA Social. They had a great time and behaved impeccably.

Half Term Heroes

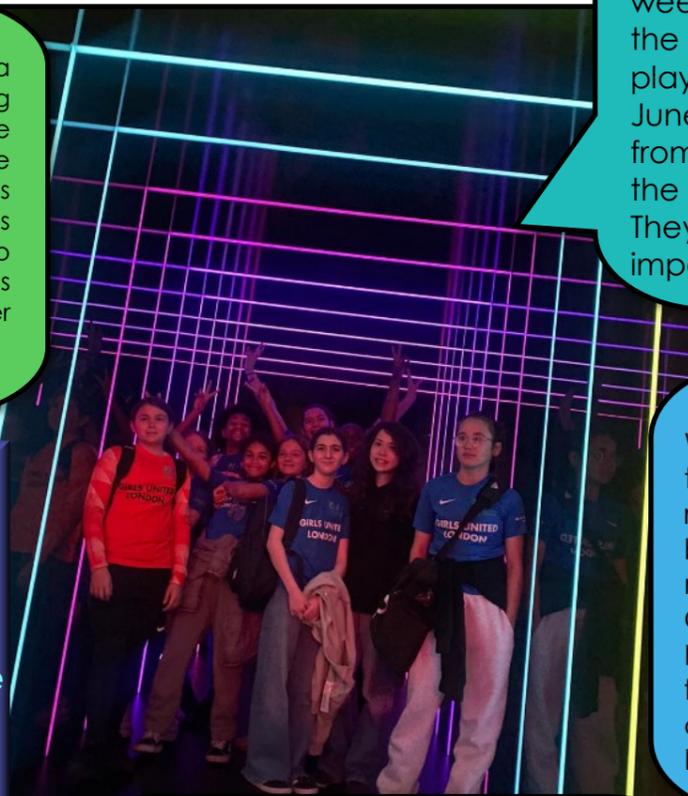
We are gearing up for a jam-packed half term playscheme. As well as a visit to the recently revamped Lewisham Lanes for bowling & pizza, we are excited to be making a link with the Secret Adventurers Club for a morning session exploring our Nature Zone. Remember you can book in for a single day and the price of all activities is included in the daily fee. Booking closes at noon on 23rd May.

Summer Lovin'/Lovin' Summer

As we near the halfway point of the final term of this academic year, we have some exciting news regarding the new format and venue for the Edmund Waller Summer Concert. Having reviewed the costs and benefits of last year's Troxy concert, we have concluded that the opportunity to perform is crucial but that the costs incurred cannot be sustained. With this in mind we are delighted to announce that there will be a concert for Y2 - Y6 @ Goldsmiths University in the evening of **11th July**.

INSET reminder

A gentle reminder that school breaks up for half term next Thursday 25th May. We will be **closed** on **Friday 26th May** for an INSET day. We reopen 5th June 2023.



Summer Term 2023
NEW DATES - See Below
Friday 26th May - INSET Day
Half Term
Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June
Friday 7th July - KS2 Sports Day @ Goldsmiths
Tuesday 11th July - Reception Sports Day (@ School)
Wednesday 12th July Nursery Sports Day (@School)
Tuesday 11th July - School Concert (Y2 - Y6) 6:00 - 7:30pm
Saturday 15th July - PTA Summer Fair
Friday 21st July - CLOSE @2pm
End of Summer Term



**DROP OFF & COLLECTION VIA
RUTTS TERRACE ONLY**



**May Half Term Playscheme
Booking OPEN NOW**

School's *not quite* out for summer - but, this half term, we are here to answer your childcare call once more...

A warm welcome guaranteed from our staff with a wide range of activities with a mixture of adult led and independent choices.

We are delighted to let you know that booking is open for our fabulous half-term play scheme.

We are open **from 9am - 5pm,**
Tuesday - Friday
30th May - 2nd June

Using the School Gateway app, you can now book for 1 day, 2 days or the whole week!

A flat rate of £30 per day
**subject to availability*

Morning and afternoon snacks provided. Just bring a packed lunch and a water bottle and have great day, supervised by our amazing staff.



Open to Waller and Non-Waller children - bring a friend from a different school or make new connections within your community
Non-Waller families should email ewrap@edmundwaller.lewisham.sch.uk for details about how to access booking.



May Half Term Playscheme



Monday	BANK HOLIDAY CLOSED
Tuesday	am - settling in pm - film afternoon complete with popcorn & Ice Cream/Lollies
Wednesday	Fully Booked - Get booking for the rest of the week
Thursday	Workshops We are very pleased to welcome <u>Secret Adventurers Club</u> to host a morning of outdoor activities in our wonderful Nature Zone. Art workshops
Friday	Friday Finale Hot Dogs and DISCO

