#### THIS WEEK'S NEWS

- Monday 6/11 = Enrichment Opens
- EWrap + Clubs = new pricing
- October = Black History Month
  - 10th Nov PTA AGM WE NEED YOU!
- School Photographs COMING SOON
- FINAL school tour tickets



# BLACK E SISTEMANTALE STORY



## Edmund Waller WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



3rd November 2023

A Month? Let's Try 24/7, 365





Originating from the United States, Black History Month was recognised for the first time in London in 1987. Originally started to give some much needed recognition to the contribution made to our society by underserved communities. In today's era, the idea of Black History being focused on for a month can feel contentious. Click on the image of local resident (see his Blue Plaque on Queen's Road) Harold Moody to hear Sir Lenny Henry's thoughts on Black History Month.

Here at Edmund Waller, we have worked hard to ensure that all our communities are represented across the curriculum. As a school, we feel that the concept of Black

History 365 - acknowledging the challenges faced, as well as the contributions

made, by people of colour built in to all relevant units of work - is much more appropriate for our learners. However, the more singular focus of Black History Month can also provide a valuable space to celebrate the deep and sustained impact made by the numerous communities who come together to make England such a prosperous multi-cultural society.

Next Monday, the school will come together to share the children's work - we will post the slides from the assembly, which will reflect the learning from across the school, in the '<u>Latest News'</u> section of the school website.

Year 3's focus was Dr Harold Moody

#### SPRING ENRICHMENT CLUBS

Application for our Spring 2024 enrichment clubs will open on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November.
You have been emailed with full details. Please click here to apply (NB – the form will open at 8am on Monday morning).

<u>clubs@edmundwaller.lewisham.sch.uk</u>



#### Say "Cheese..."

We have just received the children's photos from our new photographers and they look great. We will be getting them out to you next week, with instructions about how to order. We are delighted with the quality of the photos - we hope you will be as well.

#### PTA - A Change is a Comin'

As many of you will be aware, the tireless people behind the PTA are coming to the end of their tenure. They have made an incredible contribution to the school and we are very grateful for their work.

We are very pleased to hear that some new blood has been found. We are really pleased that a group of parents have come forwards and expressed an interest in continuing the PTA's vital work. However, they still need more help. You can find out more at the PTA's Annual General Meeting (AGM) this will be held in Cooke Hall @9:15am Friday 10th November.

#### <u>It's a Sell Out!</u>

Wow - we must be doing something right... <u>ALL</u> the tickets for our scheduled tours for prospective parents have been snapped up. Over 160 families have signed up to come and see the school over the next few weeks. As a result, we have scheduled one final tour for the 1st December 2023. If you know anyone who is looking for a reception place - share this newsletter and the link below - and quickly!

**FINAL TOUR TICKETS** 

#### **EWRAP & Enrichment Clubs**

Having reviewed our provision, we have decided to offer a discount on EWrap places between 4.30 – 6pm on days when your child attends an after school enrichment club. From January 2024 onwards, a place in EWrap from 4.30 – 6pm will cost £7.50 for the session - this means that the club price + discounted rate is equal to the usual EWrap pricing (£12.50 per session). Once you have confirmed your child's place you will have access to the discounted booking option. For any weeks that clubs are not running, the usual pricing and booking procedure will remain in place.

#### **AUTUMN TERM DATES**

Mon 30th October – Weds 20th December (closing @2pm)

16th December PTA Winter Fair tbc

SPRING TERM DATES

Monday 8th Jan - INSET DAY

Tuesday 9th Jan - Spring term starts



### WINTER PERFORMANCES

MONDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 4.10pm – Rosen Hall Y1 Choir performance

TUESDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2.45pm, St Catherine's Church Y2/3 Concert

WEDNESDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2.45pm, St Catherine's Church Y4 – 6 Concert

THURSDAY, 7th DECEMBER, 8.30am, Rosen Early Birds Concert for parents

THURSDAY, 7th DECEMBER, 4pm, Rosen Hall Y4 – 6 Choir Concert

WEDNESDAY, 13th DECEMBER, 2.45pm, Rosen Hall
& THURSDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 10am, Rosen Hall
Reception & Y1 Performance – NB this is the same performance twice, please only attend one!

FRIDAY, 15th DECEMBER 8.30am Rosen Hall
Orchestra Concert

FRIDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 4.10pm Rosen Hall Y2/3 Choir performance



