

The Edith Borthwick School

Weekly Update

Friday 21st July 2023

Head's Update

Welcome to the last newsletter of the year - what a year it has been! We have had some negative events such as rubber fires, power cuts and strikes, but we've also had some really positive events, such as discos, fun days, the Coronation, Easter egg hunts, Trek for TEBS and lots of other lovely events!

Over the year, we have said goodbye to some of our staff who have moved onto new adventures. We have also welcomed some lovely new staff to our team. This week, **we celebrated the retirements of our two longest serving members of staff – Janet, who has been a Midday Assistant for 30 years and Jane, who has been our Food Technology teacher for 38 years!** What an amazing achievement for them both. We wish them every happiness for the future and hope that they keep in touch. We would also like to thank anyone else who is leaving at the end of term.

We will also be temporarily losing Juliet and Cristina, Class Teachers, today because they will be starting their maternity leave. We can't wait to meet their little ones (and have a cuddle!) and wish them every happiness in the upcoming months!

We finished last week with our Leavers' Ball. It was a lovely night and I know from the comments this week how much the staff and learners enjoyed themselves. Our learners did themselves proud, with everyone choosing to communicate something during the speeches! Most of the learners did lots of dancing, as did some of the staff! We will really miss our leavers and wish them the very best of luck in the next steps that they have chosen. **Please see photos on page 3!**

Some of our older learners went to Southend this week to take part in a friendly football match against Dan Woodman's new school, The St. Christopher School! I was thrilled when they came back and **told me that they had won 12-7!** What an achievement. I was impressed by my match reports from Ted and Miley! **Please see a photo on page 2!**

Just a reminder that all learners up to, and including, Year 11 (age 16) need to be wearing full school uniform, either from one of our suppliers or from a supermarket. This can be sensory friendly, so black joggers and black trainers are acceptable. We look forward to them wearing it when they return.

See you on Tuesday 5th September for the 'Meet the Team' morning. **Every learner is back fully on Wednesday 6th September 2023, unless they are part of a staggered transition.**

Thank you for all your support this year - it has been fantastic. I hope that you have a lovely summer!

Kind regards,

Maggie and team

The Edith Borthwick School

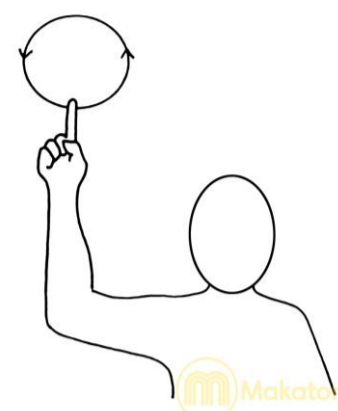
Weekly Update

Friendly football match against The St. Christopher School



Sign of the week

Sun



Upcoming dates

04/09/2023 – Non-Pupil Day

05/09/2023 – 'Meet the Team' sessions

06/09/2023 – First full day back for learners (unless they are part of a staggered transition)

Trek 4 TEBS

Please be reminded that the deadline for all donations for 'Trek 4 TEBS' was Friday 23rd June 2023

★ Pets of the Week ★

Names: Barnaby and Dotty
Types: Dogs – Cavalier King Charles Spaniels
Owner: Harvey

Likes: They are very friendly, love people, cuddles, food and have lots of energy!

Dislikes: The rain

Fun fact: They get on really well.

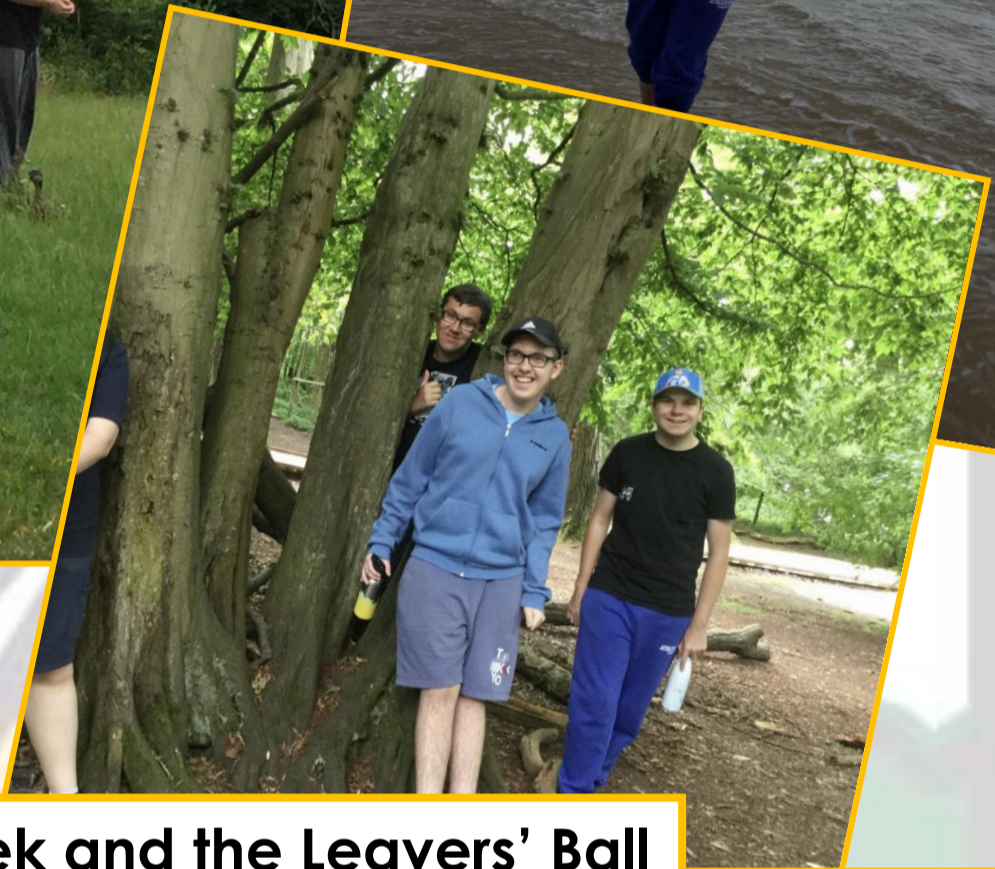
A great big **THANK YOU** to all staff and learners/parents/carers who submitted their pets for Pet of the Week this academic year – we have loved seeing all your furry, scaly, smooth or slimy members of the family!



Pet



The Edith Borthwick School Weekly Update



Leavers' week and the Leavers' Ball

