

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

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- 8th November - PINS Meeting

Edmund Waller WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

18th October 2024



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What a Whopper of a Week...

From minibeasts to the Mayor, Feed the Hill to Pharaohs, Vikings to viziers, tarantulas to tu-tus - its been a bit of a week. As we continue to mark Black History Month at Edmund Waller, we welcomed the Mayor of Lewisham, Brenda Dacres, who shared some of her experiences as a woman of colour in politics and the hopes she has for the Lewisham and for its youngest citizens. As well as the mayor, we also had current parent - and former professional rugby player - Michael Worrincy, visiting to speak about his experiences in the world of professional sport. These visits were just two of the numerous events taking place this week across the school. For our humanities learning, we alternate between history and geography on a half termly basis. This half term has a history focus. As part of this we have hosted Anglo Saxon, Viking and Ancient Egyptian workshops - helping Y3, 4 and 6 to bring their history learning to life (Y5 had the Anglo Saxons in last week!).

Today, we launched our 'Superzone Walking Map' and children will be receiving their own copy of the map, next week. This is intended to help children and families make better informed choices about the route they take to school.



Earlier this week, Year 1 had 'Ranger Stu' and his collection of wildlife... The children were far braver than some of the adults and couldn't wait to make a new furry friend or two. To be honest, there have been so many visitors and visits (as I write this, our Year 2 are out in Hoxton!) that I have lost track...

Capping off the week, this afternoon, will be the PTA's Fancy Dress Sale - this will take place in Blume hall - the perfect opportunity to get you and your family Halloween ready... Come and see what kind of costume you can cook up the 31st of October!



Brenda Dacres MP

Edmund Waller is participating in the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) programme, which aims to improve support for children and families in our community.

In order to support the PINS project, we are also creating a Parent Carer Participation Group with the school. The Participation Group is for all families - you do not need an EHCP or any form of diagnosis. Our aim is to create a supportive network for families where neurodiversity is recognised as a barrier to some children's experiences of daily life. This will be a space to seek support and find solutions. We would love to see you there - **8th November @10am.**

Parent/Carer Coffee Morning

As part of the national initiative from the DFE and NHS England, Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) project, Edmund Waller school will be running termly coffee mornings for the parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

AUTUMN 2024 MEETING DETAILS:

10am FRIDAY, 8th NOVEMBER

Cooke Hall, Edmund Waller School

(Please come to the Cooke Hall entrance on Waller Road)

A safe place for you to:

- Discuss well being concerns and the needs of your child
- Learn about strategies to improve well being
- Share/listen to experiences
- Connect with others and discuss ideas
- Learn about options for support

Parents Evenings

Thanks to you all out there for navigating the online booking system for next week's parent teacher meetings. This seems to have gone relatively smoothly, with only a handful of emails asking for support. These meetings will take place on **Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd October between 3:50 - 7:00pm.** If you haven't managed to book an appointment yet, please email hello@edmundwaller.lewisham.sch.uk and we will get you booked in.

Pedder have kindly agreed to sponsor our Winter Fair again this year. Please can you email 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.**

Be Part of the Conversation

Thanks to those of you attended last week's Community Conversation. We know from the membership of the WhatsApp group that there are quite a few people who haven't been able to attend a meeting yet. We'd love to have a wider, broader representation of the community - our next meeting will take place on **Friday 25th October @2:30pm**

Coming Soon - School Photos

We wanted to reassure you that the school photos will be available soon. One of the main reasons we changed photographer is for the time and energy that Justin and David put into these photographs. Each individual photograph is reviewed, edited and adjusted to make sure they are the best they can be. We will write to all families when they are ready - thanks for your patience...

FANCY DRESS SALE

FRIDAY
18
OCTOBER

3.30-5pm
Cooke Hall

Please take any fancy dress donations to the school office before Friday 18 October.
Come grab a bargain and give some much-loved costumes a new home!

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

2024/25 Term Dates

