

The Edith Borthwick School

Weekly Update

Friday 3rd November 2023

Head's Update

It has been lovely seeing our learners back this week! Our theme has been 'Halloween' and some classes have also started to look at 'fireworks', which will carry on next week.

Our Halloween discos went really well - many of our learners and staff chose to dress up and they looked fantastic! **Heathrow class decorated the hall with decorations from the Friends of Edith Borthwick School (FOEBS). Gatwick class set up and ran both discos, using a playlist compiled by Louise, the teacher in Tortoise.** It was very much a whole school affair! FOEBS donated two different types of glow sticks, so that every learner that wanted one could use one at the disco. We also had a calm part of the disco where the music was lowered and the lights went off, to support our learners who need that.

In the past, the Halloween disco has been one of our FOEBS fundraising events. We decided to keep the discos free for all learners because we wanted everyone to be able to take part. **FOEBS have sent each learner home with a 'treat' of a Smartie tube and they would love it if every tube could be sent back filled with coins, to enable us to keep doing fun, family events.** Let's see how much we can raise!

Now that the weather has definitely become colder and wetter, **can you please make sure that your child comes in with a coat** as many of our learners still like to go outside and use their gardens in any weather! Our school uniform provider has a coat with a logo if you want one, but we don't mind which coats are worn. We are happy for any colour or style, but waterproof if possible.

A letter will be coming out shortly regarding the Covid vaccine being offered to staff and learners in November on school site. **We will contact you as soon as we have a definite date for this.**

Today was our **monthly parent coffee morning**. Jenny and Tasha, who ran it this time, said that the session was really engaging and well attended. Next month, the coffee morning will take place on **Friday 1st December at 9.30am** and we will be looking at **occupational therapy resources with Abbie, our OT Assistant.**

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Maggie

★Class of the Week★



Lion Class



Emily, Class Teacher says...



Lion class had a great first half term and settled into their new class really well! Our theme has been 'toys' and we have looked at teddies, vehicles, dolls, 'Toy Story' and TV characters.

We have been very lucky to have lots of exciting opportunities, such as The Travelling Librarian, a story teller, the Laughter Specialists, and music with Anita.

In '**independence and life skills**', we have been doing lots of cooking, learning new skills and how to prepare food safely. We have made Peppa Pig biscuits, Paw Patrol cupcakes, Pizza Planet pizzas and teddy bear toast.



In '**thinking and learning**', we have used our theme of 'toys' to support our number recognition, counting, colours and repeating patterns.

In '**communication**', we have enjoyed mark making, with some of us practicing letter formation and name writing! We have also loved communicating through play with our friends, particularly when dressing up and using the small world toys. Each week, we have an **attention bucket lesson** where the learners are excited to see what is going to come out of the bucket that week!

The highlight of our week is always **the mud garden**, where we love to splash in the muddy puddles, play with our friends, explore the environment and have intensive interaction with the adults.

This half term, we are very excited to get ready for our Christmas show and to celebrate Christmas!



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Upcoming dates

Parent Coffee Morning

Fri 1st December 2023

9.30am – 11.00am

Christmas Fair

Weds 13th December 2023

(Time TBC)

Christmas Break

Thurs 21st December 2023

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Weds 3rd January 2024

Spring Term Starts

Thurs 4th January 2024

Non-Pupil Day

Mon 22nd January 2024

February Half Term

Mon 19th February 2024

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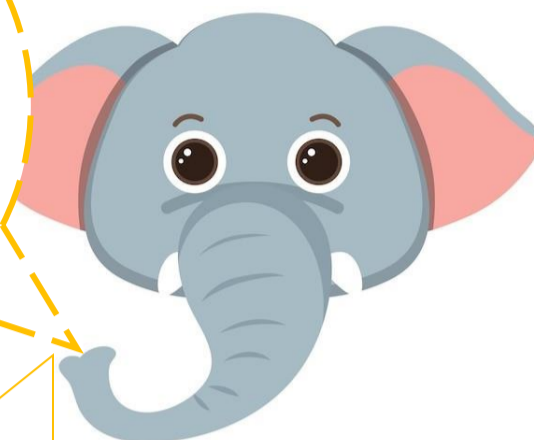
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Edie's Corner



Word of the Week:



Check out the photos from our **Halloween discos** on Tuesday on the next page - there were some absolutely amazing costumes!

Edie's Jokes of the Week

What did the policeman say to his tummy? Freeze!
You're under a vest!

What do you call a pig that knows karate? A pork chop!

★ Favourite Hobby/Activity ★

Katie and Evie both love attending their dance class on a Sunday morning!



