

# The Edith Borthwick School Weekly Update

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

## Head's Update

It was so lovely to end our week by seeing some sun this morning while doing the car park, after such a wet week.

Through our assemblies this year we will be looking at British Values and supporting our learners with what this looks like for them, and within our school. This week we have been looking at Respect, through the topic of Harvest. Gary (our Careers Leader) has organised for us to collect for the local Food Bank and we would really appreciate it if you are able to send in anything to either to your child's class teacher, or to Tracey in reception.

Last week we had two days of vaccinations in school. As usual our learners were amazing and made us proud of how calm they were. We received this lovely feedback from the vaccination team this week:

*"I would like to feed back that all members of staff were welcoming and extremely helpful and the children were very well behaved and a credit to the school".*

Last Friday Heathrow class did our first fundraising event of the year with their Macmillan cake sale. This was disrupted by us having to close the school but amazingly they still managed to make nearly £190! Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and who sent in money to buy them. There were some happy learners (and staff!).

The learners came back really well on Monday, despite Friday being so different to their usual routine. I have had one learner who has asked me every day this week if the water has gone off, and if he can go home and I've had to disappoint him and tell him that it is all fine now!

We had our first governors meeting last week. In the next few weeks we will be looking for a new parent governor and also some co-opted governors, to expand our small Governing Body. The Governing Body do a really important job in supporting us to run the school effectively and efficiently. We are always looking for anyone who would like to support our school in this way.

To be a parent governor you either need a child in our school, or a child in a different school with additional special educational needs. To be a co-opted governor, you need to have skills that the governing board feel would contribute to the effective governance and success of the school. At the moment the governing body are particularly looking for a governor with financial expertise.

If you or anyone that you know would be interested in becoming a Governor, please contact the Chair of Governors Mrs. Stephanie Taylor on the email below for more information.

[stephaniet@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk](mailto:stephaniet@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk)

I wish you all a nice weekend.

**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

### Coffee morning

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024 from 9.30am-11.00am

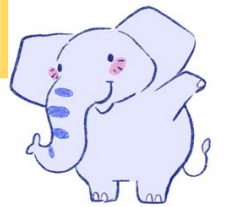
### Non-pupil day

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### Half term

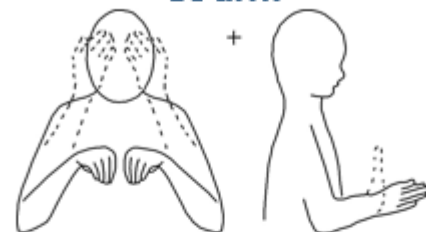
Mon 28<sup>th</sup> October – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

## Edie's corner



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

#### Learnt



#### Enjoyed

Facial expression + important



#### Smell



#### Home



### Word of the Week



home

## Edie's joke of the week

**What did one plate say to the other?  
Dinner is on me!**

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## Class of the Week

### Owl class

Lizzie, Class teacher says...

Owl class have had an amazing first few weeks back to school - **we've even learnt the sign for 'owl' and we use it every day!**

**Our topic this term is 'Me and my world'** and so far, **we've looked at ourselves and our families.** We **explored our senses** through different activities, such as sorting materials and describing how they feel. We've also **developed our likes and dislikes**, trying new foods and **smells**, just like in our story! It's been very interesting to see the reactions during food tasting!

**We've enjoyed 'cooking' sessions in class**, where we enjoy the process of the activity rather than the outcome – some learners just like the ingredients!

We've also been enjoying our music sessions with Anita, and Diddi dance with Charlotte. **We are really good at moving our bodies to music and having a fun time!**

Over the next few weeks, **we will be looking at our homes and our school**, as well as exploring some **seasonal topics!**



## Favourite Hobby/Activity of the Week

Richard has started another season at Witham Town Soccability! Last season, he interacted much more with the coaches and other players. Richard takes great care with his training kit!



Please send any submissions for Favourite

Hobby/Activity of the week to:

[admin@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk)

for the attention of Emma Amos.



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## Elsewhere around the school

**Sea lion class** enjoyed making rocket pictures and doing a space treasure hunt around the school!



**Ostrich class** enjoyed practising their cutting skills whilst making a claw grabber out of paper cups during DT with Janet!



## 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!**

[Your School Lottery](#)

**Thank you to everyone who chose to donate their winnings to the school!**