

The Edith Borthwick School Weekly Update

Friday 13th September 2024

Head's Update

It has been a lovely first full week back this week! We have needed coats due to the cold (especially in the mornings!) but the learners have still enjoyed the field and on the whole, it has still been sunny enough to go outside. Next week is hopefully meant to be a bit warmer again!

Staffing updates

We said goodbye last Friday to SJ, our Therapy Lead. She worked at our school for over ten years and worked with many families in that time. **Emma, one of our therapists, interviewed for the role and was successful, so she is now in charge of all our therapy provision!** We are advertising for a new Speech Therapist to replace her.

Debbie F, who was instructor in Lion class last year, has become our new whole school Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA). She will be teaching across the school whenever a teacher is off, and will work in all classes.

Emma T, who was instructor in Gatwick last year, has joined our teaching team in Gatwick as a job share. We also **welcome Victoria to Chameleon class as a job share teacher, and Sam to Lemur class as their teacher.**

We are sad to say goodbye to Rebecca today, who is our Enterprise lead, and who also organizes our school council and Jack Petchey awards. Rebecca has been at the school for an amazing 15 and a half years! She has got a fantastic new job working in a Post-16 provision and training as a teacher, so hopefully she may come back to us in the future.

Activities start next week, so class teachers will let you know about swimming and off-site activities, which will be happening. They will let you know what kit you need, via DOJO and Parentmail. **If you haven't signed up for DOJO, please do, as it is our main form of communication with parents;** the class staff and our IT team can help if you need it.

Thanks for all your support again with the car park – **remember to get here no earlier than five minutes before the time, if you are picking up your child.**

Drop off is 9.20am and pick up is 2.55pm for parents. Please also remember not to leave your child – **YOU MUST stay with them until they are collected by a member of staff.**

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday!

Best wishes,
Maggie

Attendance reminders

If your child will be absent from school for any reason, **please ring the absence line (option 1) before 9.00am.**

Upcoming dates

Flu vaccinations (R-Y14) – Weds 25th & Thurs 26th September 2024

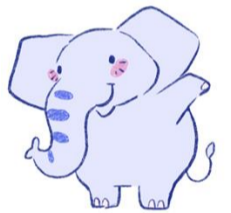
Non-pupil day – Fri 25th October 2024

Half term – Mon 28th October – Fri 1st November 2024

**Coffee morning – Fri 11th October 2024
9.30am-11.00am**



Edie's corner



Signs linked to Julie's Spotlight (see second page)

Journey



Transport



Number



Colour



Edie's joke of the week

Why is it always cold in a football stadium?

Because of all the fans!

Word of the Week



friendship

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Class of the Week

Leopard class

Julie, Class teacher says...

All our learners in Leopard class are new to the school and are at the start of their EB **journey**. **They have all settled in really well into the school day and are thriving with the structure, routine and learning taking place**, despite only being here for two weeks. **Using school transport has been a little daunting at times** but they have persevered and are now confident going to and from school!

This term our learning topic is 'me and my world', so lots of our learning is based around small weekly themes supporting this. So far in class, **we have done some number and colour exploration, enjoyed making ICT toys work using switches, used our senses to feel, smell and taste during messy play, loved spending time on the soft play bus and in the mud garden and started to build relationships with people around us.**

In the next few weeks, we will encounter some more different experiences with **visits from Diddi dance and Anita, exploring music and moving our bodies**, which I already know they will love.

All the Leopard team are very proud of you all, keep up the hard work!

Favourite Hobby/Activity of the Week

As part of our Weekly Update, we have a **'Favourite Hobby/Activity' section** so that we can include our staff and learners' favourite things!

For example, 'Favourite Hobby/Activity' might cover things such as:

- **Playing with pets** (if you have a photograph and information about your pet)
- **Sensory** (if you have a favourite sensory item)
- **Physical** (if you have a special toy, book or item that means a lot, or if you have brought back something special from a trip or holiday, or if you have something from your culture you'd like to show)
- **Hobby/Talent** (if you have a special hobby or talent such as rock/penny/stamp collecting, dancing, train spotting etc)

We welcome and appreciate all submissions, and we love to see and champion things that our learners love!

Please send any submissions to:
admin@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk for the attention of Emma Amos

Busy Things

We all love using 'Busy Things' at school, it's great for fun and learning!

Our learners can access it at home using the following details:

Website: www.busythings.co.uk

Username: home3093

Password: red1043

Join our monthly Lottery!

The **'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 the school!