

**March 2025**

## Head's update

Hello and welcome to what feels like the spring edition of our monthly newsletter!

With the weather being so much nicer (and more consistent!), **it has been lovely to see the learners wanting to go outside more.** There have even been days we haven't needed to wear coats, which has been nice.

This month, we have had two non-school uniform days. **The first was to celebrate World Book Day** - it was nice to see so many of our learners dressed up either as their favourite characters or in their favourite costumes! We had Mary Poppins, Harry Potter, dogs, superheroes, Minnie Mouse and lots of Wally's (from Where's Wally?). **Our second dress up day was last Friday for Comic Relief** - we encouraged staff and learners to wear something red and lots of people joined in, especially the staff – Juliet (Class teacher for Ostrich) looked fantastic as Mr. Incredible!

At the start of the month, **we were invited to participate in 'Beat the Streets'**. This is a fun game that encourages people to walk around their local environment, whilst having fun! Cards that can be tapped on the two boxes that we have on the school site were sent home to parents/carers, and classes also had a card. **Orangutan class seem to have particularly enjoyed this!**

Due to the retirement of Gill Clark after many years at the school, **we recruited Jackie, who started with us last week. We are thrilled that Jackie has been able to join our lovely admin team** and hope that she enjoys working at our school.

**Last Monday, we held a full Governing Body meeting. We were pleased to be able to formally welcome Robin, who will be joining us as our Co-opted Finance Governor.** Robin is a parent at our school and has a child in one of our younger classes. Thank you for agreeing to join us Robin – we look forward to working with you!

**This means that we still have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If anyone is interested and would like further information, please contact me via: [admin@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk).**

**If you want to know what the role entails from someone already doing it, please speak to Natasha during parent pick up or through the email address above.** Natasha is happy to explain what she does as SEN Governor.

As part of Natasha's role, **she has suggested changes to our monthly coffee mornings**, which we think are great. In future, **Natasha and Tasha (Family Worker Manager) will be running a monthly support hub called Parent Support Group.** This will still be the first Friday of every month, and will be offering a mix of informal chat, refreshments and advice from a parent's perspective around the things that come up for you.

**We are ending the month with our Bingo night tonight, in memory of our dear colleague Penny.** Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets (bingo and raffle), donated raffle prizes, and/or are attending tonight. I think it will be a lot of fun!

Have a lovely weekend and **a final special mention to all our fantastic mums and female carers who work with us every day to support their children, doing such a wonderful job. Enjoy your special day on Sunday and I hope that you get spoilt!**

Best wishes,

Maggie

## Edie's area

### Signs of the month March

#### Pancake

(Pancake Day, 4th Mar 2025)



#### Red

(Red Nose Day, 21st Mar 2025)



#### Book

(World Book Day, 6th Mar 2025)



#### Spring

(Spring Equinox, 20th Mar 2025)



#### Mum

(Mother's Day, 30th Mar 2025)



#### Celebrate

(Eid al-Fitr, 30th Mar to 31st Mar 2025)



### Edie's jokes of the month

**What's blue and smells like red paint?**

Blue paint!

**Why do giraffes have long necks?**

Because their feet smell!



### Word of the month



Look at this lovely photo of **Ostrich class** enjoying using the exercise equipment together!



**Don't forget, our Parents' Consultation Evening takes place on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025!**

Our Parents' Consultation Evening will be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April from 3.15pm – 6.00pm.

Appointments will be held either in person in your child's classroom, or virtually, dependant on your preference, and will last for approximately 10 minutes.

Please complete the [Parents' Consultation Evening Booking Form](#).

Your son/daughter's class teacher will confirm your allocated time on DOJO.

# The Edith Borthwick School Newsletter

Some of **Lemur class** went up to the food tech room!



## 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!

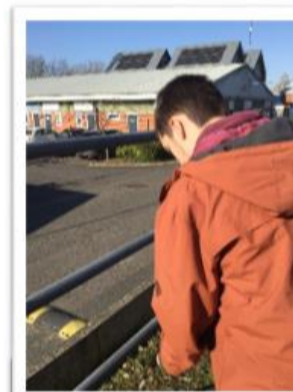
## Owl class in the mud garden



## Eco club updates

The Eco club have joined 'The Big School Clean Up' and went litter picking a couple of weeks ago!

We are also getting ready to go to an eco event after the Easter holidays!



Don't forget, **our Parent Support Group** takes place  
**on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30am!**

This session will be run by Natasha Powell, our Parent Governor.

At The Edith Borthwick School, we **respect**, **encourage**, **achieve**, **care**, and **have fun!**