



Edmund Waller WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Class Assemblies

Wednesdays at 10:20am Rosen Hall
20th January 1W
27th January 4S

IMPORTANT DATES

Please see the calendar on the school website. Class newsletters have also been uploaded with further information and dates that are particular to your child's year group.

TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

Spring Term

Mon 4th January - Thurs 24th March 2016 inclusive

Half term: Mon 15th February - Fri 19th February

School will be closed to children for staff training on Mon 22nd Feb 2016

Summer Term

Mon 11th April - Wednesday 20th July 2016 inclusive

Half term: Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd June

Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd March 2016

Parent Drop Ins

Thursday 14th January

Thursday 4th February

Thursday 3rd March

15th January 2016

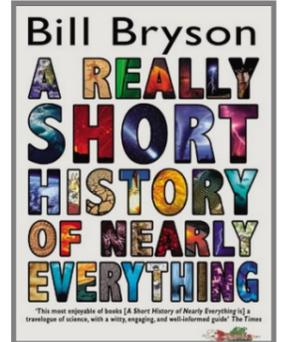
Book Talk

Silas in Year 5 has been reading Bill Bryson's [A Really Short History of Nearly Everything](#), because he just loves books where he can learn about history and space. It is a non-fiction book that starts by telling the reader information about both the Universe and the tiny atoms that create everything in it. Silas particularly enjoyed reading this section of the book, as it explains how the Universe was created. One cool fact is about Cosmic Background Radiation, which is something Silas



had never heard of before but Bill Bryson says we have all experienced. He explains: "If you tune your television to any channel it does not receive about 1% of the dancing static you see is accounted for by the ancient remains of the Big Bang. In fact, the next time you complain that there is nothing on TV remember that you can always watch the birth of the Universe."

Silas has also learnt lots about what astronomers are still discovering about our Universe today. Despite their determination to reveal new findings, they often overlook relatively small things in our own solar system. For example, it was only in 1978 (38 years ago) that they discovered that Pluto has a moon, which is bigger than the planet itself!



Treginnis 2016

Today, half of Year 5 returned from Treginnis, where they have spent the week on a [working farm in Wales](#). Next week, the rest of the year group will be enjoying a similar experience. We wish the children and adults travelling with them a safe and memorable visit and would like to thank the adults for their time in making last week's visit so successful. You can keep up to date with their experiences on the [5F blog](#) on the school website.

Free Parent Workshops

There are some free drop-ins for parents of children with autism and social communication needs organised by the [Pre-School Learning Alliance](#). They are a brilliant opportunity to meet other parents and carers and access further support and information.

Sessions will take place on Thursdays 28th January and 11th and 25th February at 9.30-11.30 a.m. The venue is:

Torridon Children's Centre
 103 Torridon Rd SE6 1RQ
 Tel: 020 8695 6948

The [Drumbeat Outreach Team](#) has also organised a series of free workshops for parents and carers of children with autism:

- 19.1.16 10am-12.00 'Sensory problems and ASD'
- 23.1.16 10am-12.00 'Mental health and Well-Being'
- 8.03.16 10am-12.00 'Supporting Eating and Drinking in Children with ASD'
- 15.03.16 10am-12.00 'Social Thinking and Doing'

These workshops will take place at Drumbeat School, Revelon Road, Brockley, SE4 2PR

To reserve a place:

Phone 020 7635 9022

or Email outreach.admin@drumbeat.lewisham.sch.uk

PTA Dates this Term

Our PTA work incredibly hard to raise funds for various essential projects and learning opportunities at Edmund Waller. They would love to welcome some new parents and carers to help them develop their work. Here are their dates for the term ahead:

PTA AGM: Wednesday 27th January at 8pm - Cooke Hall

PTA meeting - Monday 1st February, 9.10am - Ahlberg

If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute please contact the PTA via the school office.

