

April 2025

Head's update

This will be a short newsletter as half of April was during the Easter holidays!

We have enjoyed the glorious weather this week. The field is full of daisies and some of our learners have enjoyed picking them this week! Please remember to send in sun lotion and to complete our online form giving us permission to apply it during the day - if you need any support with this, speak to your class teacher.

Last month, I mentioned 'Beat the Streets' that some of our learners took part in. **Our 47 players managed to come 30th out of 72, and we came first in the 'Empowered' category.** Well done to everyone who took part!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Bingo night, donated raffle prizes or bought raffle tickets. We made an impressive £716.50 for Farleigh Hospice, in memory of our colleague Penny.

On Wednesday 2nd April, we held our Easter discos. Thanks to Southend class and Mr White for being our resident DJs on the day. **We had our usual guest appearance from the Easter bunny,** who proved very popular! He also visited classes on other days across that last week.

Classes engaged in a variety of Easter activities during the last week of term. Thank you to the parents of one of our older learners, who donated some money to buy Easter eggs for the learners in each class - it was much appreciated.

It was nice to see so many parents in person and virtually for our Parents' Evening. Sorry we didn't have any displays up – we were waiting for our new display boards, which Tony put up during the holidays. They are already filled with lovely work, thanks to our teachers!

Today, **we had a visit from Ralph Holloway, Catherine Muldoon, and Adam Dean (Head of School at Chatten Free School) to look at the provision for our learners.** They were very complementary about what they saw. As usual, our learners were amazing and made me feel very proud!

Have a lovely long bank holiday weekend, enjoy the sun and we look forward to seeing our learners on Tuesday 6th May!

Best wishes,

Maggie

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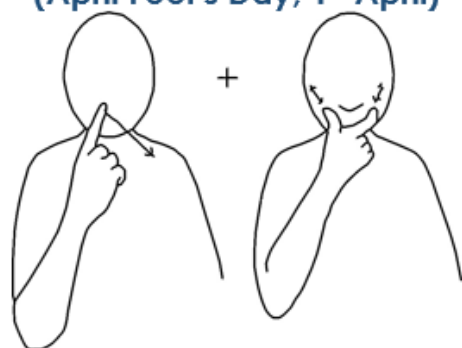
Edie's area

Signs of the month

April

Tell a joke

(April Fool's Day, 1st April)



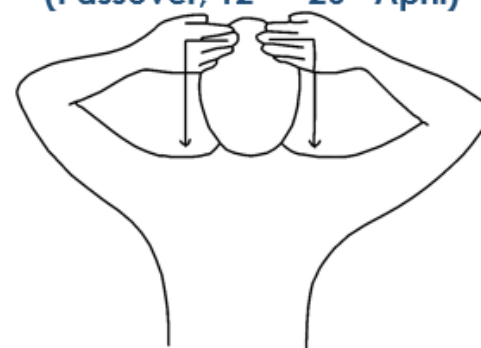
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(World Autism Awareness Day, 2nd April)



Egypt

(Passover, 12th – 20th April)



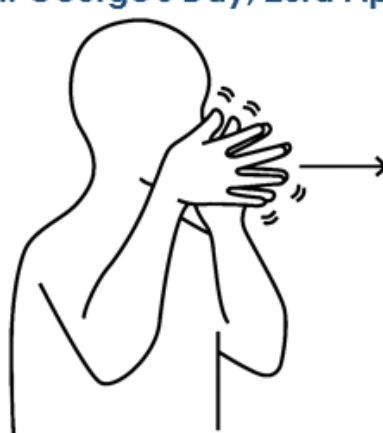
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(Easter, 18th – 21st April)



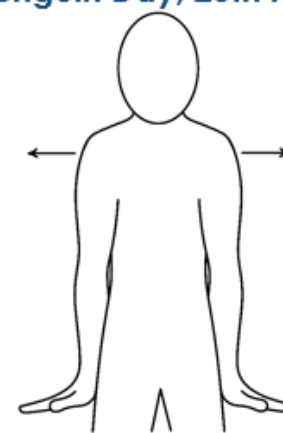
Dragon

(St. George's Day, 23rd April)



Penguin

(Penguin Day, 25th April)



Edie's joke of the month

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Little old lady.

Little old lady who?

I didn't know you could yodel!



Word of the month



nature

Post-16 Transport

For any learners who will be Year 12 in **September 2025**, Essex County Council have required families to pay for Post-16 transport. **All applications must be completed and submitted online.**

Please complete the form on the following website under 'How to apply' before the start of summer term:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/school-transport/post-16-transport>.

If you feel that you may need some support applying for Post-16 transport, **please contact Tasha or Paula** in our Family Worker team.

Thank you!

Leopard class would like to say thank you to **Ben from the Fore Hamlet site of UK Power Networks** for nominating our school to receive a bundle of Usborne nursery books!



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Warmer weather

As the weather is getting warmer, please ensure that you:

- **Put sun protection on your son/daughter** before they come into school
- **Send in a sun hat** (which is clearly labelled with your learner's name)
 - **Send sufficient drinks** in for the day

If you would like staff members to reapply sun cream to your child during the day, **please remember to send in a bottle of sun cream** (clearly labelled with your learner's name) and to **complete the [Application of Sun Cream permission form](#)**.

Free to a good home

A parent has a stairlift that is free to a good home if anyone in the school needs one - the rail is in one piece so needs to be transported in a van.

Please email:

admin@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk if you are interested.

Join our monthly lottery!

'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](#)

Eco club updates

Some of the Eco club went to an Eco event the other week! They all did really well talking in front of all the other schools and telling everyone about the ideas they have. They won £130!

Whilst we were there, we learnt about bees.



Don't forget, **our Parent Support Group** takes place **on Friday 2nd May at 9.30am!**

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