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# Edmund Waller WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

11th July 2025

**REMINDER**

School's out for Summer, next **Friday 18th July**. Please remember school closes at **2pm**

**Taking it to the T(ake) O(ne) P(icture)!**

This afternoon we are whisking you off to the waterways of Venice. Forget that space-exploring wally Jeff Bezos, we are coming together for our annual Take One Picture exhibition.

Every year the National Gallery choose one picture from their collection and ask children across the country to respond to it in whatever way they would like to.

This afternoon, from 3:45pm, you are all invited to come and see what the Edmund Waller children have come up with in response to [this year's focus picture](#).

We put the exhibition up last night and it's looking amazing. We cannot wait to share it with you.

This year, the children seem to have really taken to the picture and the resulting work has a real depth and variety of outcomes. We need to say a few thank-yous - Firstly, to all the staff, who stayed late last night to get the exhibition ready, with the majority being here late again tonight at the exhibition. The team will have truly earned their summer holidays this year! A special mention also to our amazing Chair of Governors, Liz Stone, a former Lewisham Headteacher, who has been in nearly every day to support the teachers and children. Thanks! A nod also to Y6 parents, Luke Frost & Louisa Loakes, who have supported Year 6 to create some simply stunning screen-prints. Thanks as well to: Neus, Natalie, Kathryn & Leila for supporting Reception's contribution.

We look forward to seeing you here, this afternoon.



**Creativity**

An environment where children develop the skills to think creatively, explore the world and communicate their



**PTA POWER**

Oh my gosh - look at those numbers... The Edmund Waller PTA are on another level at the moment. Obviously, the money is important and very welcome. But, from the school's view, the PTA's approach and their alignment with the school's ethos - placing an emphasis on equity and inclusion - has never been clearer. Last weekend's Summer Fair, was simply spectacular. Thanks to them, plus their legion of parent volunteers, for everything they do!

Edmund Waller PTA FUNDRAISING for 2024/2025	
• Half Marathon, 10km, Swim Serpentine	£2,930
• Fancy Dress sale	£360
• Winter Fair	£8,000
• Book and Wonky Bar sale	£950
• Tesco grant	£1,000
• Mini Marathon	£2,020
• Disco	£3,600
• Summer Fair and Raffle	£7,700
<b>★ Total =</b>	<b>£26,560</b>

**Ambitious for All**

Another year of strong results from across the school. We are very proud (again!) of the attainment of children right across the school. We have had consistently stable results over the last three years. This, we feel, shows that a school can be inclusive, creative and still maintain high expectations for all learners. Click on this article to see the headlines of the results. Well done to the whole school team and, of course, the children too ; )



**Ambition**

High expectations for all ensuring equitable access to the curriculum and other opportunities within school.

**Freedom Friday**

You may have heard cries of 'Freedom Friday' from your child, or talk of playing with different children over the last few weeks. We have just started an exciting long-term playground development project with OPAL Play. Over the coming months, with the help of the children (and some of you, we hope!) we will be adding to our playground offer and developing it in new and exciting ways. We would also like to hear from as many of you as possible. This will help us to identify key areas to develop. We look forward to sharing more on OPAL with you in September. Click on this article for a link to the OPAL Parent Survey

**Bowing Out in Style...**

As it comes to the end of the academic year, we are getting ready to say a series of goodbyes. The rogue's gallery below shows the lovely people who are leaving Edmund Waller to hitch their wagons' to new stars and head off for new adventures. Ms Davis, Ms Leach, Ms Furlonger, Ms Stapleton and the powerhouse that is Ms Murtagh - we salute you. Every one of these staff members has been part of the Waller journey to excellence. We are sure you will join us in thanking them for everything they have contributed to the school. Thanks



**SUMMER TERM#2**

Friday 11th July - Take One Picture Exhibition

Wednesday 16th July, 6.30pm, Rosen Hall  
Y6 present: The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe

Fri 18th July LAST DAY OF TERM - 2pm Finish