

The Edith Borthwick School Weekly Update

Friday 2nd February 2024

Head's update

Happy Friday!

This week, we have been **celebrating stories and reading as part of National Storytelling Week**. Many of our learners enjoy looking at books, magazines and comics. The library that we created several years ago is a lovely part of the school that the learners enjoy going to! Lots of local **Essex County Council libraries have events on this weekend**, which may be of interest to families.

Last Friday, some learners from our airport classes visited the **SEND Forward Transition event** in Colchester. There were representatives from various post-school establishments and our learners showed lots of curiosity about their options once they leave us. Tracy H said **that they asked lots of questions and represented our school brilliantly**. Well done to our learners that attended!

On Tuesday evening, **five of our amazing learners were presented with their Jack Petchey awards**. A massive well done to **Evie, William, Jowan, Joshua and Liam!** They all looked very smart in the photos, which you can see on the next page. The awards were presented by the Head of Braintree District Council and the Jack Petchey Grants Coordinator!

A massive **thank you to the parents/carers who drop off and pick up their children from school**. Learners have been getting in more quickly in the morning, meaning that they can start their learning on time. **Please remember that if you aren't at school by 9.25am, learners will have to go through the office.**

Unfortunately, we have had to shut a class today due to staff illness. It is something that we hate to do, **but we have to if it is not safe enough to run a class**. We are busy recruiting for new Teaching Assistants to increase our teams, so if you know anyone who would be interested in working at our amazing school, please get them to have a look on our website, Facebook page or on Essexschoolsjobs.co.uk.

On Monday, we will send out the new term dates for 2024/25 to enable you to plan ahead for next year.

Have a good weekend!

Kind regards,

Maggie

★Class of the week★

🐘 Rhino Class 🐘

George, Class teacher says...



Rhino class have had a fantastic start to 2024 and have shown fantastic engagement with our new topic **'hot and cold'**!

We have carried out themed experiments, where the learners have **explored different temperatures** by

chipping away at ice and creating their own snowstorm in a jar! **In our creativity sessions**, we have made an array of crafts including **elephants made from a collage of newspapers** and **giraffes made from cereal!**

We have continued **developing our independence and life skills** through practicing handwashing, **teeth brushing**, washing our faces, and food preparation. Food is a great motivator in Rhino class and the learners have relished in making (and eating!) thematic snacks including sunshine pizzas, polar bear rice cakes and tiger bread sandwiches!

Our highlight this term has been our community access trips to the Wilderness Foundation, where learners have the opportunity to freely explore the woodland environment, relax in the hammocks and play.

Over the next few weeks, **we will continue with our 'hot and cold' topic, where we will be exploring hot and cold food and habitats**. We will also be thinking about some special events including **Valentine's Day, Mother's Day and Easter!**

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



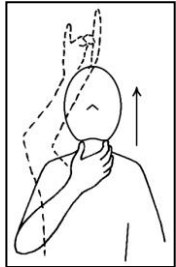
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Edie's corner

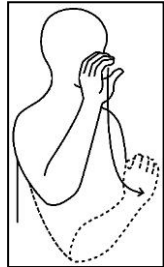
Signs linked to George's Class of the Week

Giraffe

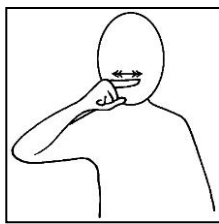
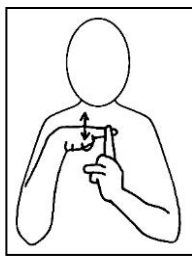


Temperature

Elephant



Brush teeth



Edie's Jokes of the Week

How can you tell if a tree is
a Dogwood tree?
By its bark!

Why are balloons so
expensive?
Inflation!

Word of the Week



igloo

Upcoming dates

SPRING TERM 2024

Half term

Mon 19th – Fri 23rd February 2024

Term starts

Mon 26th February 2024

Term finishes

Thurs 28th March 2024

SUMMER TERM 2024

Term starts

Mon 15th April 2024

May Day

Mon 6th May 2024

School photographs

Tues 21st May 2024

Half term

Mon 27th – Fri 31st May 2024

Term starts

Mon 3rd June 2024

Non-pupil days

Fri 28th June/Mon 1st July 2024

Term finishes

Tues 23rd July 2024

Elsewhere around the school

Our Jack Petchey award winners

Monday 29th January 2024

Evie



Liam



Joshua



William



Jowan



ECO-Schools update

We have put our wildlife camera up this week!



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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