



The Edith Borthwick School Weekly Update



Friday 25th October 2024

Head's Update

It seems amazing to us in school that **we have been with our new classes for eight weeks!** We have done so much and really got to know the new classes, our new learners and our new staff. It has been lovely seeing our new learners grow in confidence and begin to make connections and friends.

Our theme has been Halloween - it was really lovely ending the half term yesterday with our two school discos. **Thanks to Heathrow class for decorating the hall and Southend class for setting up and running the disco.** We have some budding DJs in school! **Our Friends of Edith Borthwick provided 1000 glow sticks for us to party with** - the learners really enjoyed themselves and there was some great dancing!

Lots of activities have been going on around school to link with the Halloween theme, such as apple bobbing, pumpkin carving, Halloween cooking, making hats and Halloween crafts! **Lots of learners were dressed in fancy dress yesterday**, which looked great at the discos - there were definitely some superheroes and princesses in with the Halloween costumes!

This brings me on nicely to **our Christmas show.** We have picked **the theme 'Heroes and Villains'** this year, and in our staff meeting, teachers started planning their class acts. **After half term, we will share dates with you for the run up to Christmas.**

We have had a couple of situations over the last few weeks where a wheelchair professional has come into school to service individual learners' wheelchairs. **We don't get notified when this is going to happen, so if you (as parents) find out, please let your teacher know to make sure that we are in school when they come.**

Enjoy your half term and we look forward to welcoming all our young people back on Monday 4th November!

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

Half term

Mon 28th October – Fri 1st November

Parent/Carer coffee morning

Fri 8th November 9.30am – 11.00am

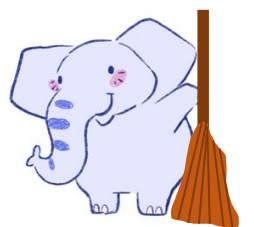
Children in Need

Fri 15th November

FOEBS AGM

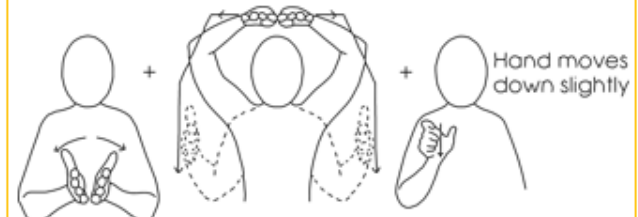
Wed 27th November 9.30am

Edie's corner



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

Librarian



Brushing teeth



Massage



Emergency



Word of the Week



Autumn

Edie's joke of the week

What do you call a witch who lives at the beach?

A sand-
witch!



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Class of the week

Tiger class

Catherine, Class teacher says...

Tiger class have had a great first half term and have settled well into the new school year – we are also looking forward to a week's break next week!

This term, **we have enjoyed exploring our topic of 'Me and my world'**. We have looked at 'Me and my body', 'Friends, family and people who help us', and 'My home, my school and my health'. Alongside our daily activities, we have enjoyed some special visitors, including The Travelling **Librarian**, bag books, Diddi Dance with Charlotte, and music with Anita.

In 'independence and life skills', **we have worked on brushing our hair and exploring hair accessories, as well as brushing our teeth**. We have also enjoyed **exploring our emotions in sensory massage**.

In 'thinking and learning', **we have looked at counting and number recognition up to 10, ensuring we understand 1:1 correspondence, as well as exploring different colours, shape and sizes**.

In 'communication', **we have enjoyed listening to different sensory stories and exploring props linked to our topic**, including 'Me and my body', '**emergency**', 'the three little pigs' and 'this is the way we look after ourselves'.

Next half term, **we are very excited to get ready for Christmas, and will continue to explore 'Me and my world', looking at the weather and environments, transport and the world, and celebrations and traditions!**



Spooky goings on around the school

Sea lion class have made Halloween sweet bags and sold them in Enterprise this term! We made 64 bags and sold them to staff, making a total of £60 for the class!



Wolf class enjoyed the Halloween festivities!



Ostrich class enjoyed pumpkin carving!



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