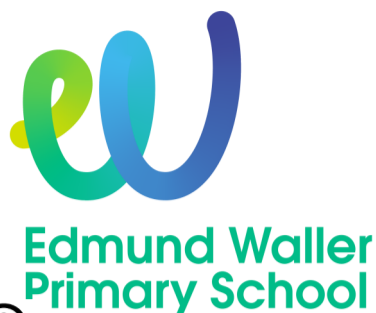


THIS WEEK'S KEY INFO

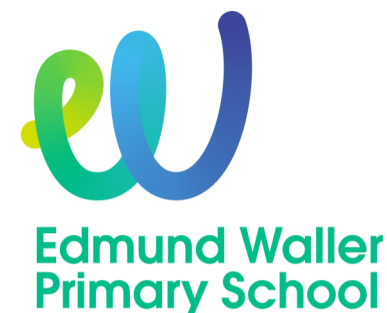
- Curriculum Redesigned
- EW Orchestra - in concert 09/12/22

- Pt. III = Humanity, Creativity & **Ambition**

- **Climate Mascots - on display now**
- **TUESDAY 29th - School Photographs**

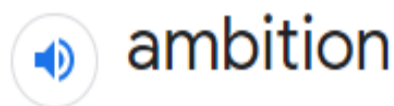


Edmund Waller WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



25th November 2022

Welcome to the third and final instalment of the Edmund Waller key drivers - Humanity, Creativity & **Ambition**. When we were initially discussing these words, ambition was by far and away the most contentious. For some, it had a materialistic overtone. However, as we explored what it meant to have high expectations for all of our learners, we felt that it was a laudable choice. It is the role of the school to actively ensure that every member of the community fulfils their potential. We have the ambition that all stakeholders will do their absolute best - academically and socially - in their time at Edmund Waller.



/am'biʃ(ə)n/

noun

a strong desire to do or achieve something.

Ambition#1 Curriculum Excellence

One of the biggest pieces of work we have undertaken since 2020, is the redesign of the curriculum. This has seen a root and branch revision of every area of your child's learning. From English & maths, through to PE and the behaviour curriculum, we have reviewed, reconsidered and rewritten the programmes of learning that each year group follows.

This has been a considerable undertaking and, for such a large piece of work, can sometimes feel like it has gone unnoticed. This week however, we had visitors from two local schools - Haseltine and Fairlawn - who remarked on the quality of the children's learning journey right across the school. Nice to know we are moving in the right direction. Adjacent to this text is an example of Year 1s Design & Technology learning path. This display shows each stage of the design process carefully thought through and evaluated.



Ambition #2 - Beyond the Curriculum

The hills halls are alive with the sound of music. Not many inner city, state primary schools, can say they have a fully fledged orchestra. With the incredible support of the volunteers and under the inscrutable direction of Una (our conductor) the school orchestra rehearse every Friday before school. We have been listening to them prepare for their winter performance. If you have never heard them, then come and listen on **9th December 2022**.



Ambition#3 - Beyond the Classroom

As well as us being ambitious for the children, we wanted them to be ambitious for the world around them. One vital aspiration is for the healthy future of their home - planet Earth. Last year, inspired by our very own concrete playground turtle, we adopted the turtle as the school's climate mascot. Every child had the opportunity to make their own turtle, accompanied by an environmental pledge. In the main office foyer area, you will find a selection of the children's turtle sculptures. Pop in and have a look.



School Photographs

A reminder that the school photographer will be here for individual and sibling photos on **Tuesday 29th November**. Good luck with the hairbrush battle on Tuesday morning!



Autumn Term 2022

Autumn 2 -

**Monday 31st Oct – Friday 16th Dec
Winter Holiday**

**Mon 19th Dec - Tuesday 3rd Jan
Spring 1 -**

**Tuesday 3rd January - INSET DAY
Wednesday 4th Jan - Friday 10th Feb
Half-term:**

Mon 13th February - Fri 17th February

XMAS EWrap

Need a day to do your Christmas shopping? Still working? Then why not book a day (or three!) at our Winter EWrap. Places are booking up fast, with the majority currently going to non-Edmund Waller families - these places are limited. If you need any childcare over the festive period - get booking!



Booking - via School Gateway app - open NOW!!!



EWrap

**ChriSSSSStmas?
...We've got it all
EWrapped up**

EWrap

We've never ventured into the Winter holidays before, but looking at the calendar, we felt there might be a need for childcare. School's out on Friday 16th December, with Christmas not until the following Sunday...



Never fear, our wonderful EWrap team will be open Mon 19th - Weds 21st Dec, 9am - 5pm

£25 per day - children will need a packed lunch
limited availability

Festive every day - Mince Pies and a Christmas party on Wednesday...