

# The Edith Borthwick School

## Weekly Update

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### Head's Update

Happy Friday!

This week, we have been looking at **anti-bullying** and how to be kind and respectful.

Today, we enjoyed dressing up in spots, and in Pudsey clothes and ears - some of the learners have said that they will be watching **Children in Need** tonight!

On Wednesday in our staff meeting, we celebrated all the amazing achievements that we have seen in class over the last week; **we have had learners communicating that they need the toilet for the first time, a young person using his new AAC (augmentative and alternative communication) device to heckle his teacher and tell funny jokes in the dining hall, and a group of learners going to Tesco for the first time with shopping lists and finding the correct items.** These are just a selection of the fantastic things that we see every week!

**I want to thank our lovely staff who always go the extra mile.** Sickness has been across the school this week, meaning that lots of staff have had to help in other classes to make sure that our learners are still supported. A big thanks to you all!

All our Early Career Teachers (those in their first two years of teaching) met with our awarding body last week as we were being quality assured. **All the ECTs did very well and it was recognised that our school is a very supportive school with a good system in place for new teachers.** Well done to Tracy E for organising the programme and our ECT's Phie, Lizzy, Becky and Tilly!

Next Tuesday (21<sup>st</sup> November 2023) at 1.00pm is our **Friends of Edith Borthwick School Annual General Meeting (AGM).** We would love as many parents/carers to attend as possible. After the meeting, we will continue to plan our **Christmas fair, which we will be holding on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023. More information will be coming out next week!**

**We are looking for toys (in good condition) for our second hand toy stall and soft toys (in good condition) for our soft toy tombola** - please send them into school if you have any! We are also looking for brand new raffle prizes, so if you, or anyone you know, could donate anything, it would be very much appreciated!

We have had one of our new teachers start with us this week, so welcome to the Edith Borthwick community, Fiona! We are very pleased to welcome you.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

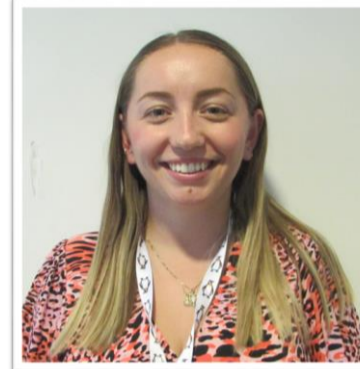
Kind regards,

Maggie

### ★Class of the Week★

 **Penguin Class** 

**Klavia, Class Teacher says...**



Penguin class have had a fantastic start to the school year! This term, we have been very excited about the **soft play bus and the mud garden**, especially with all the puddles! We love to splash about and have messy play whilst we're there.

We have loved our range of activities such as music with Anita, the Laughter Specialists and karate! We love engaging with all the different interactions, skills and new learning.

Our highlight of the term has been our **swimming sessions!** We have loved going to the pool, splashing about, floating and playing with water toys. We have been growing in confidence floating in the pool independently.



In '**creativity**', we have been using building blocks to create pictures of buildings with paint, and practicing our singing and dancing to our musical number in preparation for our Christmas show!

In '**communication**' we have been doing sensory exploration of 'Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction site', feeling different materials, listening to different sounds and exploring sensory props. We have also been practicing our mark making, letter formation and writing our name! We are working on our attention skills and communicating to request chosen rhymes and songs. We also love taking a weekly trip to the library as a class to read and listen to books.



In '**independence and life skills**', we have been practicing food preparation such as moon cakes, monster pops and teddy bear toast, as well as learning how to care for our bodies and wash our hands. We are also beginning to explore new foods including pasta shapes!

This half term, we are looking forward to continuing our theme of 'toys' through robots and soldiers, leading into the Christmas season, where we prepare for our **Christmas show!**



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### Upcoming dates

**Friends of Edith Borthwick School (FOEBS)  
AGM**

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> November (1.00pm – 2.30pm)

**Parent Coffee Morning**

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 (9.30am – 11.00am)

**Christmas Jumper Day**

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**Christmas Fair**

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

**Heathrow Class Hamper Raffle**

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**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**

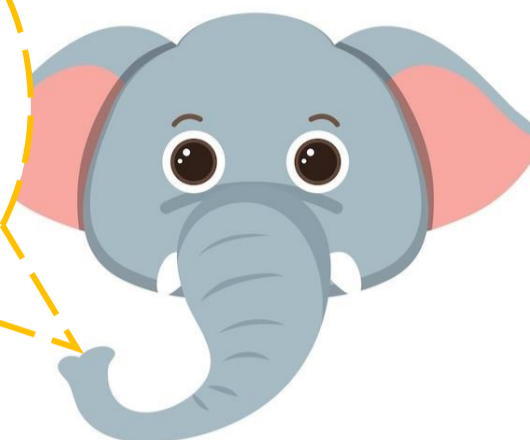
Mon 19<sup>th</sup> February – Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024



### Edie's Corner



#### Word of the Week:



#### Edie's Jokes of the Week

**What do you call an alligator who solves mysteries?** An investigator!

**Why is a snake difficult to fool?** You can't pull its leg!

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

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