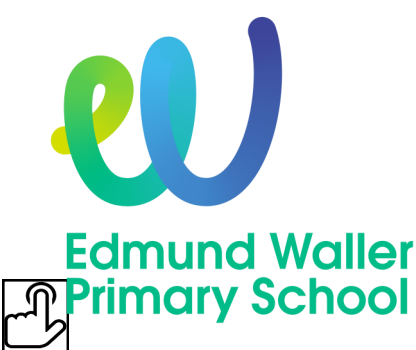


HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY	THIS WEEK'S NEWS	HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
World Book Week Comes to a close... ...PTA Readathon continues!	Housing Assembly & March Mini Marathon - places & info	NEXT WEEK - Comic Relief EasterWrap - Last Chance to Book



Edmund Waller WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

8th March 2024



Power to the People

In our recent Community Conversations, we have been exploring the issue of housing - looking at the experiences of our community members, as well as looking at the issue from a wider sociological perspective. What has become clear is that the challenges of poor quality housing and disrepair are having a real impact on members of our school community. See right for the actual experience of a member of the Edmund Waller school community.

As part of our work with Citizens UK we are part of an alliance of Lewisham primary schools, who

have come together to take action! Together we can be heard and have impact. Last Friday, children from the school attended a Housing Assembly, at Rushey Green Primary School. This Assembly saw eight Lewisham schools, come together with churches and other organisations to express our collective outrage at the current crisis in housing. We then took to the streets, marching to Lewisham Town Hall to deliver an [open letter to Lewisham](#) council, signed by the heads, church leaders and GPs, testifying to the impact of poor quality housing on the education of its youngest citizens. The children felt empowered by the march, which included; drumming, cheers and honks of support from passing motorists!! The letter was accepted by the head of Lewisham housing and we will keep the pressure up to ensure a positive outcome. We will keep the community posted!

"Since 2020, I have had issues with my housing situation. When it rains, water leaks inside and a blocked drain left the garden covered in sewage."
"In 2022, after I did a story with the BBC, the council came and fixed some things. But, the mould is still there and there is still leaking from the ceiling, as well as a mice infestation."
"When I contact the council, there is a computer response that says they are only returning emergency cases. There isn't even an option to report an emergency before the call is cut off."
"It is very draining having to deal with this and is affecting the wellbeing of me and my children."

An EW family's Experience



Oh, What a Week

Phooey to World Book Day, we've had a full week of book based fun. Highlights included - Alan Durant's captivating workshops, Eddie & Jubilee books fantastic range of classics , new & old and virtually the whole school turning out in pyjamas + teddies to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday.



Read all About It

Don't forget to keep that read-a-thon reading going at home. Bother your neighbours, harass the grandparents... Whatever gets you the most money - do it!! Remember Usborne books will give us **+60%** on top of any money we raise. Get reading!

Comic Relief

Having briefly caught our breath over the weekend, following a hectic book week, our school council lead, Ms Leach, is now getting ready for Comic Relief. Next week, red noses will be on sale after school **Mon - Weds**, there will be cake sale on Thursday and Friday will be 'Wear Red for Comic Relief Day'. You can make a donation on your child/the school's behalf via ParentPay

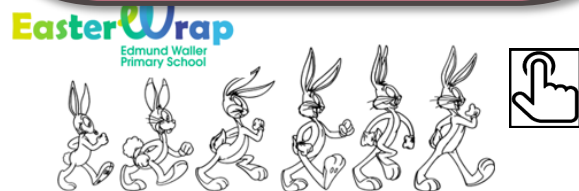
Mini Marathon Marvels

We are very excited to announce that we have been allocated **50 places** for this years TCS Mini London Marathon which takes place on Saturday 20th April 2024. Timing details will be shared by the event organisers. The event is free to enter, and what's more, TCS, is giving schools £10 for every participant who finishes the event! Participants cross the iconic TCS London Marathon Finish Line and receive a TCS Mini London Marathon medal. Children from Reception to Year 6 can take part. Parents will need to attend the event with their child/ren.

[TCS Mini Marathon info & registration](#)

Easter Wrap - Booking Closing

Get the School Gateway app open, get those fingers flying and book any Easter childcare you might need. We are down to the last few places for a couple of the days. Discounts for full week bookings are available until **Monday 11th March** and booking closes on **Friday 15th March...**



Get your little bunnies out of the house!

**SPRING TERM DATES
(SPRING #2)**

**Mon 9th Feb - Thurs 28th March
14th March - Comic Relief - CAKE SALE**

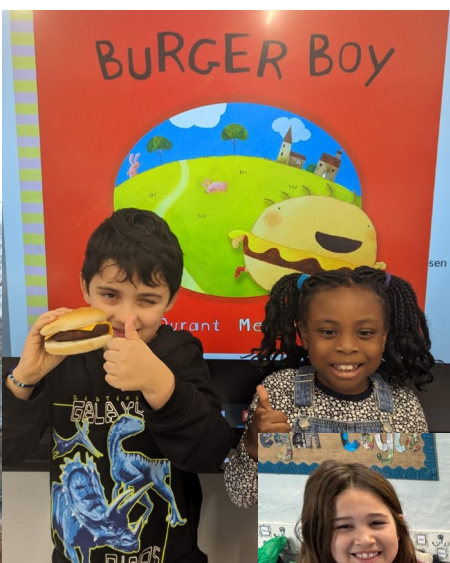
**15th March Comic Relief - Wear Red
Thurs 28th March - End of Term
2nd - 12th April - EasterWrap Play-scheme**

Monday 15th April - Summer Term Starts



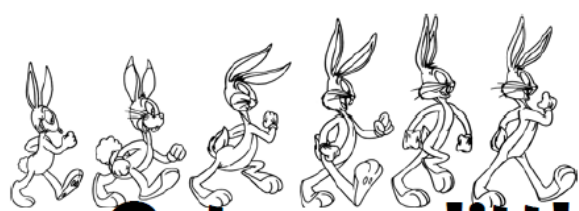
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**Get your little
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A warm welcome guaranteed from our staff with a wide range of activities with a mixture of adult led and independent choices.

EasterWrap
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We are delighted to let you know that booking is open for our fabulous Easter Playscheme.

We are open from 9am - 5pm
Tues - Fri
2nd - 5th April
Mon - Fri
8th - 12th April

Using the School Gateway app, you can now book for 1 day, 2 days or the whole holiday!

A flat rate of £30 per day

Discount for early booking:
Week 1 = 4 days for £100
Week 2 = 5 days for £125



Open to Waller and Non-Waller children - bring a friend from a different school or make new connections within your community
Non-Waller families should email ewrap@edmundwaller.lewisham.sch.uk for details about how to access booking.

New & Improved for Easter
Following a review of our playscheme offering, we are making the following changes for forthcoming Playschemes:

- Higher staff ratio
- Newly resourced adult-led activities
- On-site workshops
- On-site pizza party
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Each week there will be
 - one free visit (local park/museum etc)
 - one paid visit (see overview)

Morning and afternoon snacks provided. Just bring a packed lunch and a water bottle and have great day, supervised by our experienced staff.

