## The Edith Borthwick School Weekly Update

## Friday 24th May 2024

### Head's update

Good afternoon

This week we have been celebrating smile month, which is very appropriate because our learners are so smiley a lot of the time. Every time that I show round visitors, they often comment about how friendly they are.

The early years classes shared their favourite songs to make each other smile in assembly. ©

Around the school this week:

On Tuesday Crocodile and Meerkat class had a visit from Matipo Performing arts and then Crocodile stayed behind and had a drama workshop. The feedback was excellent and the learners really enjoyed it. A couple of learners from Wolf joined in because it was such fun!

Rhino class have been thinking about people who help us, with a focus this week on the Police. They learnt about what the police wear and do and loved trying on the real uniform.

Hippo have been making a lovely fruit salads and practising their cutting skills.

Enjoy your half term and we look forward to seeing our learners after half term on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

Best wishes,

Maggie

#### Spotlight on...

#### Art & Design

Janet Bull, Art & Design Lead says...



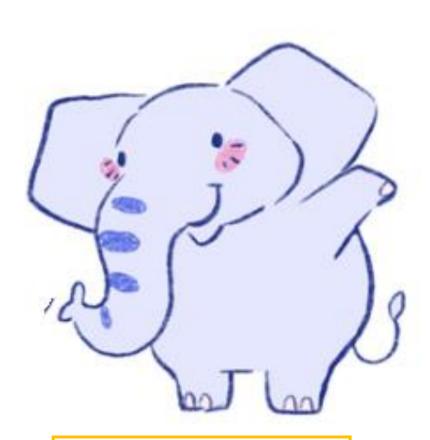
Our topic this term is plants! Gatwick and Southend classes have made terrariums out of coffee jars - they had fun making tiny clay objects to go inside. We used moss that we collected on the residential trip to Danbury!

Southend and Gatwick classes made herb garden labels, and Stansted and Iguana made leaf mobiles which we hope to sell at the school summer fair! Orangutan class made paper mache cacti, and Heathrow class made plaster heads that have paper plants for hair

In the options group on a Friday afternoon, the learners can choose a project of their own. We have had a super glove puppet, cup and plate set and a full head rabbit mask and lots more.



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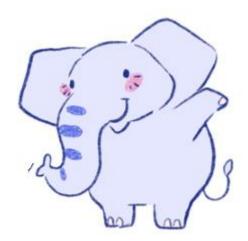




A great big thank you to

#### **FOEBS**

For designing our new Edie!



#### Elsewhere around the school

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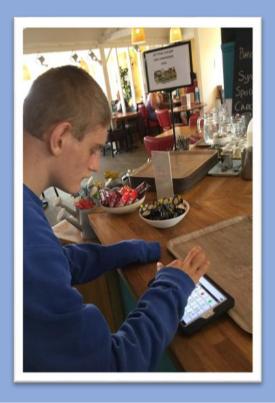
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### **ECO-Schools update**

We went to Cherry Lane Garden Centre to buy some soil and flowers for our wildlife garden. The students also had the opportunity to get a drink, and work on our communication and money skills!









## 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!

## **Upcoming dates**

#### Summer term

Half term Mon 27th – Fri 31st May 2024

Term starts Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

Non-Pupil days Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June & Mon 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024

**FOEBS meeting** Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> July 9.30am – 11.00am

Term finishes Tues 23rd July 2024