

The Edith Borthwick School Weekly Update

Friday 28th June 2024

Head's update

Happy Friday!

I hope that you have a nice extended weekend - tomorrow looks like it is going to be a nice sunny day!

This week, classes have been looking at world music, as last Friday was World Music Day! In assembly, Klavia talked to the classes about songs and music, with instruments from different countries around the world. Learners tried to guess what country they were from e.g. the didgeridoo from Australia, the bagpipes from Scotland, steel pan drums from the Caribbean, and country music from the USA.

We are excited about the class lists going out today! As always, we have been working on these since March to make sure that we really look at every learner and put them where we think they will be happy and settled and with a nice peer group.

The new teams are spending today and Monday reading the PSSs, EHCPs and care plans, so that they can begin to make decisions on what the learning and support will look like for individuals in September. **Our staff are excited about year ahead!**

I share the sad news that **yesterday saw the death of Sir Jack Petchey, at the age of 98**. The businessman and former owner of Watford Football Club gave opportunities for young people across London and Essex through sport, science and art.

Sir Jack left school aged 13 without any qualifications, but through his entrepreneurial spirit, became one of Britain's most successful businessmen. This enabled him to achieve his ambition of giving young people the opportunities and confidence he lacked as a child. He always told young people, **'if you think you can, you can'**. His foundation has invested more than £170 million into youth projects and it also provides grants to young people at youth organisations and secondary schools through the Jack Petchey Achievement Award Scheme. Our school has benefitted greatly from his awards over the years which have been used to fund class trips, buying resources and improving some of our outside areas. **Rebecca, our Jack Petchey lead, has sent a card to say thanks and to offer condolences.**

Have a nice weekend and we look forward to seeing our learners on Tuesday!

Best wishes,

Maggie

Spotlight on...

Occupational Therapy

Abbie, Occupational Therapy Apprentice says...

My role is to **learn** about the occupational therapy process and also support the universal offer of occupational therapy throughout the school! This often involves sessions in class looking at environmental factors that may impact the sensory system. I also support training of **teachers**, teaching assistants and parents. I manage the timetables that support our learners to access the various sensory supporting environments we have at the school such as the **swing** rooms, crash room and sensory cabin.

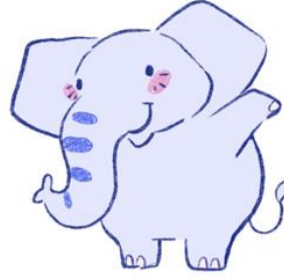
I have accessed additional training around the sensory system, neurodiversity, trauma informed practice and I am in the process of accessing a primitive reflexes course.

I thoroughly enjoy working with all of our learners and always leave a session in class with a **smile** on my face!

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Edie's corner



Signs linked to Abbie's Spotlight

Learn



Teacher



Swing



Smile



Edie's jokes of the week

What do you get when a
dinosaur sneezes?

Out of the way!

What do you get if you cross a
cow and a trampoline?

Milkshake! (*Milk shake!*)

Word of the week



Upcoming dates

Summer term

Non-pupil day

Mon 1st July 2024

FOEBS meeting

Tues 2nd July 2024 (9.30am – 11.00am)

Arts Week

Mon 8th – Fri 12th July 2024

Family picnic

Sat 13th July 2024 (11.00am – 1.00pm)

Summer ball

Fri 19th July 2024

Term finishes

Tues 23rd July 2024

Attendance reminders

If your child will be absent from school for any reason, **please ring the absence line (option 1) before 9.00am.**

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 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 the school!

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Elsewhere around the school

Zebra 1 class have been having fun in the sun in the garden!



Iguana class have been learning how to cross the road safely, we went for a lovely walk and all learners did so well!



Aardvark class have been doing their DofE walk!



Eco update

How lovely is our ECO garden?

