

THIS WEEK'S KEY INFO

• Big DIG thanks - Volunteers

• Humanity, CREATIVITY & Ambition
• 21st November - Dyslexia Workshops

• Girls' United Head to Wembley



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 **creativity**

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noun

the use of imagination or original ideas to create something; inventiveness.

Creativity #1 - Taking It Out of the Classroom

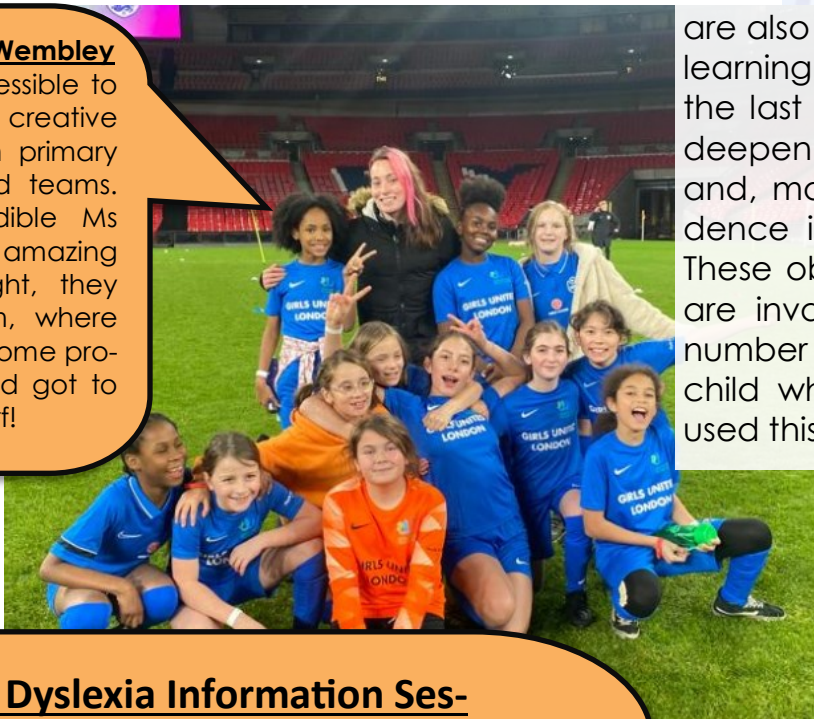
Teaching and learning has come a long way from the days of sitting in rows behind desks, listening to the teacher at the front - known in the trade as the 'Chalk & Talk'. We have done a lot of work on the

curriculum over the last year and actively encourage our teachers to find creative ways of bringing the lessons to life.

This week, walking around school, I found Ms Silverton and Estuary looking at reversible and non-reversible changes in their science lesson. I have also seen a growing confidence in the Reception outside area, as the team let the children lose on balance bikes - they are really beginning to fly!

Creativity #3 - On Their Way to Wembley

Making team sports more accessible to all our children has taken some creative thinking as currently Lewisham primary football do not accept mixed teams. Luckily, we have the incredible Ms Poole, who coordinates the amazing Girls' football team. Last night, they headed to Wembley Stadium, where they had the chance to meet some professional female footballers and got to train on the actual Wembley turf!



Last call for - Dyslexia Information Session For Parents & Carers

We will be running an online dyslexia information session for parents and carers on **Monday, 21st November at 6.30pm – 8pm**. The sessions will be led by Carol Berry from the Lewisham Specific Learning Difficulties Team and will look at how children with specific learning difficulties are supported in the classroom as well as how you can support at home. Please complete [this form](#) if you would like to attend.



This week sees us looking at the second of Edmund Waller's values - Humanity **Creativity** & Ambition. Whilst we cherish and promote the arts here, we do have a bit of a bugbear with the idea that these are the sole domain of creativity. Therefore, in this newsletter, we are going to focus on creativity in the broader sense. We have tried to find examples where we feel a creative approach has been taken to something in what, we hope, is representative of Edmund Waller's approach.

