



Edmund Waller

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



3rd July 2015

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 7th July 9:30-12:00
KS1 Sports Day
Thursday 9th July 6pm
Whole school performance at Catford Broadway
Monday 13th July 20
KS2 Sports Day at Goldsmiths' playing field
Friday 17th July 3:30pm
Summer Holiday begins
Monday 20th July – Friday 7th August
Summer Play Scheme

Summer Fair Thanks

We would like to take the opportunity to thank all members of our school community who worked so hard to make this year's Summer Fair such a success. We raised approximately £4,800 that will help to fund special educational projects across the school and a climbing frame for the playground. Bowie and Miles supported the fair and said: "We really enjoyed the Punch and Judy show, particularly the humour that the actors used. When we first arrived, the crocodile kept trying to bite Mr Punch and we could not stop laughing."

Whole School Performance at Catford Broadway

On Thursday 9th July, Edmund Waller Primary School will come together for an exciting celebration of the year's learning at South East London's legendary Broadway Theatre in Catford.

Every child in the school will be performing, from Reception to Year 6, in what promises to be a wonderfully rich collaboration between the pupils and their teachers. Art and music is integral to learning at Edmund Waller School and this evening is the culmination of an enormous amount of hard work and dedication from every member of the school.

The grand finale represents a huge achievement for the Year 6 children, now in their final year of school – they will be performing a self-composed Opera entitled 'Injustice', created in partnership with the Royal Opera House.

EVENT DETAILS:

Venue: Broadway Theatre, Catford, SE6 4RU

Children arrive: 5:15pm (earlier than previously advertised)

Performance time: 6pm

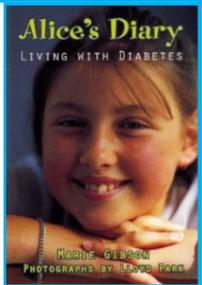
Tickets are now available from the Box Office: www.broadwaytheatre.org.uk

Telephone number: 0208690 0002

Many families have already made arrangements for transporting their children to The Broadway Theatre on the evening. If you have difficulties attending the evening yourself, please speak to other parents and carers about sharing the load. Team work from everyone will ensure an Edmund Waller celebration that your children will always remember.

Book Talk

Thea and Rianne in 5T have been reading the non-fiction book **Alice's Diary: Living with Diabetes** with the other children in their guided reading group. In the first diary entry, they learnt that Alice needed to go to the toilet all of the time and was also incredibly thirsty. The night before she wrote her first diary entry, she went to the toilet five times! The girls knew that this was unusual and she might have an illness. They wanted to share the book with everyone, because she knew that there was a reason that Alice's body was behaving this way. The girls learnt a number of interesting facts about diabetes, including that fact that it can cause weight loss. In Alice's diary, her jeans became so loose that she could fit two hands in the waistband. Another girl in Alice's class was also diagnosed with diabetes and Thea looked at her daily timetable to find out how their lives are different. She learnt that people with diabetes often begin the day with an injection of insulin. Thea knows some people who live with diabetes and reading **Alice's Diary** has helped her to have a little more understanding about their lives. All of the children in the class are very interested about what the other groups are reading. The girls have been able to tell their classmates all about diabetes and cannot wait to read a non-fiction book about Pompeii.



School Council Fundraising

Last Saturday, the School Council sold and raffled David Walliams books, DVDs and audio CDs at the School Fair, to raise money for The 999 Club.

They will continue selling and raffling the donations straight after school next week Mon—Tues on the playground. The raffle will be drawn in the whole school assembly on Monday 13th July, when new Councillors will also be announced.

Books, DVDs and audio CD are being sold for £8 each. Raffle tickets cost 50 pence for a strip of 5 tickets.



Free Summer Cycling Course

This Summer, Cycle Confident is working in partnership with Lewisham to provide free Individual cycle training to anybody who lives, works or studies in the borough.

Please see the website for details

www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/london-borough-of-lewisham/

