

# The Edith Borthwick School

## Weekly Update

**Friday 22nd September 2023**

### Head's Update

Happy Friday everyone!

We have been busy this week looking at recycling and being environmentally aware. Every week our Heathrow class goes round the school collecting all the recycling for every room.

It would be great if our learners could get involved with helping to recycle at home. We would love to see photos of them doing this!

Most of our off site learning started this week so we had learners swimming, shopping and going to local parks. The learners looked like they really enjoyed these activities.

Over the summer our Estates team have created a new common room for our learners by splitting our ICT room in half. The common room is for learners in Years 12,13 and 14 and will allow them to have a more mature offer during the unstructured parts of the day.

Information will be sent out today regarding swimming. We have decided to offer swimming for our learners that are year 3 and older to give time for our learners that are younger time to settle into school. If you are swimming you will be sent information.

I have been in the nice position this week of being able to meet with a number of parents regarding the provision for their children. We are always open to conversations and I thought it would be useful to share who line manages each class as we ask that you speak to the class teacher first and then involve the line manager if you need additional support:

Katie – Leopard, Giraffe, Hippo, Lion, Tiger and Crocodile

Lucy – Zebra 1 and 2, Rhino, Wolf and Red Panda

Lisa – Penguin, Meerkat, Owl, Tortoise

Dan – Flamingo, Orangutan, Sea Lion, Aardvark, Iguana, Southend, Stansted, Gatwick and Heathrow

Next week we have two events in school for parents. On Tuesday morning we have our first Friends of Edith Borthwick (FOEBS) meeting. It would be great to have as many people attend as possible. On Wednesday morning we are having a coffee morning for the parents of our new learners who have started this year. We haven't done this before but thought that it would be a nice way of getting to know each other!

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Maggie

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### Upcoming dates

- **Friends of Edith Borthwick (FOEBS) Meeting**  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 9.30am
- **New learner parent coffee morning to meet the leadership and family support teams**  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 9.30am – 10.45am
- **Monthly coffee morning for all parents**  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 9.45am-11am
- **Non-Pupil Day**  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023
- **Half Term**  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### Favourite Hobby/Activity of the Week

Last year's 'Pet of the Week' section was incredibly successful - we had some lovely reports from Class Teachers that their learners loved seeing all our staff and learners' pets!

This year, we have decided to have a '**Favourite Hobby/Activity**' section so that we can include more of our staff and learners' favourite things!

For example, 'Favourite Hobby/Activity' might cover things such as:

- Playing with pets (if you have a photograph and information about your pet)
- Sensory (if you have a favourite sensory item)
- Physical (if you have a special toy, book or item that means a lot, or if you have brought back something special from a trip or holiday)
- Hobby/Talent (if you have a special hobby or talent such as rock/penny/stamp collecting, dancing, train spotting etc.)

We welcome and appreciate all submissions, and we love to see and champion things that our learners love!

Please send any submissions to;  
[admim@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admim@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk)

### ★ Favourite Activities! ★

#### Richard from Sea Lion

Richard loves attending Soccability on a Saturday and really likes his training shirt. Richard has a good kick about and listens to the Coach really well. This is lovely to hear! We are proud of you Richard.

