

January 2025

Head's update

I can't believe how quickly the first month of 2025 has gone!

Our learners came back happy and enthusiastic on Monday 6th January and have been really settled over the last month - I wish I could say the same about the weather! One minute, we are outside making the most of our play areas and the next, we are inside watching the rain fall. We do however, have a number of hardy learners who like to put on a waterproof and go out in all weathers! Our younger learners have enjoyed our mud garden and it has certainly lived up to its name - there has been a lot of jumping in muddy puddles!

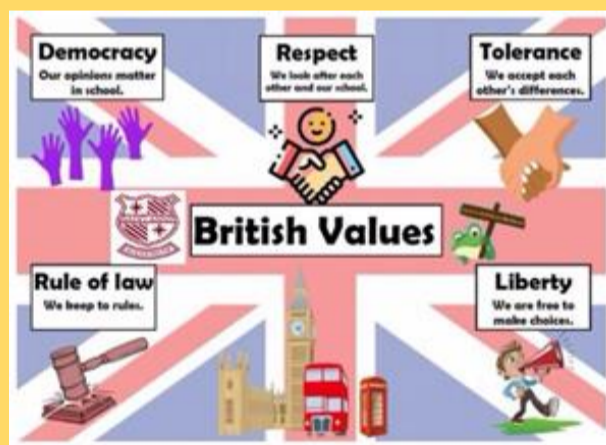
We have held a number of parent events this half term, including our monthly coffee morning, communication sessions with our speech therapists, and drop-in sessions with our Essex Careers Advisor. We also started our eight week parent information sessions for parents whose children started with us this year. Tomorrow (**Tuesday 4th February**), we have **Charmaine Champ from Clear Steps Consultancy in from 9.30am – 11.00am to deliver a session on toileting for complex learners**. This is open to the whole school – **if you would like to attend, please either complete the [Booking Form](#) or let Emma in the office know via: emmaa@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk**.

A couple of weeks ago, **Dan took our football team to play at Thriftwood College**. Our mixed football team is made up of learners in Years 10-14. The learners played really well against the Thriftwood team, some of whom played for local teams. We lost both our matches but our learners enjoyed the experience - one of our pupils in Gatwick class scored a penalty!

Two of our classes have been learning table cricket every week. We hope that when they compete they can follow the success of last year's team, who got to play in Newmarket!

Unfortunately, we have not been able to swim much this half term as Honywood swimming pool have been having work done, which has overrun. Hopefully this will be completed soon so we can restart swimming sessions, which many of our learners thoroughly enjoy!

We have had a variety of assembly themes since Christmas, ranging from religion and Chinese New Year, to Burns Night and National Storytelling Week. We try as much as possible to tie our themes in with British Values:



We had our first Governor meeting since Christmas last Monday! We updated the Governing Board about everything that we are doing in school to support our learners. The Governors also come into school regularly to meet with us and see for themselves what we get up to! You can see some of the fun we have in the photos on our newsletters.

Our next Parent Coffee Morning takes place this Friday (7th February) between 9.30am and 11.00am. Tasha, our Family Worker Manager, runs our coffee mornings and all parents/carers are invited to attend; it is always lovely to see as many of you as possible!

And finally, **it's two weeks until half term!** We break up at the usual time on Friday 14th February and will be back to school on Monday 24th February.

Best wishes,

Maggie

The Edith Borthwick School Newsletter

Edie's corner

Signs of the month January

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Winter



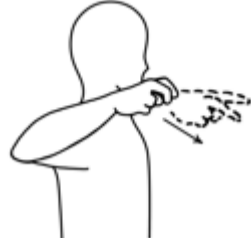
Word of the month



Rain



Snake (Year of the snake)



Edie's jokes of the month

How do all the oceans say hello to each other? They wave!

Why couldn't the pony sing himself a lullaby? He was a little horse! (Hoarse!)

Wolf class enjoyed getting musical last week as part of our 'Hobbies and Sports' topic!

We have enjoyed exploring a wide range of musical instruments and listening to different musical genres - our favourites are classical and rock!



Don't forget, our monthly coffee morning takes place on

Friday 7th February 2025 at 9.30am!

All parents/carers are welcome – some of our parents/carers who have been with us for a while have been really helpful for our new parents/carers who needed some support and guidance - and just to hear that they are doing a great job!

Some of the learners in **Gatwick class** enjoyed a sensory story called 'The Little Seed' during our horticulture lesson to help understand how plants grow! Everyone had great fun and showed great listening and communication skills during the story.



Flamingo class have been travelling all over the world to try different cuisines and to learn about new cultures! We recently tried noodles from China, cheese from France and pasta from Italy.



Join our monthly lottery!

'Your School Lottery' was set up to raise money and make a difference for our amazing learners - for every ticket you play, 74.2% goes to our school and prizes! **It's only £1 per ticket with the chance to win a £25,000 grand prize!**

[Your School Lottery](#)

Thank you to everyone who chose to donate their winnings to our school!

At The Edith Borthwick School, we **r**espect, **e**ncourage, **a**chieve, **c**are, and **h**ave fun!