

	This Week's Headlines	
• Girls United Tournament	• More Outdoor Learning - Coming Soon!	• Welcome to a New Parent Governor

Nursery Open Day

Are you (or someone you know) interested in your child starting in our amazing Nursery, next year? If so there is an open day on 7th June @1:30pm. People MUST register via this link: [Nursery Open Day](#)



Edmund Waller WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

20th May 2022



Edmund Waller
Primary School



"I have never heard of anyone involved in the education system in the UK being asked the question 'why do you want to teach indoors?', whereas every teacher I know who has suggested taking their students outdoors has been asked why they wanted to do so." Higgins, P.

An undisputed strength of Edmund Waller primary school is the size and variety of the outdoor space. Nestled in the heart of a sprawling urban environment, our school has an abundance of greenery for all children to explore. We have a pond area, quiet zones, flower and vegetable beds, mini beast hotels - not to mention the climbing frames and balance areas.

This Thursday (19th May), was National Outdoor Classroom day. All of our classes spent some time exploring our enviable environment. Ideally, we want this experiential outdoor learning to be part of each child's everyday experience. As we continue to review the offer we make to our learners, we are looking at ways to incorporate outdoor learning so that it becomes part of our everyday practice for *all* ages.



The benefits of outdoor learning are well documented - a recent report by the organisation '[Learning Outside of the Classroom](#)' found:

- When planned and implemented well, outdoor learning contributed significantly to raising standards and improving pupils' personal, social and emotional development
- Learning outside the classroom was most successful when it was an integral element of long-term curriculum planning and closely linked to classroom activities
- The success of outdoor learning depended very much on the leadership of the schools and colleges.

With this in mind, we are delighted that Michelle Goodman (our Nursery lead) will be championing the outdoor learning cause.

We are also extremely grateful to Inez Murphy of the EW PTA for her successful application to Lewisham council for a grant of £8000 (yes thousand!), which will be used to develop the wooded area at the back of the school site to offer even more opportunities to the children in their time here at Edmund Waller.

We will keep you updated with the developments, as they happen.



Wraparound Care and Play-scheme

A quick reminder that there will be **NO playscheme** this half term and that the breakfast and after school clubs, will also not be open on **Friday 27th May**, as school is closed for an INSET Day. We will be open over the summer holidays and will send out details and registration forms, after half term.



New Parent Governor

Congratulations to Harvir Sangha, a parent of a child in one of our reception classes, who has been elected as a new parent governor and will join the school's Governing Body. Thanks also to Steve Aird for his nomination and willingness to take on the role.



Girls United

A huge thanks to Ms Poole for taking our Y5/6 girls football team to a tournament, organised by Girls United. The weather has been grim but the show must go on! Thanks also to the parent volunteers, Keme and Matt, who got soggy feet whilst helping out! The team came second and the behaviour and sports'person'ship were exemplary.

**Friday 27th May - INSET DAY
HALF TERM:**

**Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June
LAST DAY OF TERM**

**Thursday 21st July (Closes @
2:30pm)**

Autumn Term 2022

1st & 2nd September - INSET

Monday 5th September -

School reopens for learners

DATES FOR THE DIARY

June 18th - PTA Summer Fair

July 8th - KS1+2 Sports Day @ Goldsmiths

July 8th - PTA School Disco

19th July - EW Summer Celebration

20th July - Year 6 Opera Premiere