

# The Edith Borthwick School

## Weekly Update

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

### Head's Update

Happy Friday everyone!

Today was such a lovely day - it felt like spring! Lots of our learners enjoyed going outside today during breaks and lunchtime to enjoy the sun.

This week, we have been enjoying National Storytelling Week. I was lucky enough to lead assembly for M4, M5 and M6 on Tuesday. We listened to Richard E. Grant reading 'The Baddies' by Julia Donaldson, which the learners (and staff) enjoyed. We also had certificates given out for kindness, good work and saying sorry. I was very proud of our lovely learners!

Wednesday brought us the strike day, which went well in the end due to planning and support from staff and parents/carers. We ended up being able to re-open a couple of classes, due to some of our local schools remaining open instead of closing (which they thought they would have to). Thank you for all your support - it was much appreciated in a tricky situation.

Last week, we interviewed teachers and I'm pleased to say that we have employed Ann, an experienced teacher from a local special school, who will be starting with us in U5 after Easter.

Next week is our last week before half term. We break up next Friday (10<sup>th</sup> February) and we will be back on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

A couple of dates for when we get back:

- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March will be the next strike day - more details will follow after half term.
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March is World Book Day, so we will be dressing up as book characters or other fancy dress outfits and participating in a special day of activities.

Have a lovely weekend.

Maggie

### Class of the Week – L2

Class Teachers Karen and Emily say...

L2 have had a fantastic half term. We have enjoyed exploring the topic of 'space'. In class, we have loved making and exploring moon sand, alien gloop and lots more messy things! It has been such fun. We were lucky to have The Laughter Specialists visit us and we thought they were very funny.

We have enjoyed exploring the play bus and the mud garden this term. We have also enjoyed our sensory stories about going to the moon. We have enjoyed trying on space helmets and boots. We are looking forward to carrying on our topic of space next half term.



### 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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk)

### Upcoming dates

08/02/2023 Termly learning conferences

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

### Word of the Week



### Sign of the week

Sister



### 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: [chair.foebs@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk](mailto:chair.foebs@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk)

**Our next event will be the Valentines Double Disco on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

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](mailto:victoriaf@edithborthwick.essex.sch.uk)

### Governors

#### Spotlight on: Steve Elwell, Parent Governor

I am the Vice President of an international technology and manufacturing business based in Chelmsford. My son attends The Edith Borthwick School and I have watched with pride the outstanding achievements he has made since being with the school.



As a governor, I am passionate about being able to share my experience to support the school in achieving its aims and grateful for the opportunity to give something back.