

The Edith Borthwick School

Weekly Update

Friday 15th September 2023

Head's Update

Good afternoon

This week has been the first full week for most of our learners and today was the first day that the whole of our youngest class (Leopards) have been in. The learners have done so well, especially considering that we have had twenty new learners start with us across the school.

We have started our assemblies with the theme of Our School Values. These values are:



We all follow these values across the school and encourage the learners to do the same. Some of our older learners have written their own class rules to go alongside our values.

This week our therapy team completed an audit of all our learners using communication aids such as communication books, PODD, core boards and iPads. They were so pleased that the vast majority of devices and books have come straight back to school, meaning that our learners have their voices to communicate. Thank you for your support with this and for using them over the summer!

We will be looking for a new governor to join our lovely Governing Body. More information will be sent in the near future. It's vital to ensure that we have representatives from across the school community.

Another very important part of our school community is the Friends of Edith Borthwick (FOEBS) who raise money to enrich our educational offer and who support us by organising and supporting events for us. We are always looking for support and appreciate any time that people can give – however much or little that is. The next meeting is in a couple of weeks (date below).

Have a lovely weekend.

Maggie

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Upcoming dates

- **Friends of Edith Borthwick (FOEBS) Meeting**
Tuesday 26th September, 9.30am
- **New learner parent coffee morning to meet the leadership and family support teams**
Wednesday 27th September, 9.30am – 10.45am
- **Monthly coffee morning for all parents**
Friday 6th October 9.45am-11am
- **Non-Pupil Day**
Friday 20th October 2023
- **Half Term**
Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October 2023

Favourite Hobby/Activity of the Week

Last year's 'Pet of the Week' section was incredibly successful - we had some lovely reports from Class Teachers that their learners loved seeing all our staff and learners' pets!

This year, we have decided to have a '**Favourite Hobby/Activity**' section so that we can include more of our staff and learners' favourite things!

For example, 'Favourite Hobby/Activity' might cover things such as:

- Playing with pets (if you have a photograph and information about your pet)
- Sensory (if you have a favourite sensory item)
- Physical (if you have a special toy, book or item that means a lot, or if you have brought back something special from a trip or holiday)
- Hobby/Talent (if you have a special hobby or talent such as rock/penny/stamp collecting, dancing, train spotting etc.)

We welcome and appreciate all submissions, and we love to see and champion things that our learners love!

Please send any submissions to:
admin@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk.

★ Favourite Activities! ★

This week we have one of our new learners:
Leah in Giraffe class

Leah's hobby is dancing and she loves it! Leah attends a dance school at the weekend. Dancing helps Leah with gross motor skills. Doesn't she look great? Well done Leah.