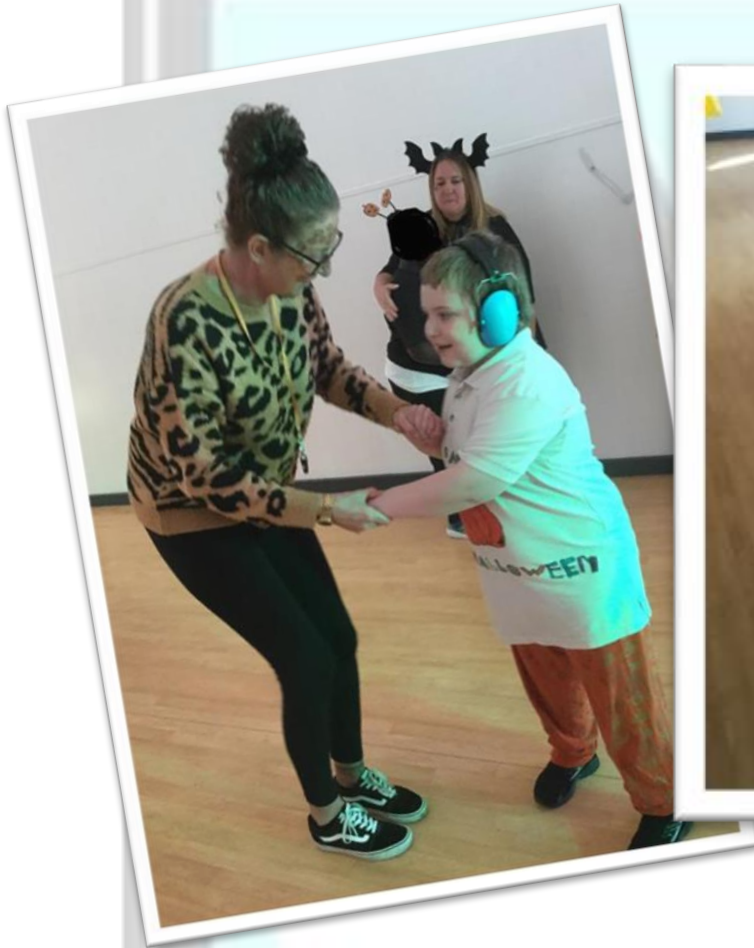
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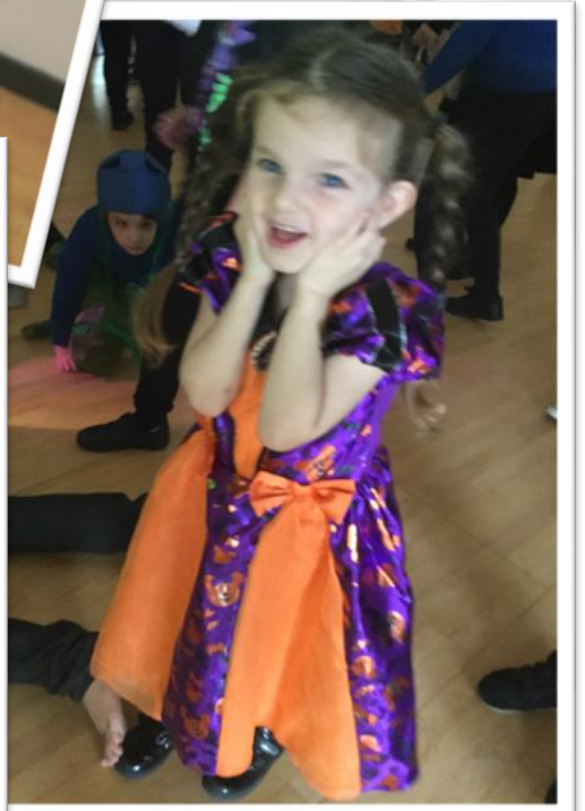
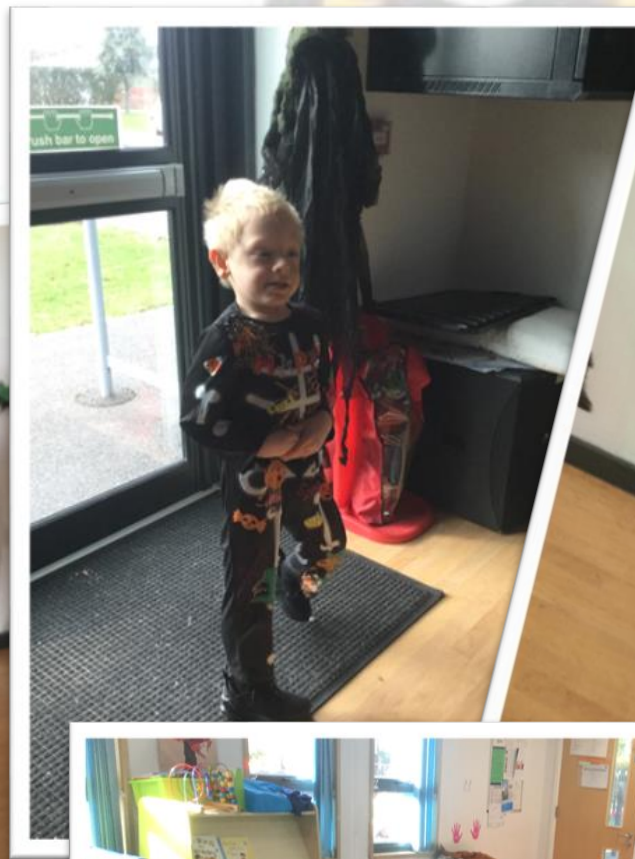
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Halloween Activities and Discos – Tuesday 31st October 2023

