



# Edmund Waller WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



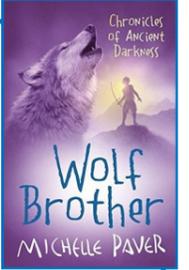
## IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 20th February  
**Yr 2 visit Horniman Museum**  
 Wednesday 22nd February  
**Yr 2 visitor: Toys from the Past Talk & Sketching**  
 Thursday 23rd February  
**Reception visit to Peckham Wildlife Centre**  
 Friday 24th February  
**5 School Councillors to visit the Lewisham Mayor**  
**This 1/2 term ends TODAY**  
**THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING TOMORROW.**  
**Half term: Mon 13th – Fri 17th February**  
**Children return to school on Monday 20th February**  
**and the Easter Holiday will commence at 3:30pm on Friday 31st March**  
**Summer Term**  
**Thurs 20th April–Fri 26th May**  
 (May Day will be taken on the 1st May)  
**Half term: Mon 29th May–Fri 2nd June**  
**Mon 5th June–Fri 21st July**

Thursday 9th February 2017

## Book Talk

Silas in Year 4 has been reading **Wolf Brother** by **Michelle Paver**, one of the [Chronicles of Ancient Darkness](#) series of books with his guided reading group. It is an adventure thriller, featuring a wolf who befriends a human. The wolf communicates with the



human in a wolf language that the human also understands. Silas is intrigued by the breath-taking events, such as when one of the characters is kidnapped whilst hunting for food. He has noticed that every chapter ends with a cliff-hanger, which makes him want to read on to the next chapter. Silas reads nearly every day in bed before he goes to sleep. At home, he is currently reading the adventure story **Shadow Jumper** by J M Forster and is trying to read for at least half an hour every day.

## Edmund Waller Football Teams

Charlie in Yr 6: "We played three games against other Lewisham teams. Our team won two of games and drew the other. We did well when we were attacking by running down the wing and the crossing the ball into the box."

Lee in Yr 5: "On Saturday we played two games. We won the first game 2:1, as a result of passing well in the second half of the match. If all the players pass well and play in their positions, it helps the team to score a goal. The second match was better, because we followed this advice and the final score was 3:0"



## Languagenut Competition

The top five languagenut users this term, will be invited to share a Chinese meal with our Mandarin teacher, Meier Lo!



You can log onto the languagenut website [here](#). Happy practising!

**Your PTA have paid for the languagenut subscription to be renewed for another year from the funds they have raised. This is just one of the important ways in which your PTA supports every child and their learning at Edmund Waller. They urgently need some new parents and carers to contribute to their invaluable work. Please contact Paula Flack, email: [paulaflack55@gmail.com](mailto:paulaflack55@gmail.com)**

## Chess Champions

This term, the children in Chess Club took part in a competition and the results were announced in our whole school assembly:

**1st: Gabriel in 6J, 2nd: Dannon in 6A, 3rd: Silas in 4S.**

Dannon explains: "Sometimes chess can be really challenging for me, because the other players are really good. However, sometimes I manage to find ways to beat them. I'm improving my strategies by playing against better children. I feel really enthusiastic about chess when I succeed, because I can not believe it when I beat one of the better people. I think everyone who has been playing chess, is exceptionally brilliant and has given me a good challenge and I want to say well done to anyone who didn't make it into the top 3."

Jack in Year 6 has been a member of Chess Club since he was in Year 5: "Chess is great, because you get to interact with other people and it gets you thinking. I know I am getting better by going up against different people who have different strategies. This means I have to think of different strategies to win. If you want to join Chess Club then meet us in Ahlberg Building at any time during Thursday lunch."

**We would like to thank the volunteers who regularly give their time to run Chess Club.**

## We Are Collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Please help us to collect [Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers](#) to use for new equipment for Edmund Waller by spreading the word amongst your friends and wider family. Our collection box will be in the School Reception area.



**LAST WEEK 92% OF CHILDREN WERE IN SCHOOL ON TIME. OUR SCHOOL TARGET IS 97%.**

# Be smart on the internet



On Monday, Ms Boxall lead a whole school assembly on esafety, in preparation for [Safer Internet Day](#), which took place on the following day.

The children discussed a number of scenarios that children like them have encountered online and evaluated how safe their possible responses would be.

**S**

**SAFE**

Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.



**M**

**MEETING**

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.



**A**

**ACCEPTING**

Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!



**R**

**RELIABLE**

Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.



**T**

**TELL**

Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

You can report online abuse to the police at [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

**THINK  
UK  
KNOW**



[www.kidsmart.org.uk](http://www.kidsmart.org.uk)

**KidSMART**



Visit Childnet's Kidsmart website to play interactive games and test your online safety knowledge. You can also share your favourite websites and online safety tips by Joining Hands with people all around the world.



Last year, a group of Edmund Waller children were involved in filming poignant internet safety messages for children. You can read about their experience and access further safety tips by clicking [here](#).