

The Edith Borthwick School

Weekly Update

Thursday 19th October 2023

Head's Update

Good afternoon,

What a week of mixed weather! Freezing on Monday, then rain and wind have meant that our learners have not been outside quite as much as normal for the past few days. We have managed to do lots of fun activities indoors though, including messy play, music, aerobics and art!

There has been a lot of absence this week due to illness. **I want to thank all the staff who have covered and enjoyed supporting our learners. It has been a great team effort this week and our learners have still been able to access their learning.**

Last Wednesday, **Dan and a team of footballers from Aardvark class went to Shooters, a football club in North Weald for a day organised by the SEND charity Panathlon.** The learners had a lovely day participating in a carousel of football skills (please see photo on second page!).

We had a FOEBS planning meeting this week where we looked at what we are doing for our Christmas fair on Wednesday 13th December 2023. As part of the preparations, **Julie Bradd managed to get a lot of chocolate donated by our local garage.** As you'll see in the photo on page 2, there really is a lot! We will be selling it to raise money at the fair. Well done Julie!

Tomorrow is our inset day where we will be looking at updating our learners' Personal Social Support plans and learning about our updated Universal Offer. The Universal Offer is about all the strategies and resources that we use in every classroom.

We wish you all a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing our learners back on Monday 30th October 2023, ready for Halloween activities, and the Halloween disco on Tuesday 31st October - don't forget your fancy dress on the Tuesday!

Kind regards,

Maggie

★Class of the Week★



Hippo Class



Emily, Class Teacher says...



Hippo class have had a really good first half term! We have been looking at **'toys'**, focussing on TV characters, vehicles, teddies and dolls. We have been very lucky to have **The Laughter Specialists, and Cheeky Chimps with Anita.** We especially enjoy Anita's vast array of different musical instruments!



In **'thinking and learning'**, we have been looking at **counting, shapes and repeating patterns.** Some of us have been able to recreate repeating patterns using TV characters.

We have also been **working on our cooking skills and exploring new foods.** We have had lots of fun exploring messy play, including pasta shapes, chocolate mud and shaving foam! We have also made teddy toast, stick men chocolate breadsticks and Paw Patrol cupcakes.



In **communication**, we have enjoyed practicing our **mark making**, with some of us **learning to write our name** and some of us enjoying **following paths to improve our fine motor skills!** We have also enjoyed sensory stories including, 'Peppa Pig's Sleepover', 'We All Go Travelling By' and 'Whatever Next!'. We really enjoy exploring all the different sensory props to go with them!

This week, we particularly enjoyed all the rain as the mud garden was very muddy and we could splash in all the puddles!



Next half term, we are really looking forward to continue looking at toys - **we are really excited to celebrate Halloween and Christmas!**



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Upcoming dates

Non-Pupil Day
Friday 20th October 2023

Half Term
Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October 2023

Halloween Disco (Daytime)
Tuesday 31st October 2023

Parent/Carer Coffee Morning
Friday 3rd November 2023 9.30am -
11.00am

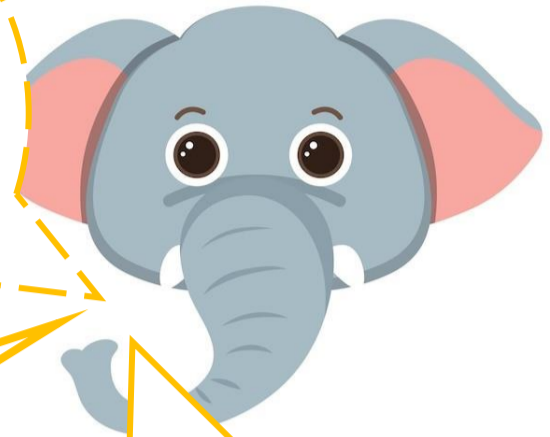
Aardvark class trip to Shooters



Edie's Corner



Word of the Week:



On Tuesday 31st October, **learners and staff are invited to wear costumes** to celebrate Halloween (if they would like to)

We wish all our learners, parents/carers and staff (who aren't working!) a lovely half term break!

Edie's Jokes of the Week

Why did the banana go to the doctor? Because it wasn't peeling well!

What's orange and sounds like a parrot? A carrot!

Chocolate donated for our Christmas fair



★ Favourite Hobby/Activity of the Week ★

If you have any photos or stories that you would like us to share, please email:

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