



# Edmund Waller

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



### IMPORTANT DATES

**Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th March**  
Parents' Evenings

**Monday 23rd March**  
Yr4-6 children to visit Cadogan Hall

**Friday 27th March**  
Yr 6 visit to the Royal Opera House

**Friday 27th March 3:30pm**  
Children break up for the Easter holiday

### Friday 20th March 2015

**Wednesday 25th March**

5T work share assembly

### The Importance of Education for Everyone

In October 2014, Waterstones changed the black and white design of its shopping bags for the first time in its history, to champion Malala Yousafzai's autobiography *I Am Malala*. The company took the unusual step of supporting *I Am Malala* so visibly during the busiest bookselling period of the year because of its belief in Malala's campaign for global education. **What have you enjoyed reading recently and what did you learn?**



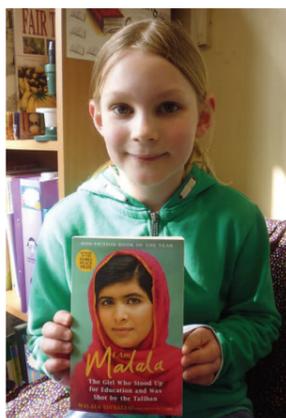
### Music Notices



On Wednesday night, the Edmund Waller Choir raised the roof at The Broadway Theatre, as part of the Lewisham Live series of concerts. They performed *Rule Britannia* and *Heart of Oak* aplomb, and received a rapturous applause from the audience. On Monday next week, Yrs 4-6 will be enjoying a participatory performance of *The Battle of Trafalgar* and the Yr 6 children will attend a performance of *Madame Butterfly* at the Royal Opera House.

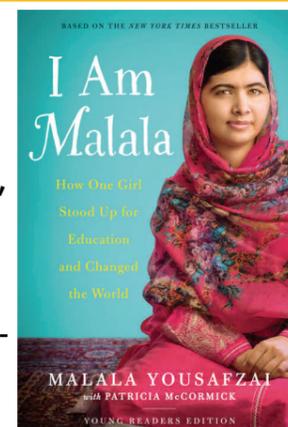
### Book Talk

Esmé in 3S has just finished reading, *I am Malala* the autobiography of **Malala Yousafzai**. The book was a Christmas present from her grandmother and before receiving it, Esmé had never heard of Malala. Initially, she only intended to read the preface to the book, as she thought the whole text may be too long and vocabulary might be too challenging. However, once she had read the preface she was motivated to read on, because she wanted to find out exactly what happened when Malala was shot and how she coped immediately afterwards. Esmé's favourite part of the books was when Malala was transported by the Crown



Prince of the UAE's private plane to a hospital in England. It was at this point that Esmé appreciated how hard Malala had worked to encourage people to face the Taliban and promote girls' education. The photographs included in the book, helped her to understand Malala's ordeal more clearly.

Esmé says that it is important that girls are educated. She knows of women who have changed ideas for the better, such as Mary Anning (a famous British fossil collector, dealer, and palaeontologist who Esmé has been learning about as part of the Year 3 topic: Rocks, Fossils & Soils). Esmé also thinks that people who want to find out more about the world's politicians should read it as Malala has included political information that she found incredibly informative. Esmé has lent the book to her teacher, Mrs Stewart, because she thinks she will enjoy reading it, too. Esmé believes the most important message in the book is: "If you have strong mind and a strong heart, you can live through things that are really, really hard."



### Telegraph Hill Festival Cake Competition

**Guidelines for Entries** (Entry forms in the school Reception area)

Each person can enter one plate of home-baked goodies.  
There are four categories:

1. **DECORATED** (as fancy as you please)
2. **TEA-TIME TRADITIONAL** (flavoursome favourites)
3. **CHILDREN'S** (under 16)
4. **CELEBRATION CAKES** (the festival is 21!)

Complete your name and contact details on this form and choose **one** category for the cake to be entered in.

Give brief description of cake—including reference to any likely allergens.

Cakes on a plate/cake stand to be brought to The Lounge, Telegraph Hill Centre between 10am and 12noon on Saturday 21

March and entry details handed in to organiser, at which point you will be allocated an entry number.

The public (including other entrants) will be voting based on looks and tiny tastes between 1pm and 3pm.

Winners announced at 4pm.

Plates to be collected by 4.30pm please.

**For more details contact Roz on 07810 756 169, [rozsalik@yahoo.com](mailto:rozsalik@yahoo.com)**

Telegraph Hill Festival's  
**CAKE  
COMPETITION**



### Year 5 educational visit to the William Morris Gallery

During the past fortnight, the Year 5 classes have visited the William Morris Gallery in Walthamstow.

The children handled artefacts like original printing blocks (over 100 years old) used for wallpaper and fabric. They were investigating patterns used on Morris fabrics and wallpaper. They learned about using motifs by repeating them in different ways, such as drop, half drop, symmetry and rotation and used these ideas to print their own. Finally, they evaluated them and talked about how big a block they would need to use to print it.

They also looked around the galleries and learned about the life of Morris and how he was inspired by nature and particularly the gardens at the back of the house (now the gallery) where he grew up (Lloyd Park).



### Mandarin Assembly

On Tuesday morning, Meier Lo lead a whole school assembly where groups of children from Years 1 – 6 demonstrated their conversation skills. The Year 4 children introduced each member of the group and greeted their assembled peers in Mandarin. They continued by discussing different places they would like to go, including swimming and the cinema. The children in Yr 2 then entertained us with the song: Where's My Friend?

The Year 5 children led a game of *What's That?* where they asked questions to help identify a mystery animal hidden in a bag. They were able to show off their use of vocabulary including numbers, colours and actions. The following exchange gave the game away:

“Can it swim?”

“Yes. It can swim and it also can jump.” Of course, it was a frog!

This prompted the Year 3 children to sing the fabulous The Frog Song. The Year 6 children continued the animal theme, asking questions about how many ears, legs, eye etc. different animals have. They finished with an elephant joke and the Year 2 children with an elephant song. A group of Year 6 children and Mr Epsom finished the assembly by playing a game of Shuttlecock, showing off their skills in this traditional Chinese game.