🐧 Penguin class 🐧



🐆 Leopard class 🐆

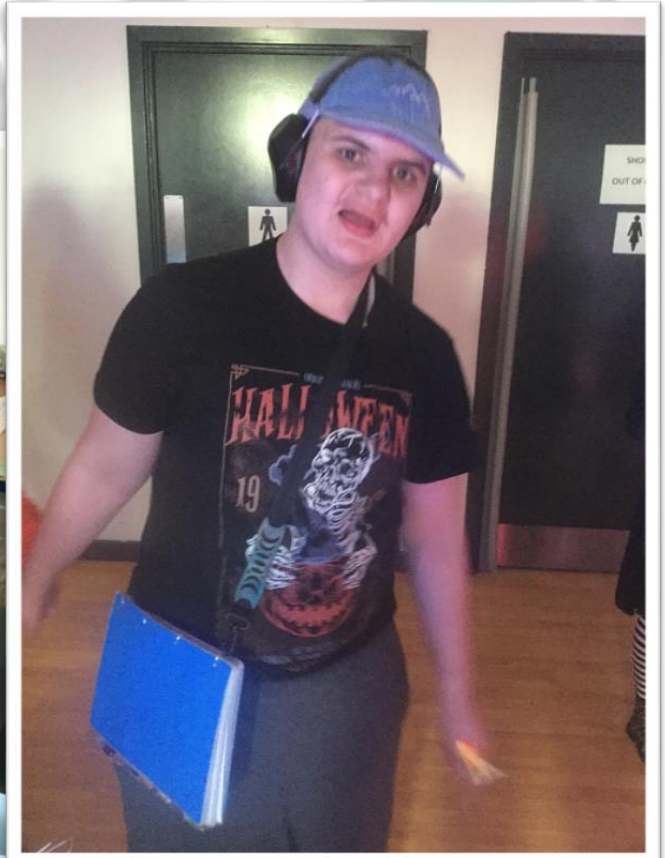
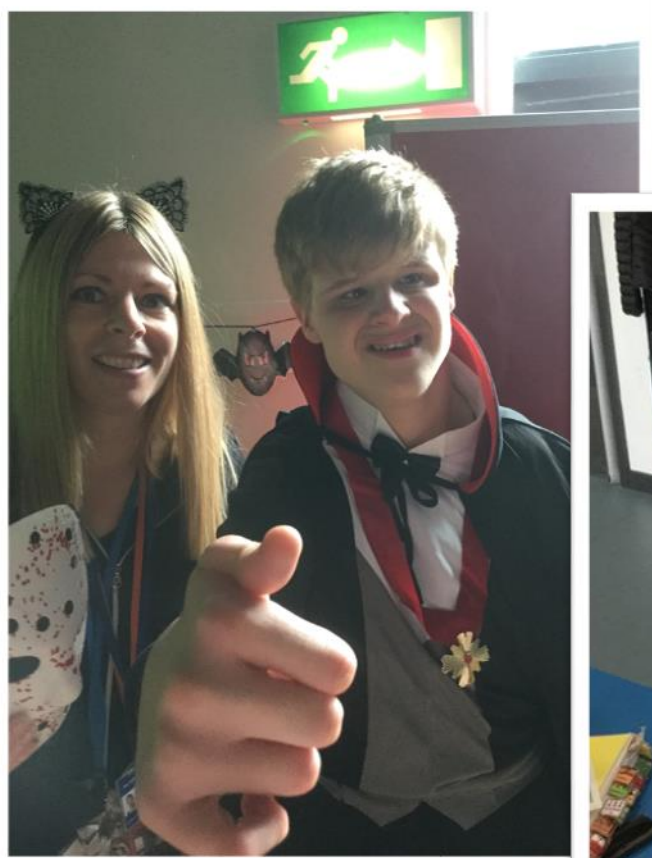


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 Tortoise class 

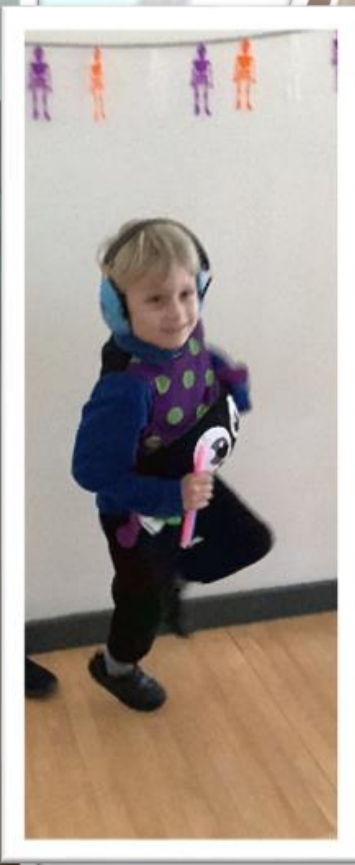


 Sea lion class 



Halloween Activities and Discos – Tuesday 31st October 2023

🦛 Hippo class 🦛



🦎 Crocodile class 🦎



🐅 Tiger class 🐅

