



# Edmund Waller

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



October 24th 2014

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday 3rd November**  
2nd half of the Autumn Term begins

**Tuesday 4th November**  
Parents' Drop In—straight

**Wednesday 5th November**  
Year 6 Perform Richard III at Greenwich Theatre

**Tuesday 2nd December**  
**6 —7:30pm**  
Maths Open Evening

**Wednesday 6th December**  
Winter Fayre

**Monday 8th December**  
Reception Nativity

**Tuesday 16th December**  
**10:30am**  
Christmas Concert at St Catherine's Church

### School Council Update

Our school councillors would like to help their peers to become responsible, informed citizens. This week they shared a number of different local issues that they were aware of and voted for their favourite cause. They have decided to raise the awareness of homelessness and the experiences of homeless people in London. During the year, we will raise funds to help the homeless. However, our priority is to work with local and national organisations so that the children at Edmund Waller have a greater understanding of why some people in our

### Secondary Transfer Reminder

The deadline for completing the online transfer form is Friday 31st October.

### Class Assembly Dates

**2P - Wednesday 12th November**

**2M - Wednesday 19th November**

### Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy half term. We also wish our Hindu families a Happy Diwali, as they reflect on all the blessings of the past year .

Don't forget to turn your clocks back by an hour on Saturday night!

### Football

Our girls and Year 3&4 boys football teams represented Edmund Waller last Saturday on Blackheath. The boys won their game with an impressive score of 9-0. The girls might have lost both of their games but all of the children played admirably and demonstrated real team spirit.

### Black History Month

As you may know, Black History Month has been celebrated in the UK since 1987. This has been part of the annual calendar, because the contributions of non-Western people to our society was largely missing from the school curriculum.

At Edmund Waller, we have chosen not to organise a stand alone Black History Month celebration. Instead, the teachers have been working throughout the month to identify opportunities to integrate the success of black individuals, communities and societies into our existing curriculum.

Here is out outline of how this will look throughout the year:



	Topic integrating an element of Black History	Literature that could be used to deliver curriculum content
<b>Early Years &amp; Foundation Stage</b>	<i>The EYFS curriculum is tailored to children's interests and the provision reflects the diversity of our school community.</i>	
<b>Year 1</b>	Let's be Farmers: <i>Farming in Uganda, the fruit basket of Africa</i>	Anacy Tales
<b>Year 2</b>	Fire, Fire: <i>comparing the lives of Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale</i>	<i>Amazing Grace, Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters</i>
<b>Year 3</b>	Flight – A Bird's Eye View: <i>Studying the life of Bessie Coleman</i>	<i>The Colour of Home, Gregory Cool, Fly, Eagle, Fly</i>
<b>Year 4</b>	Tudor Times: <i>Queen Elizabeth expelling the Blackmoors</i> Machines Including <i>Amazing Me: Mohamed Ali</i>	Benjamin Zephaniah's poetry, <i>Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt</i> , Great tale set against The Underground Railroad in US
<b>Year 5</b>	<i>Designing For Life: Elijah McCoy – African American inventor with over 50 patents to his credit</i> The Roman Invasion: <i>Multicultural aspects of Roman Empire from North Africa to Britain</i>	<i>Oranges in No Man's Land, Journey to Jo'burg</i> , Biographies: e.g. Nelson Mandela
<b>Year 6</b>	London – Our Place In The World <i>The Windrush Generation</i>	<i>A Medal for Leroy</i> (based on life of Walter Tull )Biogs: Olaudah Equiano Black British multicultural poetry (Jackie Kay)

### Children's Yoga

If anyone is interested in joining a Yoga Club for children, please fill in the slip below and it to the Office. Children from Year 1 upwards may join. Should there be enough pupils wanting to take part, the club will be held in one of our halls for 1 hour.

### I am interested for my child to attend a children's Yoga Club

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this slip to the School Office.