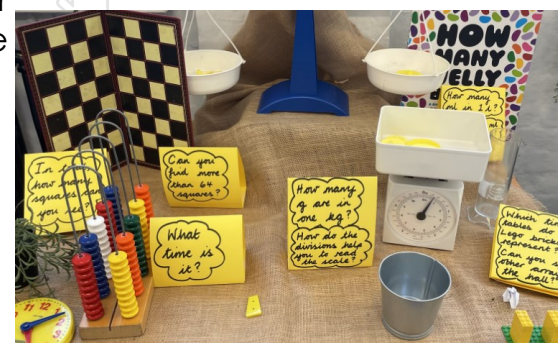
Creativity#2 - Making the School Even Better

One thing we never take for granted are our school grounds. We are truly blessed to have so much green space. Over the last couple of years, we have been developing the space so that we can use it for a wider range of teaching and learning purposes. However a big site means, lots of big jobs. So, a huge thank you to the parent volunteers who came and helped out on Saturday at our 'Big Dig'. A huge thanks also to Michelle Goodman and Dan Hudson for coordinating the event,



Creativity#4 - Making it Concrete

As well as staff approaching a subject in a creative way, we are also able to use a wide range of resources to support the learning. This is particularly true of our maths learning. Over the last few years, the idea of using actual objects to help deepen children's understanding in many areas of maths and, most importantly, irrespective of a given child's confidence in the subject, has become increasingly prevalent. These objects are often known as 'concrete' resources and are invaluable in underpinning a child's understanding of number work. Why not ask your child what resources they have used this week in maths?



Autumn Term 2022

Autumn 2 -

Monday 31st Oct – Friday 16th Dec
Winter Holiday

Mon 19th Dec - Tuesday 3rd Jan

Spring 1 -

Tuesday 3rd January - INSET DAY

Wednesday 4th Jan - Friday 10th Feb

Half-term:

Mon 13th February - Fri 17th February

XMAS EWrap
 Need a day to do your Christmas shopping? Still working? Then why not book a day (or three!) at our Winter EWrap. Places are booking up fast, with the majority currently going to non-Edmund Waller families - these places are limited. If you need any childcare over the festive period - get booking!



Booking - via School Gateway app - open NOW!!!

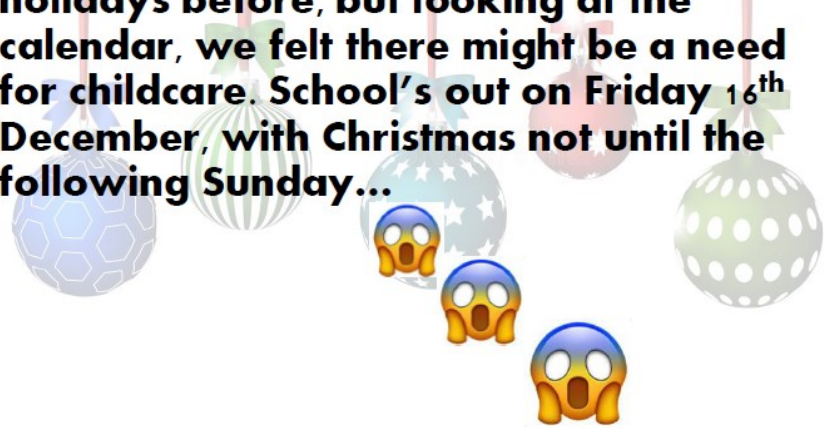


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**ChrisSSSSStmas?
 ...We've got it all
 EWrapped up**

EWrap

We've never ventured into the Winter holidays before, but looking at the calendar, we felt there might be a need for childcare. School's out on Friday 16th December, with Christmas not until the following Sunday...



Never fear, our wonderful EWrap team will be open Mon 19th - Weds 21st Dec, 9am - 5pm

£25 per day - children will need a packed lunch
 limited availability

Festive every day - Mince Pies and a Christmas party on Wednesday...

