

Newsletter – Spring Half Term 1

Head's update

As we reflect on the past half term, **I am delighted to share several significant developments and celebrations within our school.**

Our older learners have been actively exploring their future pathways through participation in the SEND Forward events, and some of our learners have had the enriching experience of visiting Braintree College. Both of these experiences provide our learners with valuable opportunities to understand the options available as they prepare to transition from Edith Borthwick.

During this period, **I have been privileged to spend considerable time in our classrooms, getting to know our incredible children.** Their remarkable spirit, resilience, and potential are a true testament to the exceptional support and nurturing provided by our dedicated staff, parents, and carers.

A momentous occasion for our school has been the long-awaited Ofsted visit. We are expecting to hopefully receive the report after half term and will share any information with you as soon as we are able to. **After half term, we are going to be reviewing our car park arrangements** due to concerns raised over the safety of our learners.

I would like to draw your attention to a few important notices. **The Friends of Edith Borthwick School (FOEBS) are seeking new members and are currently fundraising for a minibus.** As many of you will be aware, **our school urgently needs to replace its vehicles to support our learners' transportation and expand our educational opportunities. Any contributions, whether financial or through volunteer support, would be immensely appreciated.** We are also exploring innovative ways to communicate and share information about this initiative, ensuring transparency and engagement from our entire school community.

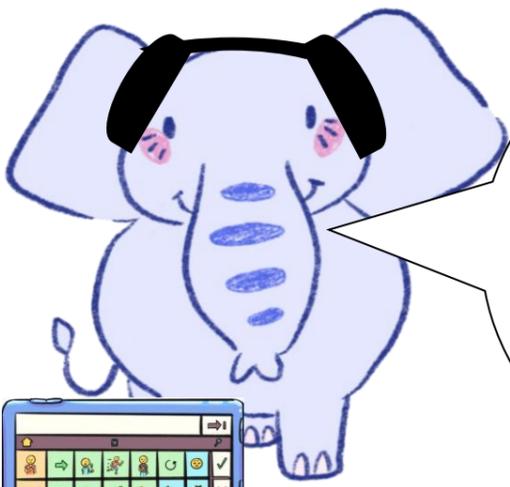
Looking ahead, **I want to remind you of two upcoming dates that promise to be exciting and enriching. World Book Day on Thursday 5th March will be a wonderful celebration of literacy and imagination, encouraging our learners to explore the magical world of reading and storytelling. Additionally, we have a non-pupil day on Monday 9th March,** when the school will be closed to learners, providing an opportunity for staff professional development and strategic planning.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to the educational and personal growth of our learners.

Kind regards,

Sam

Edie's area



Our fantastic catering team put on a real show in preparation for Valentine's Day with paperchains, biscuits and cake!



Thank you

A massive **THANK YOU** to Ann, class teacher in Heathrow, for successfully securing a substantial and generous donation towards the enhancement of our school grounds, turning grey pavement into green pavement.

Her dedication and tireless efforts are deeply appreciated and will undoubtedly contribute positively to our learning environment!



Word for the next half term



teamwork

Eco Club

We have been working on getting the school more involved to become eco-friendly!

We have asked some of the classes upstairs to appoint 'Eco Monitors', who will ensure that lights have been turned off when no-one is in class, and that windows are closed when the heating is on etc.

The Eco club would also like to encourage staff to car share when possible.

Southend class had a fun afternoon this half term helping a member of the class to celebrate their birthday.

They enjoyed party games, and Domino's Pizza provided by the learner's parents!

Owl class have been working hard on their independence and life skills.

They have spent this half term practising coming in from the garden independently and hanging their coats on their pegs.

Well done Owl class - keep up the good work!

Leopard and Penguin class had an external music company called T.I.M.E come into class to do a music workshop with the learners!

They brought in lots of different instruments for us to explore and play. It was a great experience and we would love to see them again!