

The Edith Borthwick School

Weekly Update

Friday 20th January 2023

Head's Update

Happy Friday!

We have had a cold but fun week this week. Classes have gone offsite as usual, but we have been mindful about the weather and most classes had shorter days out and were well wrapped up!

In assemblies & classes we have been looking at world religions & learning all about them. Next week we are looking forward to celebrating the Chinese new year in some classes, which is being celebrated on Sunday.

Thank you for all your support with our car park tweaks. To clarify the message that was sent out this week, we will not be getting rid of the stagger as we feel that it would be unsafe with the amount of vehicles that we now have coming onto site in the morning and afternoon. We will always do our best to collect learners as promptly as we can.

I have sent a parentmail about the upcoming teachers strikes and will keep you updated with school plans. At the moment we hope to keep as many classes open as possible, but we will let you know as soon as we can if we do need to move any learners to remote learning at home.



REMEMBER – Monday (23/1) is an inset day, so staff will be working but the school will not be open for learners. We look forward to seeing them all on Tuesday.

Have a lovely weekend, Maggie

Class of the Week – M1

Class Teacher Tracy says...

Hola, buenos días! Yes you've guessed it, our topic was **Spain** this week in M1.



In class we had a PowerPoint about fun facts about Spain, tasted churros, wore clothes for hot weather and did a little flamenco dancing – ole! We made fans, matched Spanish pictures with English symbols and mixed together a paella. Just a shame we couldn't bring the sunshine ☀



We also enjoyed our routine activities, enjoying PE on the field, jumping around on the play bus and the chilling in the sensory cabin. We have been on the swings, the trampolines and on the trim trail. Music with Anita was as fabulous as ever with lots of songs and playing instruments.

And finally to finish the chilly week off, we had mud garden - it wasn't that muddy but there was lots of ice to smash up. Fantastic!



Word of the Week



holiday

Sign of the week

Dad/Daddy/Father



Other notices

We are currently advertising for cleaners. If anyone is interested in a permanent or relief position, please contact Claire Baker our HR manager on: claireb@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk

Volunteers wanted! We are looking for parents, carers or family members who would like to help support us during off site activities such as swimming, horse-riding, forest school, Danbury and Harlow outdoors. We will provide you with a DBS check. If you are interested, please email: admin@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk

Upcoming dates

23/01/2023 Non-Pupil Day

13/02/2023 – 17/02/2023 February half term

FOEBS

We're back! Due to illness, we had to pause our activities towards the end of last term but with the New Year we're back and raring to go!

We have plans for spending some funds raised last year, arranging more events and developing projects. We would love more folks to get involved; learners, family members, staff and the local community are all welcome. You don't have to attend our Team Meetings or commit lots of time:

chair.foebs@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk

Our next event will be the Valentines Double Disco on Thursday 9th February 2023 – more details to follow!

If you would like to get in touch contact or follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOEBS> or email: victoriaf@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk

Governors

Spotlight on:

Stephanie Taylor, Chair of Governors

After a varied and fulfilling career in international education businesses, I am now working as a non-executive director and community volunteer. I have been a school governor in local schools since 2013 and hope that my leadership and management experience can help provide the strategic support and governance that is expected from us as governors.



Motivating and supporting individuals to achieve their highest potential has been a driver for me in my professional life both as a trainer and a leader and being governor provides a rewarding and fulfilling opportunity to work with like-minded people to deliver excellence at The Edith Borthwick School. Regular contact with staff and young people is a particular joy; seeing it all in action!