

# THIS WEEK'S NEWS

• 14.10 - Parent Evenings Bookings

Black History Month  
Feed the Hill - THANK YOU

• 18.10 - Walking Map Launch



## Edmund Waller WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

11th October 2024



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### Black History Month

This Monday, saw the launch of this year's Black History Month. Our history leads - Ms Davis (Y6) and Ms Stapleton (Y2) - introduced this year's theme Reclaiming Narratives. Reclaiming Narratives is more than just a theme—it's an invitation. An invitation to every member of the Black community to take part in shaping how our stories are told. It's about ensuring that our voices are heard, our experiences acknowledged, and our contributions celebrated. This theme encourages us to shine a spotlight on the untold stories, the unsung heroes, and the everyday individuals who have made an indelible impact on our communities.

Through this overarching theme, each year group will be looking at a person of colour who has made a lasting contribution to an aspect of everyone's daily lives. We have also arranged for a some year groups to have a workshop with a special guest.

Today, award winning journalist and documentary maker (and ex-Waller parent) - Keme Nzerem, came in to talk to Y6 about the Benin bronzes and the issues around the British Museum's custodianship of them - and many other significant cultural artefacts from societies from across the globe. Year 6 will go on to study Benin in more detail as it is their topic of study in the spring term.

We also have a former professional Rugby player (and current parent) Michael Worrincy, coming in to talk to Y4 children about his experiences as professional sportsman. In addition, we have current Lewisham Mayor, Brenda Dacres, coming in to talk to Y2 and Y6 about being a woman of colour in politics.

As part of our work in decolonising the curriculum, we, as a school, are considering a move away from Black History Month and adopting the 'Black history 365' approach. This is a decision we will make only once we have sought the views of the community (including the children) and made it very clear what Black history and wider representation looks like across the curriculum here at Edmund Waller.



Michael Worrincy



Brenda Dacres MP



Keme Nzerem

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### Walking Map Launch

Last term, our Climate Champions, took part in pollution monitoring for the local environment. This week, the children got a preview of their 'Walking Map' of the local area, which will help families make more informed choices about the routes they take around the local area. We are hosting a special 'launch' event for the map here at school, between 9-10am, 18th October. Come and have a cup of tea and see...



Pedder have kindly agreed to sponsor our Winter Fair again this year. Please can you email [tessadevonsire@icloud.com](mailto:tessadevonsire@icloud.com) or send a message to 07812065242 if you are happy to have a board. If you don't own the house please will you ensure you get approval from your landlord. Can you also send info about where the sign should be placed. We need addresses in SE4, SE14, SE15, SE5. Boards will go up 2 weeks before the Fair (Saturday 7th December) and come down a week after the Fair. These time frames are approximate. Deadline for addresses is 2nd November



### Parent Teacher Meetings

On Monday morning, we will be releasing booking details for this term's Parent Teacher meetings. We use an online booking system and the details will be emailed to all families, next week. Apologies for any confusion, last week, as I shared a link to the provider - [parents-booking](#) - and this was not intended to be used for bookings... yet!

Look who came to lunch... Mr Nourish!

### Feed the Hill

Wow! The Feed the Hill team almost keeled over when they came to school this week to collect the community donations to their foodbank, as part of Harvest festival celebrations. They said they have never received such support from one school and insisted that they come into next week's assembly to thank the children and the community in person. We, as a school, would like to thank you, the community, for your generosity. You're the best!



Climate Champions Walking Map



### 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

