

The Edith Borthwick School

Weekly Update

Friday 10th March 2023

Head's Update

Good afternoon,

What wild days the last couple of days have been! Our learners amaze me because they seem to adapt to any weather – it's us adults that haven't enjoyed it!

In class and assemblies this week, we have been looking at the Hindu festival of **Holi**, which is known as the Festival of Colours, the Festival of Spring and the Festival of Love. Classes have done some lovely colour activities.

Some of our pupils in upper school (see photo below) competed in the Essex Cricket, Table Cricket Competition this week. They competed against four other schools and **I'm proud to say that they won!** This means that they will be attending the regional final in Newmarket!

There have been a number of learners who have either gone home early or have not come in due to illness and high temperatures. Please be vigilant and seek medical support as we have been advised by a medical professional that these can be a symptom of Strep A.

Thank you so much for your donations of cakes last week. U7 sold them to staff and pupils and **raised over £217!** Next week, U7 will be holding a used toy sale on Friday. The toys will be sold for around 50p each. **We are looking for donations of any used toys that are in good condition that can be sold.** All money raised will be given to Farleigh Hospice.

We are not celebrating Red Nose Day this year however, learners and staff are very welcome to come in wearing a red nose if they want to.

Have a lovely weekend and stay warm (and dry!).

Maggie

Class of the Week – M3

Class Teacher Juliet says...

M3 have had a great week!

We have enjoyed practising cutting up soft fruits and tasting them whilst making smoothies during sensory cooking. We were able to express whether the fruit we tasted was 'yummy' or 'yucky' through our behaviours and using our PODD books. We also thoroughly enjoyed both our Diddi dance session and music with Anita.

Our sensory story at the moment is The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson. We are really enjoying exploring all of the animal character toys and the woodland themed sensory props.



Essex Cricket, Table Cricket Competition



Word of the Week



drizzle

Sign of the week

Water



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Upcoming dates

15/03/2023 & 16/03/2023 National Teacher Strike

17/03/2023 Toy Sale

03/04/2023 – 14/04/2023 Easter break

Governors

Spotlight on: Janet Johnson, Clerk



I have worked for Essex County Council as a Clerk to school governors since 2002 following a 20-year career as a manager with British Telecom. I currently clerk 7 schools (both mainstream and special schools). It has been my great pleasure to work with the governors of The Edith Borthwick School since 2007. There have been many changes over the years but the role of Clerk continues to be both interesting and challenging. It is a privilege to work with this wonderful school with such a caring staff and team of supportive governors.

Other notices

We are currently advertising for cleaners. If anyone is interested in a permanent or relief position, please contact Claire Baker our HR manager on:

claireb@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk

Volunteers wanted! We are looking for parents, carers or family members who would like to help support us during off site activities such as swimming, horse-riding, forest school, Danbury and Harlow outdoors. We will provide you with a DBS check. If you are interested, please email: admin@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk

FOEBS

We have plans for spending some funds raised last year, arranging more events and developing projects. We would love more folks to get involved; learners, family members, staff and the local community are all welcome.

If you would like to get in touch contact or follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOEBS>

Pet of the Week

Names: Tess (front) and Sparky

Type: Cats

Owner: Maggie

Cat

