

The Edith Borthwick School Weekly Update

Friday 15th March 2024

Head's update

Happy Friday!

School looks very jolly today, with lots of red clothes and noses for Red Nose Day! It is lovely to see our learners enjoying a range of activities linked with this event and I hope that you enjoy it if you watch it this evening.

It has been another busy week! On Monday, **we had a tour for many of our new parents**, who are excited that their children are starting with us in September. Our learners, as always, are welcoming and adaptable, and coped really well with the visitors. Several enjoyed asking the parents questions!

I have been approached by a local business who want to come and sponsor us with some of our fundraising activities, which is lovely. The business owner did her work experience at Edith Borthwick 41 years ago and has had a soft spot for the school ever since!

Over the last two weeks of this half term, we have two exciting activities planned:

- **Next Thursday (21st March 2024) we are not fundraising**, but we will be supporting **Down Syndrome Day**, which has the theme '**End the Stereotypes**'. Supporters are being encouraged to wear lots of socks, **so we will be wearing odd and/or brightly coloured socks**.
- The following week, **which is the last week of term**, we are **holding our purple discos on Wednesday 27th March 2024 to fundraise for Epilepsy Action**. We have chosen to do our purple day a day late, as we thought it would be fun to have it on our disco day!

Today has felt like April showers - I hope that the weather is better over the weekend!

Kind regards,

Maggie

★Class of the week★

Aardvark Class

Sam, Class teacher says...



Hello from Aardvark class!

This term, we have been thinking about our topic '**the world of work**'. Each week, we have been focusing on a **career choice and learning all about what that career entails**.

We really enjoyed looking at hair and beauty, and found it highly amusing pretending to be hairdressers - some of the staff had some interesting hairstyles!

We have been working incredibly hard **to achieve our Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Award**. We have been **volunteering on a weekly basis to litter pick** and have thought about what this means for the environment and how it is important to recycle.

For our **skills section**, we have **completed scrapbooks about our favourite topics by researching photos to cut and stick in, and then write a sentence about it**. For our **physical section, we have competed in team games**. We thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a match against another class and being able to use the skills needed to play hockey successfully!

Our favourite part of the week is **going out on community access!** We have visited lots of places and have continually worked on our social and environmental awareness. We have **developed our communication skills to choose and order food or drink, exchange the correct coins to pay and wait patiently for our change**. It has been wonderful to see everyone's confidence develop when in the community!

We are very much looking forward **to hopefully visiting Marsh Farm around the beginning of May**. We are extremely fortunate to have had a parent donate this to our class and it will be a wonderful treat for us!



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Edie's corner

Signs linked to Sam's Class of the week

Cut (with scissors)



Game



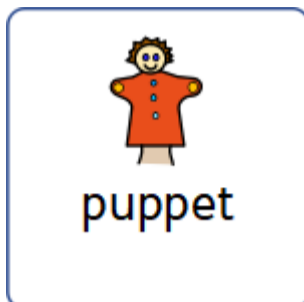
Communication



Beginning



Word of the week



puppet

Edie's jokes of the week

What do you call a
camel with no
humps?
Humphrey
(Hump-free!)

What time do the
ducks wake up?
At the quack of
dawn!
(At the crack of dawn!)

Upcoming dates

SPRING TERM 2024

Down Syndrome Day
Thurs 21st March 2024

Dress in purple and school discos
Wed 27th March 2024

Term finishes
Thurs 28th March 2024

Easter break
Fri 29th March – Fri 12th April 2024

SUMMER TERM 2024

Term starts
Mon 15th April 2024

May Day (Bank holiday)
Mon 6th May 2024

Half term
Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May 2024

Favourite Hobby/Activity of the Week

If you have any photos or stories that you would like us to share, please email:

admin@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk

ECO-Schools update

We were very kindly given some old tyres by the
Family Car Centre.

We are going to repurpose them by planting flowers
in them!



💡 Eco tip of the week 💡

**Cut down on using plastic by storing
food leftovers in glass!**

Leftovers can be reheated and eaten
the next day (**if you are a learner, please
ask an adult for help as food containing
meat needs reheating thoroughly!**),
reducing food waste - try reusing old,
clean glass jars with lids!