

The Edith Borthwick School

Weekly Update

Friday 21st April 2023

Head's Update

This first week back has flown by! It was lovely seeing our learners back on Monday. Our theme this week has been 'gardening', to coincide with National Gardening Month. There have been a number of classes planting seeds and some have been working in the horticulture area.

Vicky Faulks has decided to step down from being a parent governor - we would like to say a massive 'thanks' to Vicky for supporting the school in such a valuable role! This means that we are now looking for a new parent governor - **an advert will be going out today, with more information going out on Monday.**

On Tuesday 25th April 2023 from 9.45am - 10.45am, we will be holding a governor coffee morning/ information session where anyone who is interested can come and chat to the governors and myself about the role. For more information before then, please contact Stephanie Taylor (Chair of Governors) via: stephaniet@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk.

Next week will be the first of the next round of national teacher strikes, which will be on **Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May 2023 - information will be sent out today to the classes that will be affected.** We will do our best to have as many learners in school as possible on these days.

On a sad note, next week will be the last week for Karen in L2 and Yasmin in U3, who are both moving onto other things.

Yasmin has only been with us since September, but in that time has had a big impact with her professional and friendly manner. The learners have really enjoyed working with her!

Karen has been at the school for **13 years!** In that time, she has been a teaching assistant, therapy assistant and a teacher. Many learners have had the opportunity to work with Karen and she will be missed for her dedication and hard work, and for her amazing skills!

We wish them both the best of luck for the future.

Best wishes,

Maggie

★ Class of the Week – U4 ★

Class Teachers Darren and Sarah say...

U4 are having a fantastic start to the new term with our topic 'Buildings & Construction'. We are looking forward to finding out all about materials and developing our STEM skills!



This week, we have continued to work on our understanding of calculations by exploring different strategies and methods for addition and subtraction. We have also been working on our reading skills using a healthy dose of competition to encourage and enthuse the class to get excited about reading!



In U4, we are lucky to go out each week. We enjoy exploring nature and taking part in exercise on our walks around different local areas. This week, we visited Highlands Park and were lucky to enjoy some sunshine.

Well done to U4 for having a great start to the term and continuing to show perseverance and enthusiasm in your learning!



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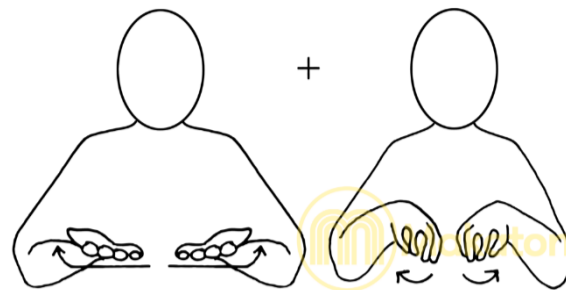
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Word of the Week



Sign of the week

Sink/Wash basin



Upcoming dates

25/04/2023 – Governor coffee morning/information session
01/05/2023 – Bank holiday
08/05/2023 – King's Coronation (Bank holiday)
18/05/2023 – Sponsored walk

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

We need you!

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

Governors

We have decided to pilot a different approach to our governor meetings. Starting on Wednesday 29th March, we will absorb committee business (Curriculum and Resources) into our full Governing Board meetings. We are a small team of governors and this will be a more efficient approach.

We all have specific responsibilities for monitoring different aspects of the school on a termly basis. Examples include Health and Safety, Safeguarding and Quality of Education/ Curriculum. This month 'curriculum governors' have been meeting with their school contacts to monitor progress against the school's annual plan.

★ Would you like to be a school governor? ★

We have a vacancy for a parent governor on our Governing Board – **more information will come home with your learner on Monday.**

Come to our governor coffee morning/information session on **Tuesday 25th April 2023 from 9.45am – 10.45am!**

Please email admin@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk if you are planning to attend or alternatively, **please feel free to just turn up!** We would love to see anyone who is interested in supporting the school in this role.

★ Pets of the Week ★

Names: Mags (**top**) and Willow (**bottom**)

Type: Dogs – Springer Spaniels

Age: 4 and 5 years old

Owner: Emma, School office

Like: Sleeping under blankets, going on walks and eating treats!

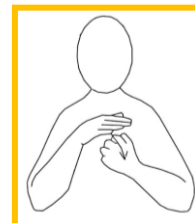
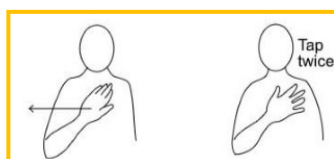
Don't like: Taking tablets or having a bath!

Fun facts: They are sisters. Mags acts more like a cat than a dog!

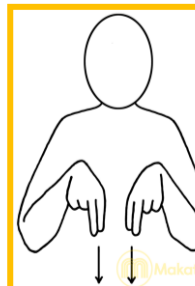
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Don't like



Pet



Dog

The next Weekly Update's **Pet of the Week** is:
Precious