

# The Edith Borthwick School

## Weekly Update

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### Head's Update

We haven't let the rain bother us this week and have still done lots of fun activities! Here is a flavour of what has been going on in school this week:

**Sea lion class** had a great shopping trip to Tesco, where they used shopping lists to know what to buy and what coins were needed to pay!

**Crocodile class** have been busy creating inventions using recycling materials. They worked in groups and listened to each other really well!

**Southend class** went to Danbury and learnt how to build a fire. They have also been looking at Remembrance Day and its meaning, including writing letters to soldiers to thank them for their service!

**Iguana class** have also been learning about Remembrance Day and made poppy cookies, sold poppies around the school and did some creative writing based on the subject!

**Heathrow class** went to martial arts, and had a session with Gill from Jobcentre Plus, learning about interview techniques with some learners from Gatwick class!

**Gatwick class** have been out in Chelmsford, purchasing ingredients for Food Technology. They have also been learning about America and making diary entries/songs about what it would have been like in WW1 - they even tried some Maconochie stew that soldiers would have eaten!

**Zebra classes** have been busy all week doing lots of activities in, and out, of class. They did some artwork for fireworks and remembrance, and started making props for the Christmas show!

**Meerkat class** have enjoyed having Katie, the Travelling Librarian in. She did some fun interactive stories where the children had to dress up to attend a wizards' ball. They also made some aliens linked to our topic theme of 'toys'!

**We had our first fire bell at the end of last week** and the learners coped so well. It amazes me every time how smoothly the fire tests go, which is thanks to the learners staying calm and the staff supporting them so well.

I have some **staffing news** to share:

- **Louise, our class teacher in Tortoise**, is leaving us at the end of term as she has got a promotion and is moving to Suffolk County Council. We think she will be amazing at it!
- **Matt, our class teacher in Aardvark**, is also leaving us at the start of December to start his well-earned retirement.

We will miss them both very much but wish them the very best of luck from everyone at TEBS! We have been very lucky and have recruited several lovely teachers. **Classes will find out who is going into each class later in the term!**

**Don't forget that next Friday is Children in Need** and we will be going spotty in school!

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

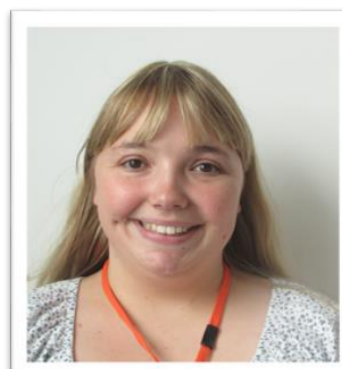
Kind regards,

Maggie

### ★Class of the Week★

 **Tiger Class** 

**Catherine, Class Teacher says...**



Tiger class have been very busy exploring our termly topic of **'toys'**. We have looked at TV characters, teddies, dolls, vehicles and Toy Story.



Alongside our daily activities, we have enjoyed some extra sessions with the Laughter Specialists, Diddi Dance with Charlotte, and music with Anita.

In **'independence and life skills'**, we have been practicing our self-help skills and working on completing tasks independently. This includes taking our shoes off and putting wellies on for the mud garden, washing our hands before we eat, brushing our hair and exploring hair accessories.

In **'thinking and learning'**, we have worked on our counting and number recognition up to 10 and ensuring that we understand 1:1 correspondence. We have also explored different colours in matching tasks, and followed instructions in cooking sessions, making things such as alien popcorn, teddy bear toast, mini roll cars and Hey Duggee breadsticks!

In **'communication'**, we have enjoyed mark making, with some of us practicing our hand-eye coordination by following lines to make pictures. We have also used ALD boards successfully when playing, especially with small world toys. Our favourite session of the week is **going to the library to change our books, ready to take home for the weekend** and share with our loved ones!

This half term, we are very excited to **get ready for our Christmas show** and to continue looking at **construction toys, soldiers and robots!**



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### Upcoming dates

**Children in Need**  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**Parent Coffee Morning**  
Fri 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 (9.30am – 11.00am)

**Christmas Fair**  
Weds 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023 (Time TBC)

**Christmas Break**  
Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 –  
Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

**Spring Term Starts**  
Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Non-Pupil Day**  
Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

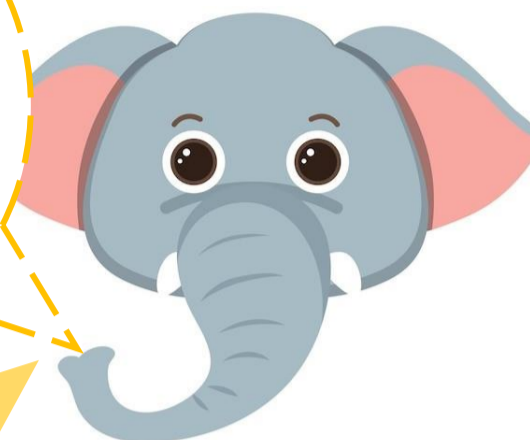
**February Half Term**  
Mon 19<sup>th</sup> February – Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024



### Edie's Corner



#### Word of the Week:



Have you spotted me in reception yet? I'm selling poppies and Pudsey ears!

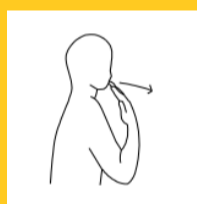


#### Edie's Jokes of the Week

**Why can't a leopard hide?** Because he's always spotted!

**What do you call a cheese that's not yours?** Nacho cheese!

A great big **thank you**



to

**Handelsbanken** in  
Chelmsford

for kindly donating their old office furniture to our school!

If you have any photos or stories about your **favourite hobby or activity** that you would like us to share, please email:

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

### ★ Favourite Hobby/Activity ★

George's favourite activity is **quad biking!**

He loves riding his quad bike with his big brother or his dad. They ride it down the byways where we live - it's extra fun if there are muddy puddles to splash through!

