

The Edith Borthwick School Weekly Update

Friday 18th October 2024

Head's Update

This week has possibly been my favourite theme for assemblies and learning – **it's National Baking Week!** Heathrow made my favourite, which is apple and blackberry crumble, and Sea Lion made some cookies. **Many classes have cooked this week**, even if it is not technically baking - Orangutan made some cheesy omelettes! **We try in our older classes to make sure that food technology ties in with life skills**, so learners are taught to make dishes that are easy to make at home without much equipment.

We also try and **tie cookery in with enterprise**, so classes come up with an idea of what to cook, advertise it to staff, work out about the money and go shopping for the ingredients! At the moment we have:

- Southend making bacon rolls and sandwiches on a Monday
- Gatwick making filled rolls on a Friday
- Heathrow make staff lunches on a Thursday. At the moment they are offering filled paninis, and cake. At other times, they offer salads and jacket potatoes.

All these cooking activities are very popular with staff and the learners enjoy them because **they use the money to put towards end of year trips out!**

Please can I remind parents to drop learners at 9.20am and collect at 2.55pm. There are a number of learners who are being dropped too early, which causes issues with the buses in the morning because it makes the car park too congested. If learners are collected too late, it impacts on the staff, many of whom finish at 3pm. Thank you for support with this - we want to keep the car park as safe as possible.

We are looking for another trustee to join the Friends of Edith Borthwick School (FOEBS) charitable organization. This group is vital in raising funds for the school - if you are interested in joining, please email: admin@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk. **Their AGM is Wednesday 27th November 2024 at 9.30am if you would like to join.**

Our Halloween discos take place next Thursday - **our learners and staff are welcome to dress up in Halloween costumes for the day! This will be the last day of half term for learners, and next Friday is a non-pupil day**, so staff will be in school but learners will need to stay at home. We hope you have a lovely half term and we look forward to welcoming our learners back on Monday 4th November at the usual time.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

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

Halloween disco (daytime)

Thurs 24th October 2024

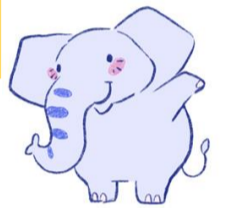
Non-pupil day

Fri 25th October 2024

Half term

Mon 28th October – Fri 1st November 2024

Edie's corner



Signs linked to Becky's Class of the week (See second page)

Confidence (Confident)

Two taps over heart



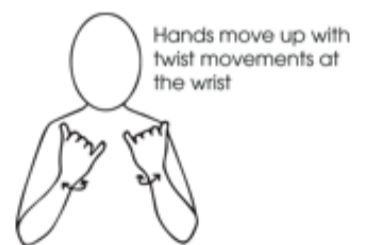
Food



Kicking



Celebration (Celebrate)



Edie's joke of the week

Word of the Week



astronaut

Why wouldn't the shrimp share his treasure?

Because he was a little shellfish!

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Class of the week

Meerkat class

Becky, Class teacher says...

This term has been a great start to the year! Our learners have embraced their new classroom, adults and peers!

We have seen the learners' **confidence grow within communication and social interactions**, as well as transitioning around the school and trying new ways of working and learning.

This term's topic is '**Me and my world**' and we have had great fun exploring our different senses, people who help us, our families, our school, and healthy living.

We loved **exploring and tasting new foods, building on our fine and gross motor skills, as well as enjoying music lessons, the mud garden and assemblies!** The learners have also had fun **in our swimming lessons exploring the water and practicing their kicking skills!**

Over the next half term, we will be looking at the **weather, environments, different transport, and celebrations** and traditions such as Hanukkah, Diwali and Christmas!



Elsewhere around the school

Crocodile class enjoyed making pizza stars for their weekly topic stars, and did brilliantly at helping to tidy up!



Flamingo class had a fantastic day at Aerozone! We got to meet police dogs, dress up as airport staff, watch the planes and so much more!



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!

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