

The Edith Borthwick School

Weekly Update

Friday 24th February 2023

Head's Update

Happy Friday!

I hope that you all had a nice half term - it has been nice seeing our learners back this week!

We have had a busy week - pancakes have been a big theme with the learners communicating all the different fillings that they like (and don't like!).

The nice weather at the start of the week meant that lots of learners have been enjoying being outside. Horse-riding has started again this week for some learners and so has swimming; it's lovely seeing many of our learners experiencing off site activities.

We are always looking for parent helpers to help with going off site, especially for swimming. Sometimes we have to cancel activities because we don't have enough help, **so if anyone would like to volunteer, please contact the school office.**

Wednesday 1st March 2023 is due to be the date of the next national teacher strike. I have sent some information out today by Parentmail and Dojo, and I will send further information next week, when we have a better picture of what is going on.

Next Thursday is World Book Day, so we are inviting learners and staff to dress up as their favourite characters, or in any other fancy dress of their choice!

Have a good weekend,
Maggie

Class of the Week – U2

Class Teacher Matt says...

It has been a busy first week back after the half term holiday!

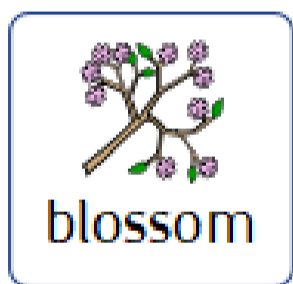
On Tuesday morning, the learners practised flipping pancakes during their Enterprise session in the café area (with varying degrees of success!).

On Thursday, we finally got to visit Chelmsford Museum! This was our **third** attempt having been scuppered by icy weather before Christmas and then the recent power cut - U2 never give up!

In the museum, the learners were interested to learn about the history of the area and especially about the Essex Regiment. It wasn't all about work though and we stopped for an ice cream on the way back to school!



Word of the Week



Sign of the week



Upcoming dates

28/02/2023 DTP/Meningitis ACWY Vaccinations (Year 9 students only)
01/03/2023 National Teacher Strike
02/03/2023 World Book Day
03/03/2023 Cake Sale
15/03/2023 & 16/03/2023 National Teacher Strike
17/03/2023 Toy Sale
03/04/2023 – 14/04/2023 Easter break

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

Governors

Spotlight on: Vicky Faulks, Parent Governor

I am delighted to be a Parent Governor at The Edith Borthwick School; our youngest son's education and wellbeing has been transformed since he joined in 2018.

I am actively involved with Essex Family Forum, liaising with Education and Health commissioners to represent the lived experiences of families. I am passionate about improving standards and opportunities for all those with SEND and their families through collaborative partnerships. The Edith Borthwick School is a fantastic school and I hope to play a part in ensuring the high quality and positive ethos are continually exceeded.



FOEBS

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, please email:
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