

# The Edith Borthwick School Weekly Update

## Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Head's update

**Happy International Women's Day!** Thank you to the amazing women who work in our school and to the lovely girls that attend our school. Thank you to all the mums, nans and carers that support our school and our learners. We are very grateful for you all, and hope that you enjoy Mother's Day on Sunday.

**There has been a lovely buzz around school this week.** Lots of fantastic book-related activities have been taking place across the week, culminating in our amazing World Book Day activities yesterday. The learners and staff looked amazing! We had several groups of 'Where's Wally' including the SLG, who all dressed up as Wally! We also had a number of Disney princesses, animals, super heroes, wizards and many, many more. I think more learners and staff were dressed up than ever before!

During the day, each class had the opportunity to go into the hall for an hour and complete activities, which had been set up by our older classes. These included sensory water bags to find items related to the BFG, experiments, searching through Mr Twit's beard to find items (yuk!), a chocolate fountain, a popcorn machine, a candy floss machine, a slime-filled witch's cauldron, and magic!

On Wednesday, **Ann (Class teacher in Stansted) and learners from our new Eco Club held a cake sale.** This was part of their fundraising activities, allowing them to develop areas of our school to cut waste and encourage wildlife.

Today we have been saying **goodbye to Sarah Cadby.** Sarah has worked as one of our TAs and more recently as our Pastoral Support Assistant. This was a post that was created in 2022 to support our learners to stay well regulated and to support our staff to apply strategies to do this. **Sarah has finished her qualification and is moving into the counselling sector. We would like to thank her and wish her luck!** We have interviewed this week and are pleased to announce that **Charlotte (one of our TAs) will be taking over from Sarah in the near future as our Pastoral Support Assistant. We also had a new teacher Ellie start with us last week.** She has been getting to know learners in a number of classes.

**Just a reminder that dogs are NOT allowed on site please.** Some of our learners can find this upsetting.

It feels like the weather is finally improving (hurray!), so I hope that you manage to enjoy your weekend!

Kind regards,

Maggie

### ★Class of the week★



#### Sea lion Class



Tracy and Clare, Class teachers say...



Sea lion class have been learning about **people who help us** as part of our topic 'the world of work'. We have been matching professionals to where they work, e.g. **dentist** to dental surgery and firefighter to fire station. We have also been looking at what tools are needed for different jobs!



During our **communication lessons**, we have been focusing on **developing our reading skills** and in **thinking and learning lessons**, we have been working on **number recognition, calculations and money**.

We also do lots of work on our **independence skills** including making ourselves a drink, brushing our teeth, washing our hands, drying ourselves and getting our own snacks from our bags.

We have been going on **weekly shopping trips to Tesco's** to buy essentials for the class, and food items to make a snack on a Friday! Our shopping trips have **given everyone the opportunity to follow a visual shopping list, match coins to a visual, find items in a shop and pay for our shopping.** We have also been **developing our understanding of strangers and safer strangers** when out and about so that we know who we can ask for help!

We have had lots of fun and laughter, and have been **building friendships within the class!** We are looking forward to next term, when we will be learning how to look after ourselves in **our topic of 'Fitness, Health & Wellbeing'**.

**See Edie's corner on the next page for signs linked to the words in blue!**



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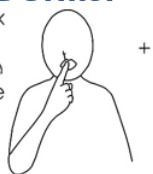


## Edie's corner

### Signs linked to Tracy and Clare's Class of the week

#### Dentist

Index  
taps  
teeth  
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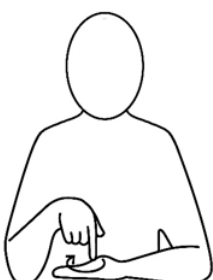
Hand  
moves  
down  
slightly



#### Money



#### Coin



#### Friend



### Word of the week



eco

## Upcoming dates

SPRING TERM 2024

### Red Nose Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Term finishes

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## Elsewhere around the school

### World Book Day

**Wolf class** took their World Book Day adventures out into the community at Mill Race Garden Centre!

**Rhino class** had a fab day!

**Leopard class** enjoyed joining in with all the fun book-themed activities, especially the sensory bags in the main hall!

**Heathrow class** were so helpful on our activities station in the main hall!

**Sea lion class** had a great day!

**Penguin class** had a wonderful day and enjoyed the activities in the hall - they were brilliant!

## Edie's jokes of the week

**Where do sheep go on holiday?**

To the Baaaaa-hamas! (*Bahamas!*)

**Why did the opera singer go on a cruise?**

She wanted to hit the high Cs! (*High seas!*)

## ECO-Schools update

Our cake sale raised

**£126.00**

which will be used to fund future Eco Club projects!



**A massive thank you** to everyone for their support by buying cakes and/or sending cakes in!

## 💡 Eco tip of the week 💡

### Plan ahead for the week!

Plan your meals for the week using a dinner menu so you know what shopping you need to get - this also means you won't waste anything!

## Comic Relief

In support of Comic Relief on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, we have decided to join in the fun and sell red noses! Red noses can be purchased from Tracey in reception for £2.00 each. If you would like to buy one, please send money in a clearly named envelope, labelled 'Red nose'.



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