

# The Edith Borthwick School Weekly Update

## Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### Head's update

Happy Friday!

It has been nice to come back, and to welcome back our lovely learners - I just wish that the warm weather could have carried on!

The cold and wet on Monday meant that not many learners managed to go outside. **We have been looking at the theme of spring in class, and in assembly we were able to look at April showers.**

Over Easter, **our new accessible roundabout was installed on the field** (you can see a photo on the next page)! This is something that we have been trying to make happen for the last couple of years.

The roundabout is wheelchair-friendly, which is fantastic as our learners who use wheelchairs can go on with their friends who do not use a wheelchair! **We received a grant towards this from Eastlight Community Homes, after a bid was put in by one of our parents.** It has been so nice to see our learners beginning to use it - our next project will be an accessible swing!

We have had **contractors in this week who will be installing new trampolines in the near future.** Our learners have missed the trampolines and will be pleased to have replacements!

**I had the privilege today to go out with a group of learners to an eco school event** on the estate. Myles, Tyler and Thomas from the Eco club were supported by teacher Ann **to do a presentation about what we would like to do on the school site to make it more eco-friendly.** They did an amazing job and were complemented by the other schools for their excellent presentation! At the end, they were **presented with £100 for the school.** They were then presented **with a further £50 from the John Ray Trust.** The learners are looking forward to working out what to spend the money on!

**Please remember to send your children in wearing school uniform as this is not optional unless they are in Year 12 – 14, or in one of the airport classes, where they can wear their own clothes.** The learners look so smart when they are in their uniform.

I wish you all a nice weekend.

Best wishes,

Maggie

### ★Class of the week★

✈ Stansted Class ✈

Ann, Class teacher says...



It has been a good first week back - we have started to **work from the 'moving on' curriculum!**

This term, we are hoping to get out and about, visiting different places such as **Abberton**

**Reservoir and High Woods Country Park.**

This week, we have been working on our **listening skills** by working in pairs completing the Lego building challenge and playing the 'Would you rather' game.

We have also been working on our **independence skills** by completing a number of washing routines such as sorting the **washing**, hanging it out and then **folding the clothes** ready to put away.

The class are also planning a clothes sale **so keep an eye out for further details!**

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



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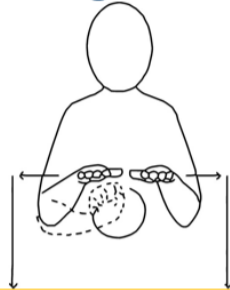
## Edie's corner

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

Listen



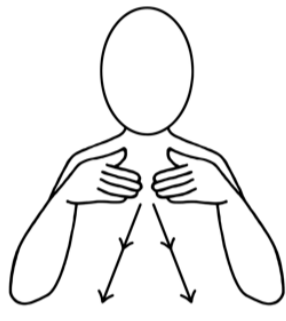
Washing machine



Fold



Clothes



### Edie's jokes of the week

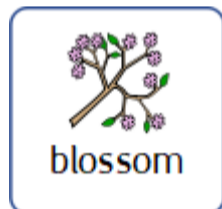
What do lions eat?

Roarr meat! (*Raw meat!*)

Where do fish keep their money?

In a river bank!

### Word of the week



## ECO-Schools update

At the eco event, showing what we are doing to make the school more eco-friendly!



### 💡 Eco tip of the week 💡

**Cut down on using chemicals by using items from home!**

Instead of using powerful but harmful chemical cleaners to clear a clogged drain, **use a combination of baking soda and vinegar!**

Manually remove what you can from the drain, then add the vinegar mixture. Let it sit for 15 - 30 minutes, and then run some hot water down the drain!

### Upcoming dates

**Summer term**

**May Day (Bank holiday)**

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**Half term**

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

### Our new roundabout!



### Favourite hobby/activity of the week

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

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