

# The Edith Borthwick School Weekly Update

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## Head's update

Happy Friday!

After a very wet Thursday where very few learners went outside, we hope that today will have more dry spells! We are not forecast snow in our area, but **please remember to check DOJO, the school website and BBC Essex if there is a risk in the upcoming weeks. We will let you know as early as possible if we are impacted by snow and/or ice.**

This week, we have been celebrating **Children's Mental Health Week**. Classes have been looking at strategies that can be used to help them stay mentally well such as:

- exercise
- relaxation
- healthy eating
- doing enjoyable activities
- spending time with friends and family
- doing breathing exercises.

As part of looking at children's mental health, **Crocodile class spent some time looking at kindness and how to be a good friend** – photos can be seen on the next page!

Today we had our first tour for new learners who will be starting with us in September - it was lovely to show them around and for them to see all the exciting activities going on in classrooms! **Our term dates for next year (2024/2025) were sent out yesterday, giving you information about when we start back and when our inset days are.**

**Heather, one of our governors, has decided to step down after doing the role for many years.** Heather is known to many of our families through Happy Hill but she was also a parent of children at the school for many years and then a governor for the last seven years. **We at Edith Borthwick would like to say a massive THANK YOU to Heather for everything that she has done to support the school.** She will be greatly missed, and we hope that she still pops in to see us from time to time!

This means that **we will soon be sending out an Expression of Interest form to recruit new school governors.** It's a really rewarding role and our Governing Body is central to ensure the smooth running of our lovely school. I'm always happy to chat about the role. We have the following governor vacancies:

- **Parent Governor** which must be filled by a parent of a child with additional needs (they do not need to attend our school)
- **Co-opted Governor** who just needs to have an interest in becoming a governor, so we would be happy to hear from friends and family who might also be interested in joining us.

Next week is half term, so **we break up on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February and will be back in school on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February.**

Have a lovely weekend and I hope that it is not too wet!

Kind regards,

Maggie

## ★Class of the week★

🐾 **Wolf Class** 🐾

**Dani, Class teacher says...**



Wolf class have had a great start to 2024! We have enjoyed exploring our new topic of '**hot and cold**'. We have enjoyed our sensory story sessions, where we have explored a number of hot and cold resources.

One of our particular favourites has been '**The Snow Bear**', where we have enjoyed feeling faux 'bear fur', watching polar bears **swim** and even tasting seaweed!

We have enjoyed a number of creativity sessions, including music with Anita, Diddi Dance and also sensory process **art**. We have made polar bears out of cotton wool, and used puffy paint to create masterpieces!

**Assembly is our favourite time of the week**, we love **dancing** to 'Ice, ice baby' with a huge parachute and snowballs, as well as dancing to 'Hot, hot, hot'! We love celebrating both our own successes and those of our friends and peers!

We have continued developing our independence and life skills through **practicing handwashing, teeth brushing, wiping our faces, feeding ourselves, tidying up, and learning about washing our hair.**

Over the next few weeks, **we will continue with our 'hot and cold' topic**, where we will be exploring hot and cold habitats, including the desert! After half term, we are looking forward to **starting swimming again**. We are also looking forward to celebrating some special events including **Valentine's Day, Mother's Day and Easter!**

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



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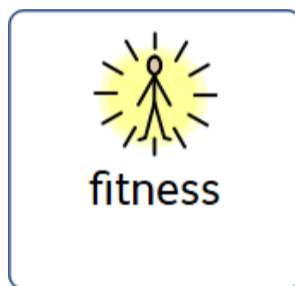
## Edie's corner

### Edie's Jokes of the week

What do you call a dinosaur that is sleeping?  
A dino-snore!

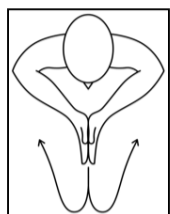
Where do sheep go to get their hair cut?  
The baa-baa shop!

### Word of the week

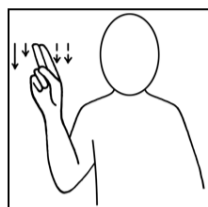


### Signs linked to Dani's Class of the week

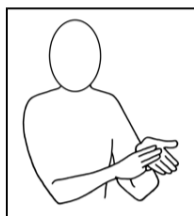
#### Swim



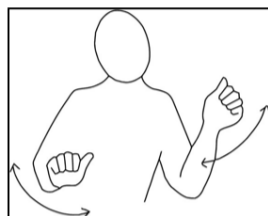
#### Art



#### Mother



#### Dance



## Elsewhere around the school

**Crocodile class** have been looking at kindness and how to be a kind friend as part of Children's Mental Health Week!



## ECO-Schools update

This week, we had some pallets given to us by **Andy and his son Hayde at A.G Glass** to help make our bug hotel!



## Eco tip of the week



Change one lightbulb to a compact florescent!

## Upcoming dates

### SPRING TERM 2024

#### Half term

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> – Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

#### Term starts

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024

#### World Book Day

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

#### Red Nose Day

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

#### Term finishes

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

### SUMMER TERM 2024

#### Term starts

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

#### May Day

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

#### School photographs

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024

#### Half term

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

#### Term starts

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

#### Non-pupil days

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June/Mon 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024

#### Term finishes

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

## 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'.

Further details will be sent out via Dojo and Parentmail in due course!