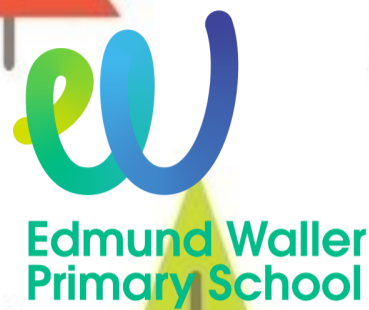


THIS WEEK'S NEWS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lost Property - Help Us to Help You 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 8th Dec - Community Conversations 13.01.24 - Football Season Restarts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs - A Few Spaces Remain



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

1st December 2023

The Conversation Starts Here...

We are very excited to announce our first ever Community Conversations meeting, which will take place on Friday 8th December @2:30pm. As a school, we have an incredibly active and participatory community. However, we are constantly working on ways to make the school as welcoming an environment as possible to all members of the community. This desire to be as inclusive a community possible , plus the borough wide focus on tackling racial inequality, has led us to engage with Citizens UK (click on their logo above to find out more).



The truth is that children (and families) from under represented parts of the UK population are still more likely to come up against barriers - both visible and invisible in comparison to their peers. Our intention in creating this space, is to acknowledge and begin to address these barriers and attempt to shift the power balance within our school. This is in line with the school's core value of Ambition (see right) We will be hosting this Community Conversation next week. This will focus on the communities experiences of any such inequality - either in terms of being a member of the Edmund Waller community, or, on a larger scale, within society at large. We are very keen that we get as broad a representation of our school as possible. There will be refreshments and, if required, we will look at providing a creche for younger children. We expect the meeting to last for around 45 minutes, allowing all parents/carers to be there in time to pick up any children you might have in the school. We will be sending out a sign up form, early next week. In the meantime, if you have any questions please send them to hello@edmundwaller.lewisham.sch.uk You might also want to watch this thought-provoking [video](#).

Ambition

High expectations for all ensuring equitable access to the curriculum and other opportunities within school.

Whose Is THIS?

Ah it's that time of year, coats, hats, bags, lunch boxes, water bottles... you name it, flung on to the floor in wild abandon during play and lunchtimes... and then forgotten. Can we ask that parents spend a few moments with a Sharpie *other permanent markers are available* writing names in and on any key items. We have had a lot of dismayed parents rummaging through the decidedly manky lost property box. Labelling things would make reuniting them with their owners a far easier task.

We are aware that the green Lost Property Box is on its last legs... We are looking at a replacement, but named items will be returned to their rightful owners, when possible

Early Close & EWrap

Dear EW family, we just wanted to flag the fact that the school will close for the Winter break @2pm on Wednesday 20th December. There will also be no afterschool EWrap on this day. Thanks for noting this.



SPRING ENRICHMENT CLUBS

Thank you for your timely payments for spring enrichment clubs. Most clubs are full, but there are still limited spaces available in:

Nature Club Thursday (Y1, 2, 3)
KS2 Multisports Monday (Y3 – 6)

Please contact clubs@edmundwaller.lewisham.sch.uk if you would like to sign your child up for either of these.

GUITAR LESSONS (Y2 – 6)

Last chance to register for guitar lessons for a guaranteed place in January – deadline Friday 8th December. [Click here](#) for information and a link to the application form. (Please note that guitar lessons are only available to children not already learning piano at school).

WINTER FAIR

Edmund Waller Primary School

Saturday 16th December
12–3 pm

Santa's Grotto
Mince Pies & Mulled Wine
Hot Food
Tombolas & Raffle Baskets
Games
Gifts & Craft
Secondhand Toys & Books

Sponsored by **pedder** Community Promise

Football

Braving almost all weathers up on Blackheath Common, on a Saturday morning, are our school football teams. These teams are under the watchful eye of Mr Dorson Sandiford and Mr Nathan Reid. They have had a strong start to their season, clocking a fair few goals as well. The teams are always grateful for any support - When the season restarts (13th January), why not head up one Saturday, grab a coffee & give 'em a cheer!

AUTUMN TERM DATES

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

Friday 15th December - Children's Christmas Lunch + Christmas Jumper Day!

16th December PTA Winter Fair

SPRING TERM DATES

Monday 8th Jan - INSET DAY
Tuesday 9th Jan - Spring term starts
Friday 9th Feb - Break up for half term



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WINTER PERFORMANCES

MONDAY, 4th DECEMBER 4.10pm – Rosen Hall
Y1 Choir performance

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

WEDNESDAY, 6th 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, 14th 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, 15th DECEMBER 4.10pm Rosen Hall
Y2/3 Choir performance

Parents & Carers are invited to all the above performances



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