

The Edith Borthwick School Weekly Update

Friday 17th May 2024

Head's update

Happy Friday!

The sun has finally come out and it is lovely seeing our learners enjoying the field, after so much rain!

On Tuesday, **some learners from our Heathrow class started their work experience at Yarra Farm.** This work experience has been organized by Gary, our Careers Lead and is supported by the local Rotary Club, who work with our learners and staff on the site. Unfortunately, the day was wet, but the learners still managed to enjoy themselves!

Also on Tuesday, **we held a Friends of Edith Borthwick School (FOEBS) meeting.** I was able to properly **thank the FOEBS parents for funding our lower school climbing frame and most of our accessible roundabout.** We agreed in the meeting that **we will now start to fundraise for an accessible swing,** so that our wheelchair users can swing alongside their peers. We also discussed **the upcoming Leavers' Ball in July** - FOEBS support with this and help provide food on the night. **Our next FOEBS meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd July 2024 at 9.30am,** and it's always lovely to see new faces!

Our theme for this week was 'Families'. Classes have looked at all the different ways that families are made up. During one of our assemblies, the learners in Sea Lion, Flamingo, Tortoise, Aardvark and Stansted played 'Guess the family' from TV theme tunes (The Simpsons and Peppa Pig!) and then named members of their own families and our families.

Now that the weather is getting warmer, please continue to make sure that learners attend school in school uniform. Since September, this has not been optional. The uniform is detailed on our [website](#).

Don't forget that we break up for half term next week on Friday 24th May!

Enjoy your weekend!

Best wishes,

Maggie

Spotlight on...

Enterprise

Rebecca, Enterprise Manager says...



It has been another busy term in Enterprise!

On a Thursday, we **offer amazing staff lunches** where our learners purchase the ingredients, take the **orders**, cook the food and **deliver** the final product to staff members!

Learners use **skills such as budgeting, money handling, food hygiene and safety.**

On a Friday, for our café option **we bake! The café is a large part of Enterprise where we serve our peers and staff,** learning about money handling and customer service. I work closely with Gary (Careers Leader) to gauge skills which can go towards work experience options for our learners.

We also do crafts including handmade cards, gifts and wooden items alongside DT - we hope to be able to sell our handmade items again in the near future!

A recent success from our school council is that **we have had a new inclusive roundabout installed** in our lovely playground! Our learners also recognised that the staircases in school can be difficult to navigate when there are lots of people using them. **They suggested placing stickers of arrows on the floor to indicate an up and down system, ensuring staff and learners stay to the left when going up and down,** resulting in the **safety** of all learners. **The arrows have now been put in place and are working well!**

Watch this space - **planning for the Summer Ball has begun!** Our learners have chosen the theme and have contributed **ideas** towards making sure it is a magical celebration for our leavers and their families!



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Edie's corner

Signs linked to Rebecca's Spotlight

Idea



Deliver

Directional



Large (big)



Safe (keep safe)

To emphasis 'Safe'
draw formation back
towards body



Order

Directional



+



Hand turns
sharply away
by wrist
movement,
then circles
back to the
left

Edie's jokes of the week

Why wouldn't the crab share
his sweets?

Because he was a little
shellfish! (Selfish!)

What do you get when you
cross a joke with a rhetorical
question?

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Word of the week



hydration

Upcoming dates

Summer term

Half term Mon 27th – Fri 31st May 2024

Term starts Mon 3rd June 2024

Non-Pupil days Fri 28th June & Mon 1st July 2024

Term finishes Tues 23rd July 2024

Elsewhere around the school

Tortoise class made cacti in Art and Design!



Iguana class have worked hard on their reading and IT skills, using the iPads to research the history of the Olympics. They learnt to use the 'speak' function on the iPad to help them understand more complex texts!



Crocodile class have enjoyed learning about pirates and also made boats! For science, we explored which materials did, and didn't, make a good boat!



Flamingo class' first trip to Danbury!



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💡 Eco tip of the week 💡

Swap plastic bottles for glass bottles!

Glass spray bottles last longer, meaning you can use them for all your favourite refillable cleaning products

Favourite hobby/activity of the week

If you have any photos or stories that you would like us to share, please email:

admin@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk

ECO-Schools update

On Monday, we went to Abberton Reservoir and looked at their bug house to get some ideas for our bug house at school!



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 a fantastic way to bring parents, carers, staff and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time giving something back!

It's only £1 per ticket with the chance to win a £25,000 grand prize!

Click on the following link to enter:

[Your School Lottery](#)

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