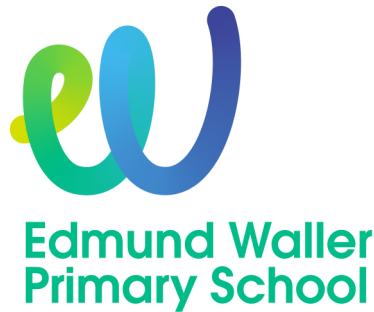


THIS WEEK'S NEWS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18.09 - confirm your enrichment places W.b. 25.09 - All clubs start 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Handwriting Focus Plastic containers needed NOW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternative office email addresses W.b.18.09 - Meet the Teacher



Edmund Waller

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

15th September 2023



ALL Clubs start next week. We have a couple spaces in our chess club. Interested? Email clubs@edmundwaller.lewisham.sch.uk

Primary School

A Club Worth Joining...

Which club, you ask...? The cursive handwriting crew, that's who... No, this is not an additional enrichment club we are offering (see below for news about the enrichment clubs that start next week), but an aspiration for all of our children as they pass through the school.

This year, we are making handwriting a schoolwide focus. We are following a new scheme called 'Teach Handwriting' - Ms Jones launched this in assembly last week, and the children are getting in to the new approach.

Learning cursive (joined) handwriting is not just a matter of aesthetics:
Why is Handwriting important?

Good handwriting means children:

- ⇒can write at a good speed
- ⇒have a fluid hand movement that is comfortable
- ⇒form letters that are consistently and appropriately sized and positioned correctly
- ⇒write legibly so others can read it easily.

What's the same? What's different?

The fonts are broadly the same, with children in Early Years learning to print and then learning cursive writing as they progress through the school until they are confident writing when the focus is on speed and stamina.

New resources (i.e. tripod pencils and pens) have been introduced to support pencil/pen grip. There is a renewed focus on posture and the development of fine and gross motor skills, through games and exercises.



As part of their learning, children will be exercising the main areas of the body that often become tense when writing (core strength, back, shoulder and hands). This builds stamina so they can write more easily and for longer.

You can find out more and discover resources to support you child on the Teach Handwriting website:
[Teach Handwriting at home](https://www.teachhandwriting.com/)

Need to let the office know about a change? We get hundreds of emails a day - help make sure your email doesn't get lost in an inbox by using one of the emails in the adjacent bubbles:

Have an appointment ? Need to report an absence? Please use the following email address:
attendance@edmundwaller.lewisham.sch.uk

Change of pick up routine? Different adult collecting? Please use the email address below:
pickup@edmundwaller.lewisham.sch.uk

EMPTY CONTAINERS NEEDED!

Years 4 and 5 are doing a 'Junk Drumming' project in music. Please send in any large (clean) containers. 25l plastic paint containers are ideal, or clean paint kettles and buckets. 5l ones work too but nothing smaller than that please and no tin paint cans! Lids are not needed.



Date	Year Group	Time
Mon 18 th Sept	Year 1	3:45pm
Tues 19 th Sept	Year 5	3:45pm
	Year 6	4:30pm
Weds 20 th Sept	Year 4	3:45pm
Thurs 21 st Sept	Year 2	3:45pm
	Year 3	4:30pm

ENRICHMENT CLUBS & MUSIC LESSONS

All enrichment club and music places have now been confirmed on parent pay. Please pay to confirm your child's place by **midday on Monday 18th September**. Most of our clubs and music lessons are full with long waiting lists, so places that have not been paid for by this time will be offered to children on the waiting list. Please contact Shanee in the school office if you will have trouble meeting this deadline.

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

Meet the Teacher

Now that we are all (slowly) getting used to the morning routines & alarm clocks, we'd like to invite you to come and meet your child's new class teacher. Teacher's will cover routines and key information for the rest of the year. This will be an opportunity to hear a little more about the learning that is planned and for some parents to put a name to a face for their child's main adult. Well behaved children welcome to attend!!

