



Edmund Waller WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 28th April 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR THE BANK HOLIDAY—Monday 1st May

Tuesday 2nd May

Yr 2 to Horton Kirby

Thursday 4th May

Class Photographs

Thursday 4th May 3:30pm

Parent Drop In

Friday 5th May

Yr 4 to [Whitechapel Gallery](#)

Thurs 20th April–Fri 26th May

Half term: Mon 29th May–Fri 2nd June

Mon 5th June–Fri 21st July

Parent Drop Ins this term:

Thursday 4th May

Thursday 8th June

Thursday 6th July

Maths Talk

A brilliant group of Year 6 Mathematicians have been meeting before school every Wednesday to develop their **mental Maths skills**. They wanted to share what helps them in **Maths Talk**.

Sofia says: "At the beginning of the lessons, we are assigned some Maths questions and we have to think of **vocabulary** that is linked to the questions. For example, when we looked at **Data Handling**, I thought of: **bar graphs, pie charts, fractions, frequency, key, x- and y-axes**. We check that we understand the vocabulary and how it can help us with our Maths. During the lessons, the **vocabulary** helps us to use our **mental Maths strategies** quickly."

Leon says: "Mathematicians use **jottings** to help them answer Maths questions more quickly. For example, when you have a **bar chart**, you have to look at the **title** and **axes** first, so you know what is going on with the **chart**. If I jot down what each **bar** is **worth**, it is quicker for me to work out the answers to the questions about the **data**."

Ayo: "The **counting stick** helps all of us to **count in patterns**. When we are counting we usually get faster and more confident. Sometimes we **stop, talk about and then practise some strategies** that help us. Today we **counted in jumps of 90**, because we were looking at **circles** that had been **divided into 4 quarters**. Each **quarter turn is equal to 90°** and a **complete turn is equal to 360°**. We attempted **counting in jumps of 90** and then we moved back to **counting in jumps of 9**. This was easier, because we know our **9 times tables**. When we returned to counting in 90s it was easier, because we had made the **connection** between the **9 times tables** and **counting in multiples of 90**."



Football Finals



This Saturday the Year 6 boys will be playing in the finals of The Championship Cup and the Mary Bennett Shield Competition. **Kick off is at 10am on Saturday.**

They would love it if you could help cheer them on.



Languagenut

At the end of last term, the following children were identified as the most enthusiastic Languagenut users at Edmund Waller. They enjoyed a Chinese meal together with our Mandarin teacher, Meier Lo.

6A Sarah & Angeline

6J James

5F Joanita & Nadiyah

5M Samuel

4S Abel

4R Joseph & Adaeze

3L Julianna

A brilliant time was had by all and some children were introduced to some food they had never tasted before. Remember that your child can access [Languagenut](#) resources online to practise what they have been learning in school.



Quiz Night & Auction (for adults only) on the evening of **Friday 16th June**. Venue to be confirmed.

Summer Fair: Saturday 8th July, afternoon.

Details of both events to follow. **Remember that your PTA are always pleased to see new faces. Contact:**

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School Meal Price Increase

The Local Authority have imposed an increase in the cost of paid school meals from **£2.00 to £2.10** per meal effective 1 May 2017. We believe the price increase continues to provide good value for money. **If your child receives free school meals, there will be no change to this arrangement.**

The School Meals payment option on ParentPay has been temporarily switched OFF for maintenance. We aim to have this switched back on shortly. You will still be able to pay for other school services (e.g. school clubs).

Thank you for your patience.

Tree Walk

The top level of the tree walk will be closed for the next few weeks, whilst the annual maintenance is completed.

Donation Requests

We would love to receive any **plants** you can donate to improve our school environment. We are also collecting **egg boxes** to support children in Maths lessons.

Thank you!

TIME TO LEARN



LAST WEEK 95% OF CHILDREN WERE IN SCHOOL ON TIME. OUR SCHOOL TARGET IS 97%.