

# The Edith Borthwick School Weekly Update

## Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### Head's update

Happy Friday!

It has been nice to finally see some sun this week! Our learners have enjoyed going back outside, although our field is very boggy, so we have mainly been using the classroom gardens and the playground.

This week, we have been looking at the **Chinese New Year** in classes and assemblies, and **there have been a number of dragons and decorations** popping up around school!

On Wednesday, **we had a little buzz around school as it was Valentine's Day**. We had a number of learners in our older classes exchanging cards and some even gave gifts! **Alison and the staff in the kitchen made some lovely heart-shaped biscuits for dessert**, which were popular.

This week, a group of our parents went to visit Thriftwood School in Chelmsford because their children may be leaving us and moving onto a Moderate Learning Difficulty (MLD) school. **Your child's annual review meeting is where school or parents can discuss a change of placement if we feel that it is appropriate for your young person, and we can offer support with transition.**

An application form has gone out for the **Parent Governor vacancy**; **please call for a chat if you want more information**. We are also open to applications for a **Co-opted Governor**. **This is a position that doesn't need to be filled by a parent**, so if you know anyone who would like to be involved in supporting the governance of the school, please feel free to give them our contact details!

**World Book Day is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**, so half term might be a good time to organise costumes, if your child would like to wear one! We will be dressing up and doing fun activities on the day.

I wish you all a lovely half term and we look forward to **welcoming our learners back on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February!** Our theme when we come back is '**acts of kindness**', which should start the next half term in a lovely way.

Kind regards,

Maggie

### ★Class of the week★

 **Orangutan Class** 

Jack, Class teacher says...



Orangutan class have been looking at **transportation jobs** this week! We **planned and built our own rafts** out of lollipop sticks and will be testing them out using weights on **water!**

This week, we also had **our first session at Danbury**. Half of the class did **team problem solving**, where they had to cross 'lava' as a team and get the ball into the **bucket** using guttering. The other half of the class were really **brave** and did **aerial trekking on the high ropes!**

We are all really looking forward to going back to Danbury next half term!

**See Edie's corner on the next page for signs linked to the words in blue!**



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## Edie's corner

### Signs linked to Jack's Class of the week

#### Rafts

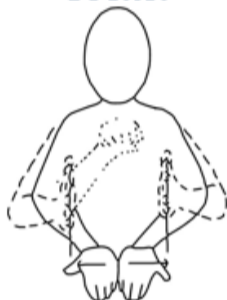


Underneath hand shows ripples

#### Water



#### Bucket



#### Brave



Flat hand moves slightly forward to GOOD hand

Have you spotted me in reception selling **red noses** and advertising **World Book Day**?



## Upcoming dates

### SPRING TERM 2024

#### Half term

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

#### Term starts

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024

#### World Book Day

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

#### Red Nose Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

#### Term finishes

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## Edie's jokes of the week

**What did the apple say to the worm?**  
Nothing, apples can't talk!

**What musical instrument can you find in the bathroom?**  
A tuba toothpaste!

## Word of the week



wizard

## Elsewhere around the school

**Meerkat class** have been going to classes around the school to ask other students which superheroes were their favourite!



## We need you!

We have a **Parent Governor vacancy** – letters were sent home with learners yesterday.

If you are interested in applying for the role, **please complete the candidate form attached to the letter and return to Maggie Loveday by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024!**

## WANTED

We are on the hunt for **exercise bikes for some of our learners to use at school!**

If you have any bikes that you no longer use (possibly lurking in your shed or cluttering up your garage) that you would be happy for us rehome, we would be extremely grateful!

If you have a bike you would be happy for us to rehome, **please attach a photo and send details to:**  
[admin@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk), for the attention of Dan Horscroft.

## Comic Relief

In support of Comic Relief on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, we have decided to join in the fun and sell red noses!

**Red noses can be purchased from Tracey in reception for £2.00 each.**

If you would like to buy one, **please send money in a clearly named envelope, labelled 'Red nose'.**

## 💡 Eco tip of the week 💡

Make your own **cleaning supplies!**

Try putting drops of lemon and lavender essential oils into a solution of 250ml cooled boiled water and 250ml white vinegar, and pouring it into an empty spray bottle.

**If you are a learner, remember to always ask an adult for help!**