

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

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- Edmund Waller - In the News *Shopper!

- PTA - Call Out for Jolly Jars
- BOOKING FOR PLAYScheme - OPEN

Edmund Waller WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

10th October 2025

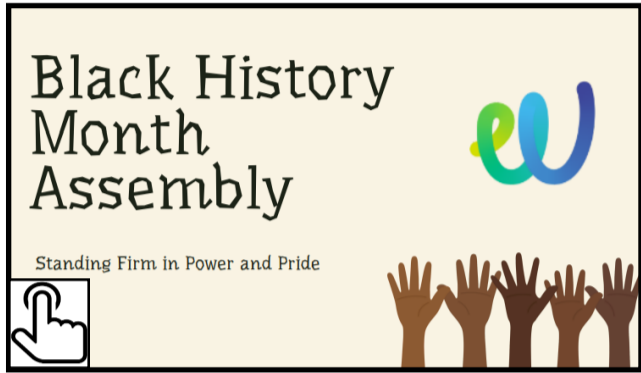
Black History Month 2025

In the UK, we have marked the achievements and contribution to society by key figures from traditionally underrepresented and marginalised peoples in October - designated Black History Month - since 1987. Black History Month first was started as an attempt to redress the clear imbalance in the way we view and teach history. The idea was first started in America, in 1926. It became more formally adopted in the States in 1976, where they mark Black History Month every February.

This year, we launched our Black History Month with an assembly, led by Ms Kalitsi (Y5), who explained some of the history and thinking behind why we celebrate this month, here in England. You can see the assembly slides by clicking on the picture (above left)

Last year, we did quite a bit of thinking about the way we mark this month and the purpose behind it. You can see the news broadcast that last year's Year 6 created with their findings by clicking on the 'Breaking News' banner, at the bottom of this article.

This year's theme for Black History Month is 'Standing Firm in Pride and Power'. Each year group will be looking at the life of a significant individual from our collective. They will present their work in an assembly to mark the end of Black History Month. We will share the outcomes in that week's newsletter. In the meantime have a look at the slides from the assembly, watch the Year 6 News Broadcast and have a conversation at home about what this means to your child.



BREAKING NEWS EDMUND WALLER DISCUSSES PUM

PTA Sale

It's that ghoulish time of year again soon. All Hallows Eve will be doubly exciting for some people as it falls on a Friday and during the school half term too. The PTA are holding a costume sale - you can bring your old ones to donate too. See the details below:

Halloween second hand costume and wellies sale

Thursday 23rd October 3:30-5 Blume Hall.
- WITH ADDED SNACK SHOP -

Please bring donations to the office (second hand costumes, wellies, coats and Christmas jumpers) by 22nd October.

We've Officially Made it!!

That's right - we are in the News Shopper - a longstanding fixture for local news in South London. Edmund Waller are delighted to be singled out as one of the most popular schools in Lewisham (by admissions applications.) Check out the article and see how we are doing compared to some of our local schools and our nearest rival ;) Click on the image below to see the article for yourself...

OPEN - PLAYScheme Booking - OPEN

Half term is fast approaching. To help take a bit of the childcare strain out of the week, we are open for playscheme for the entire week (27th Oct - 31st Oct). We are filling up quickly. If you would like to book a day (or more) then head over the School Gateway app to do so.

Getting Ready for the Fair...

One of our most popular stalls at the school fair is our Jolly Jars. This year we are collecting them through the autumn term up until the fair in the hope we don't run out on the day. Please feel free to fill your empty jars and drop them off at the office from today! Here's some inspiration:

- Sweets /Chocolates/Small Toys/Marbles/Stickers or tattoos/Pen, pencils, rubbers/Hairbands etc etc!

If you don't have any jars you can use small bags or any other suitable container.



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Autumn Term #1

Parent Teacher Meetings

Tues 21st & Weds 22nd Oct

Thurs 23rd Oct - PTA Sale

HALF TERM (& Playscheme)

Mon 27th - Fri 31st October

6th Nov - Flu Vaccinations

6th Dec - PTA Winter Fair



FANCY DRESS

WELLIES, COATS
AND XMAS JUMPERS

SALE

THURSDAY

23

OCTOBER

3.30-5pm

Blume Hall

SNACK
SHOP
OPEN!

Ahead of that, please bring in all your second-hand costumes, wellies, coats, and Christmas jumpers to the school office.

Come grab a bargain, give some much-loved costumes and winter clothes a new home, and enjoy a treat from our snack shop!

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