

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

- 26.06.24 - Goldsmiths Concert
- 28.06.24 - Community Conversation 4

- 04.07.24 - EW General Election

- Vitality 10k - Places Available
- Cricket & Cleaner Air w/Ms Lepere

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And the Winner is...

As the country gets reacquainted with a sense of being universally underwhelmed, (thanks Gareth S & the football team!), you may have also noticed (!) that we are coming up to a general election. To give the children a taste of democracy in action, we are holding a schoolwide general election culminating on - you've guessed it - **4th July 2024!**

Having formed political parties to reflect the General Election in England, Year 5 are busy writing their manifestos for taking power at EW! Hustings (er... assemblies) will be held during Election week and children in Y1-6, will post their vote in the ballot box within their constituencies (er.... classes) to choose their MP from one of the 5 main parties in England. Results will be revealed on the big day (4th July) in an assembly that would make Jon Snow proud!

Aside from the relevance to what is happening in the real world - the concepts of democracy and 'the rule of law' are 2 of the key 'British values' schools should be promoting.

All schools have a statutory duty to 'promote British values' to all of their pupils. When people first see this duty, the initial reaction can be one of wariness and unease. That is until you see the values outlined:

- democracy
- the rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

If, we strip away the potentially triggering language and focus instead on these values, most people agree that they feel like values that are indeed essential to a fair and equitable society.

Overall, this should be a relatively light-hearted experience, with some serious learning behind it.

We will, of course, share the outcome and experience with families in that week's newsletter.



Community Conversation #4

We are very excited to announce the next in our series of 'Community Conversations', which will take place next Friday (**28th June**)

@9:15am, in Cooke Hall. We have an active & growing WhatsApp community who are being asked to steer the content and focus of these sessions. The conversation will be facilitated by Citizens UK. Please continue to email

hello@edmundwaller.lewisham.sch.uk if you would like to be added to this group, or, better still, come and see for yourself on Friday 28th.



Audience... Are You Ready?

Years 2 - 6 are currently gearing up, in preparation for the summer spectacular - **Wednesday 26th June @Goldsmiths**. We are officially **SOLD OUT**. That's 400 people ready to party! We cannot wait to build on last year's successful concert. The children are ready... The band is ready.... Are you ready? We'll find out on Wednesday! Children should arrive @5:30 (there is a bar open for parents this year) and we hope to start @6pm.

If you have not managed to secure a ticket please contact hello@edmundwaller.lewisham.sch.uk and we will see what we can do!

And the Award Goes to....

If, as a school, we believed in extrinsic rewards (stickers/certificates etc) then this week's gold star would be going to Ms Lepere! She has had a very busy week, alongside her class teaching responsibilities in Year 4, she has been instrumental in organising two key events. First up the SuperZone clean air project w/Lewisham (see last week's newsletter). The second event, was taking a group of children to represent the school at a Lewisham wide cricket tournament. We came **3rd** out of 33 teams; our children were praised for their behaviour as well as their cricket skills! Nice work team!

From Couch to... 10k?

Calling all those out there who are either: runners, wannabee runners or couch potatoes with ambition! We have 13 places for this year's London Vitality 10k. You can find out more and grab yourself a space by completing the form via the link below, or, by contacting Jodi in the office.

[EW Vitality 10k Places](#)

SUMMER TERM DATES

**Mon 3rd June - Thursday 25th July
SUMMER #2**

**Wednesday 26th June - Goldsmiths
Concert**

10th July - Y1-Y6 Sports Day

12th July - Take One Picture Exhibition

Saturday 20th July - PTA Summer Fair

Thursday 25th July -

**LAST DAY OF TERM - EARLY CLOSE -
2pm**

Check out the list below for all the summer's music and dance performances...



SUMMER 2024 PERFORMANCE DATES

WEDNESDAY, 26th JUNE, 6pm Goldsmiths Hall
Y2 – 6 Concert. [Ticket £8/ £5 concessions](#)

WEDNESDAY, 3rd JULY, 2.45pm Rosen Hall
Y3 strings performance

THURSDAY, 11th JULY, 8.30am Rosen Hall
Early Birds Performance

THURSDAY, 11th JULY, Rosen Hall 4.10pm
Upper Phase Choir Performance

FRIDAY, 12th JULY, Rosen Hall 4.10pm
Y2/3 Choir performance

MONDAY, 15th JULY, 4.10pm Rosen Hall
Y1 choir performance

TUESDAY, 16th JULY, 3.45pm Rosen Hall
Guitar recital (All guitar students)

THURSDAY, 18th JULY, 6.30pm Rosen Hall
Hercules & Phoebe ft. all of Y6

SATURDAY, 20th JULY, PTA Summer Fair
12.30pm Orchestra
1.00pm Y2 – 6 Choir
1.30pm Y2 – 6 Street Dance groups

