

The Edith Borthwick School Weekly Update

Friday 19th January 2024

Head's Update

It has been a very chilly week here in school! **Thank you for making sure that your children have coats, hats and gloves.** Please make sure that they keep bringing them in and that coats are nice and warm, as we try and get our learners to have some fresh air and play time outside every day!

As part of **World Religion Day** (which falls on Sunday 21st January), this week **we have been looking at different religions.**

Many of you will be aware that we have a Facebook page, which is ['The Edith Borthwick School'](#) with the coloured windmill icon (**our FOEBS Facebook page has the black and white logo**).

You may have seen this week that we posted about **ECO-Schools** on our Facebook page. **This is a really exciting new initiative being run by Ann, Class Teacher in Stansted class.** At the moment, the group comprises of the airport classes but we will be rolling this initiative out across the whole school. So far, the plans that learners and staff have suggested include using the old animal care area to create a wildlife area (which would include bird feeders, houses and baths, wildflowers, bug hotels, hedgehog houses and a wildlife camera). Ann would also like to take part in the **RSPB's (The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) Big Schools' Birdwatch.** Ann is keen to look at improving biodiversity across the whole school - longer term, we may be able to involve the wider community and local businesses.

As well as managing our Facebook page, Emma in our admin team has been **updating our website with new photos** and it looks great - have a look!

There will be a letter coming home today regarding measles, and the need to ensure that children receive the correct vaccinations. **Please make sure that you read it.**



Monday is our inset day, so only staff will be in on that day. We will look forward to **welcoming our learners back on Tuesday 23rd January!**

Have a good weekend!

Kind regards,

Maggie

★Class of the Week★

 **Zebra 1 & 2 Classes** 

Tracy, Class Teacher says...



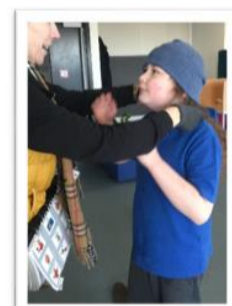
Hello from Zebras 1 and 2! This term, we started our theme of **'hot and cold'** - the weather has been helping us along with the cold, so let's hope the second part of the term shows us what hot is like!

The Zebras have taken part in a variety of activities linked to our theme, such as our **art activities.** We have made pictures of snowflakes, animals from both hot and cold countries, and ice lollies (which can be linked to both hot and cold). In Zebra 2, they have made a fantastic window display.

Both classes have been **exploring the temperatures.** Some have chipped away at ice blocks to find a surprise inside and others have kept cosy and warm with blankets and hot wheat bags! Everyone enjoys our sensory story. We have also tried on clothing for hot and cold weather and we have listened to appropriate music - 'Hot, hot, hot' and 'Ice, ice baby'! Everyone gets their groove on for those and we've even had a conga going!

We have tasted food that gives a hot or cold feeling in the mouth - English mustard, and minty toothpaste, which have caused some great expressions!

We are all looking forward to exploring this topic further throughout the term and hope to be spending some more time outside in the hot and cold elements.



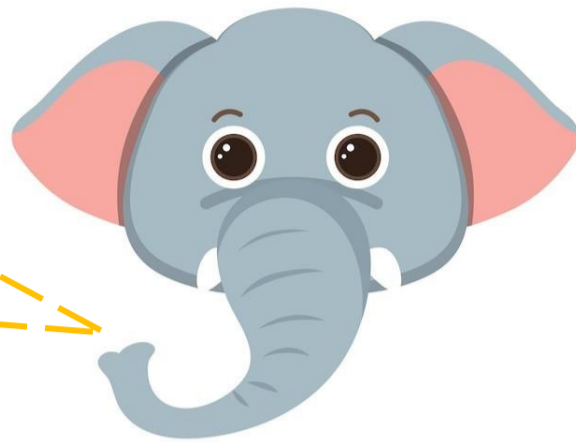
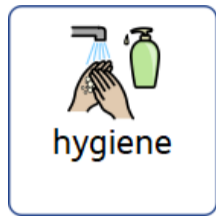
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Edie's Corner



Word of the Week:



Signs for 'hot' and 'cold', the theme for this term for Zebra 1 & 2 classes!

Hot



When talking about **food**:

for hot food, **make sign from the mouth**
for cold food, **make sign closer to the mouth**

Cold



Edie's Jokes of the Week

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

Knock, knock. **Who's there?** Tank. **Tank who?** You're welcome!

Upcoming dates

Non-Pupil Day

Mon 22nd January 2024

Parent/Carer Coffee Morning

Fri 2nd February 2024

February Half Term

Mon 19th February – Fri 23rd
February 2024

Easter Break

Fri 29th March – Fri 12th April 2024

May Day (Bank Holiday)

Mon 6th May 2024

May Half Term

Mon 27th – Fri 31st May 2024

Non-Pupil Days

Fri 28th June & Mon 1st July 2024

Term finishes

Tues 23rd July 2024

We raised an amazing grand total of

£2,415.53

at our Christmas fair!

We are now starting to think about how
we will spend the money around school!

Thank you to everyone who contributed

Coggeshall Community Swimming Pool, where our learners go for
their swimming lessons, are fundraising to fix their pool roof and for
an upgrade/update to their plant room.

If you would like to donate, please visit:

<https://gofund.me/987f45be>