A must-see opera, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

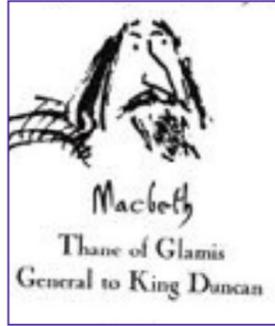
INJUSTICE

CATFORD BROADWAY THEATRE
6.00PM 9TH JULY 2015
WRITTEN BY & STARRING THE BRILLIANT EDMUND WALLER YEAR 6 CHILDREN



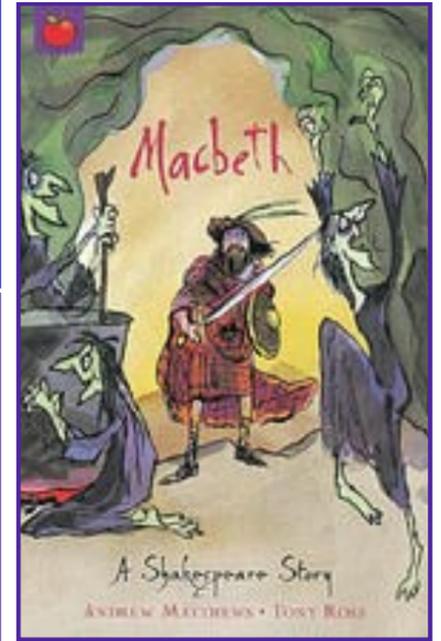
What a glorious week we have had at Edmund Waller! The EYFS and Year 2 classes visited Joss Bay and Whitstable respectively, as part of their topics. Meanwhile, the Year 3 and 4 children have been practising their Samba outside in the shade. In Year 5, the children have been familiarising themselves with the infamous characters and tragic events in Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, in preparation for their collaboration with the **Shakespeare in Schools Festival**, in the Autumn term. Our Year 6 team have enjoyed their final

residential visit to the glorious Isle of Wight. They have been sharing their experiences on the [6F blog](#) on the school website.



Tiernan: "Macbeth is the title character in one of Shakespeare's most famous tragedies. During the play he changes from the hero of Scotland into a sly traitor. As the play opens he has just fought against the Norwegian Army, saving Scotland from invasion. However, as he returns to his castle (Glamis Castle) he encounters the three witches, who prophesise that he will first become the Thane of Cawdor, before being crowned King."

Saqib: "There are different characters in the play apart from the title character, Macbeth. My group focused on the three witches, who are weird because they can read Macbeth's mind. They predict that Macbeth will become Thane of Cawdor and King of Scotland. They block his way as he leaves the battlefield and share their predictions. This leaves Macbeth feeling overwhelmingly confused."

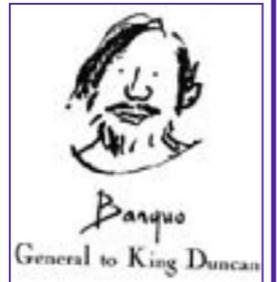


Angelica: "We first meet Lady Macbeth at home in Glamis Castle, where she has recently received a letter from her husband. He wrote to her from the battlefield, where he was victorious. His surprising news was that he was no longer just the Thane of Glamis. King Duncan had made him Thane of Cawdor, because he was one of his most trusted Generals. The letter also revealed that three evil witches told Macbeth he would be King of Scotland. Lady Macbeth was astonished to hear that she would become Queen. She could not remain calm and plotted treason against King Duncan."



Aina: "Banquo is also a General in the Scottish Army and is a friend of Macbeth. The witches tell him that his decedents are going to be kings. Banquo is hugely shocked to see witches, especially witches that

have such an unexpected news. I predict that Banquo will return later in the play and argue with Macbeth (who has now been crowned King of Scotland). I think that the play will be tragic for lots of reasons, including the fact that Banquo and Macbeth's friendships will be spoiled."



Isla: "Samba is brilliant music, because it has lots of complex rhythms. I play quite a simple rhythm on the Agogô Bells. However, when the music becomes faster, it becomes more challenging to stay in time and listen to your cues. I know this music is played in Rio (Brazil) at festivals and parties."



Malachi: "When I play in the Samba band I usually play the Tamborim. It has an incredibly loud sound, just like the other instruments. When I play, I feel like I am full of Samba."



Whole School Performance at Catford Broadway



Nell: "Samba is great fun, even though it is completely different from the music I usually listen to. I play the Tamborim, which is a Samba drum with quite a high pitch. I play with wooden beaters and can make a lot of noise."

Edie: "I usually play the Agogô Bells, which makes me feel awesome. There are five or six different instruments in a Samba band. I have also had the opportunity to play the Tamborim. I am looking forward to playing the heart beat on the Surdo, because it is so big and loud."

Frequently Asked Questions

How much do tickets cost?

All tickets cost £5. You may seat children under the age of 5 on your lap, if you wish.

Do we need to buy tickets for children?

No. All Edmund Waller pupils (Rec—Year 6) will not require a ticket. Any additional child guests will need their own ticket.

How do the children travel to the theatre on the evening of the 9th July?

Parents bring their children to the stage door **no later than 5:15pm. (This is earlier than previously advertised.)**

Can we take our children home after their performance?

We would encourage you to stay and support the Year 6 children performing their opera. There will also be a whole school song at the end of the evening. Reception children may be taken home during the interval.

Tickets are now available from the Box Office: