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Edmund Waller WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

27th September 2024

SCHOOL PHOTOS
a reminder that the school photographer will be here next Tuesday & Wednesday to take individual school photos - see email sent this week

3 is the Magic Number

We have written, in the past, about the Edmund Waller values (Creativity, _____, Ambition) the school rules (Ready, _____, Safe). Now it's time so shine the spotlight on our curriculum drivers: London & Beyond, Social Justice and Sustainable Future - we love a three! We work hard to ensure that the rules, values and drivers are more than just words on our website. We constantly plan for, discuss and revisit these both with the staff and the children and, you, the community. So here's where the drivers came into the school day, this week.



London & Beyond

In Monday's assembly, we celebrated 'World Afro Day', which celebrates afro and textured hair. The children heard about Charlotte Mensah, a hairdresser based in Notting Hill (**London**) and the founder of World Afro Day, Michelle de Leon, based in the UK (**& Beyond**) and learned about the movement to celebrate textured hair. There are photos across this newsletter of children and staff, celebrating their hair, in whatever way they choose to wear it.



Social Justice

As we move into autumn, we are marking Harvest Festival. We have partnered up with the New Cross based social supermarket, Feed the Hill, and are asking families to bring in donations of food - canned goods, toiletries & long life products are best. You can drop your donations in to the main office area at the collection point. Feed the Hill, will collect and arrange distribution of these goods to individuals who are struggling to get enough food and other essentials for their families.

FEED THE HILL



Half Term Playscheme - Open to all

Last week, we confirmed our super EWrap staff will be here for the whole of October half term, as we open our doors for the first playscheme of the academic year. We thought it might be worth reminding the EW community that non-Edmund Waller children are very welcome to attend these playschemes. If you have friends/neighbours etc who have children or primary school age - they can use the link below to be added to the mailing lists and booking system (if you are already a Waller family you **DO NOT** need to complete this!)

[EW Playscheme Sign Up](#)

Sustainable Future

Regular readers (reader??) of the newsletter will be aware of the various improvements we had made to the school premises over the summer. One significant change that we have not written about, is the replacement of all the lighting across the entire school to LED lights. This was a large project, that has taken some time to coordinate. As well as ensuring better quality of lighting in all rooms, this wholesale replacement will have represent a significant improvement on our environmental impact and should also increase our efficiency and reduce our bills. It's a win-win-win!

3/4 of the Way There!

A **HUGE** thank you and well done to staff and community members who took part in last weekend's London Vitality 10k race. Thankfully the weather held off and the EW runners (in their snazzy new PTA branded tops) put up a valiant fight against the course. We are now 76% of the way towards meeting our fundraising target. This money, will be used to complete the new Ahlberg Teaching Kitchen & Kitchen garden. Use the JustGiving link below, if you are able to get us closer to 100% of the monies raised.



You can win (or buy) a snazzy new EW Pen - see the email!

Welcome to the PTA

Today saw the PTA's Annual General Meeting. It was a cold and soggy start to the day, but it didn't seem to stop people turning out. We were really pleased to see some of our newest community members (Reception families and those new to other year groups across the school) out in force. The PTA were delighted by the interest shown. They are currently putting together this year's programme of fund raising events. As ever, the success of their endeavours relies on as broad an engagement as possible from the entire school community. If you were unable to attend the meeting, but would like to be involved, please email the PTA via:

ptaedmundwaller@gmail.com



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AUTUMN TERM DATES 2024

TERM #1

Weds 4th Sept - Friday 25th Oct

**Parent Teacher Meetings - Tues
22nd & Weds 23rd October
(3:50 -7:00pm)**

Half-term:

Monday 28th Oct – Friday 1st Nov

TERM #2

Monday 4th Nov - Friday 20th Dec

**PTA WINTER FAIR - Saturday 7th
Dec**

2024/25 Term Dates

