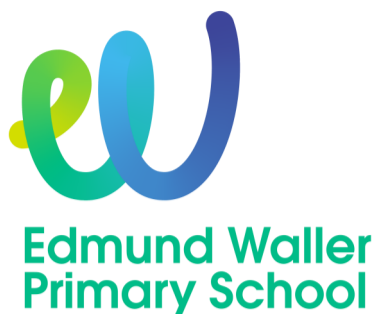


THIS WEEKS NEWS

- Y6 Boys Football Team - semi finalists
- The future of Residential Visits
- Record breaking DISCO
- Ms Poole & Ms Rogations News



Edmund Waller WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

5th May 2023

The PTA need YOU. Please read the attached letter for an update and see if you can help

Far From the Madding Crowd

By the time you reading this, children and staff from our Year 4 residential @ Stubbers Outdoor Centre will be on their way back from what, by all accounts, has been an amazing trip. Residential visits like this are as important for the development of children as time spent in school. Teamwork skills, personal challenges and the experience of staying away from the family home, are just a few of the positives that arise from participating in a residential visit.

We feel that this type of experience is an essential part of the offer we make our children. However, we are committed to making these trips accessible to all the children who would like to attend. These journeys are expensive; there is very little we can do to control the costs. The school, with support of the PTA, already heavily subsidise all visits, including residential.

As we wrote last week, these are high times in terms of the growing budget restraints and financial pressures and as such we are reassessing all the extra curricular opportunities that we have traditionally provided. First and foremost, these need to provide a learning experience for the children & be equitable and open to as wide a section of the school community as possible. They also need to be affordable for families and financially viable to the school. With these guiding principles in mind, we have decided to remove the Year 5 residential visit, swapping for a day long

team building visit and keep the two

residential in Years 4 & 6. We will continue to ensure that the children's time here at Edmund Waller gives them a broad and balanced set of experiences and learning.



Football (semi) Finalists

A huge congratulations to the Year 6 boys team, who played valiantly this weekend up on Blackheath, getting as far as the semi-final match of the championship. They were great, showing grit and sportsmanship. An extra special thanks to Dorson for coaching them so passionately and to the school adults who regularly attend matches - Liz Berry and Mrs Price are often there cheering the teams on.



Bring It, Dance-Master, bring it!



Staff News

We have exciting news regarding two of our staff. For the observant amongst you, you may have already noticed Ms Poole's coat getting tighter! Yep, Sidney is having her first child. She will be with us until the end of the school year, when she will head off on maternity leave. Also with an exciting adventure ahead, albeit of a different kind, Ms Rogations will be leaving Edmund Waller on 19th May, as she heads off to pursue her therapeutic/counselling career.

Veni, Vidi, Danci?

Strewth, you came, you saw and you discoed! We had a bumper turn out for the PTA Disco, last Friday. There was a really lovely atmosphere and children and families alike enjoyed themselves immensely. Records were both played and broken! The event raised an all time high of **£2750!** We are sure you will join us in sending a collective THANKS to the amazing PTA team, led by Inez Murphy, for their dedication and commitment to raising funds that will benefit all of the children across the school.

Summer Term 2023

Friday 26th May - INSET Day
Half Term

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June

End of Summer Term

Friday 21st July 2023

Year Group Assembly	Date
Year 3	12th May
Reception	19th May
Year 1	30th June

May INSET Day

Due to the combination of May bank holidays and impact of industrial action, it feels like we are hurtling towards half-term. With that in mind, we wanted to highlight the fact the school is closed on **Friday 26th May** for an INSET day. This is the Friday before we break up for half-term, so get those bags packed and get away early if you can!

