

THIS WEEK'S NEWS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">w.b. 18/09 - Meet the Teacherw.b. 25/09 - ALL clubs start	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ofsted Report - Available Now (see link)RAAC Concrete - UPDATE BELOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Big Half - a HUGE thank you



Edmund Waller

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



8th September 2023

Pupils are happy and feel safe in school.

Pupils enjoy coming to school. They are often excited about the learning that their teachers prepare for them.

Pupils behave well, in and out of lessons. Disruptions to learning are rare.

Pupils show a genuine interest in books and a love of reading.

It's **GOOD** to be back...
Welcome back to a new school year. We trust that all of our families found some space to rest and relax over the summer holiday period. We are starting the year off with a little pep in our step following the official publication of the school's Ofsted report. We are very pleased with the report, feeling that it really reflects both our self-evaluation of what we have been trying to achieve, and a validation of what the inspection team saw during their visit.

Sprinkled liberally around this newsletter are some of the highlights from a report that, unlike some identikit reports we have read in the past, seems to truly capture the essence of what we have been trying to build here at Edmund Waller over the last three years.

The inspection was what is called a 'Section 8' inspection, which meant that the existing judgement of 'good' could not be changed. However, reading the report shows that the school is in very good shape and making progress. The inspector has given the school one key development point (which in itself speaks volumes) and we are already thinking about how to move forward with this.

Pupils are proud of their sporting achievements.

If you have not had the chance to read the full report yourself, then simply click on the Ofsted logo below to be taken directly to it. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole school community whose support and positivity played a large part in the findings of the team. Here's to a very exciting year ahead...

Leaders have worked hard to put an ambitious curriculum in place. They have considered the sequence of learning very carefully.



Important Dates

- Week Beginning:
- 18th September** - there will be 'Meet the Teacher' sessions for Yrs 1 - 6 scheduled during this week. Timings to follow shortly.
 - 25th September** - all enrichment clubs recommence.



RAAC Concrete Update

As you will be aware from the media coverage, some schools have been forced to close over concerns relating to structurally unsound RAAC concrete. We are very pleased to say that, following a risk assessment from Lewisham, Edmund Waller is not affected by this issue. Talking of buildings we'd like to thank Tom Slack, Dan Hudson and the premises team for ensuring that the school buildings are maintained to an exemplary standard. Cheers!

Big Money for the Big Half

A huge 'thank you' to the intrepid band of staff, parents and community members who undertook last weekend's Big Half - 13 miles on the mean streets of London on a very hot Sunday. Phew! The team were running on behalf of - and raising money for - the school. They have raised just over two thousand pounds, which is phenomenal! If you feel inspired to make a donation to the team's efforts click on the Big Half logo below.

AUTUMN TERM DATES

Weds 6th September - Thursday 19th October

Friday 20th October – INSET DAY

Half-term: Mon 23rd October – Fri 27th October

Mon 30th October – Weds 20th December

Monday 8th Jan - INSET DAY

Tuesday 9th Jan - Spring term starts

Staff are proud to be a part of this school.

