



Tuesday 19th December 2023

Head's Update

Welcome to the last newsletter of the term. Where has the term gone?! It seems to have rushed by!

We have had the **negatives of Covid and sickness**, which have really taken their toll on staff and pupil attendance, and **then the school having to suddenly shut because of the water. Thank you for being so supportive and understanding when we have had to make difficult decisions.** The positives have by far outweighed the negatives and so let's focus on them!

We have had a number of **Jack Petchy winners this year**, including two this term: Liam K (March 23), Jowan (May 23), Evie (May 23), Harley (June 23), Joshua T (Sept 23), William M (Nov 23). **William has just won for using his walker to move around the school. He is also becoming more assertive with making choices.**

Holly W in Meerkat was presented with the 'most improved young rider' award by the Riding for the Disabled school that we go to. Tyler G in Stansted won the 'most improved older rider'. Well done Holly and Tyler! We are proud of you.

We have had learners go to sporting events, Christmas parties and lots of weekly activities across the term. It's been a busy but enjoyable term!

Finally, **our Christmas fair.** This was the first Christmas fair that we have run since I have been here and since Covid, and it was an amazing success. Lots of parents managed to come on the day, which was brilliant because it meant that lots of learners could attend. Our learners and staff in the airport classes ran the fair and the token system meant that they could be really independent with serving on the stalls. The raffle was very well supported and meant that parents and staff could join in, even if they were not able to come in on the day. **Thank you for all your support.** The money is still trickling in but so far, **we have raised a whopping £2415.53 for the learners!**

The prize winners were as follows - we had 77 raffle prizes donated so I won't name them all but **the first prize of £250 went to Klavia in Penguin class! Name the Bunny was won by Bradley in Hippo with 'Hoppy'. Sarah D won the guess the chocolates in the bag with a guess of 174 – just one out (175)! Well done to everyone who took part, donated and came on the day. You made it the success that it was and we will be repeating it next year.**

Tomorrow is our last day. Our learners are welcome to wear non-school uniform of their choice for our school discos tomorrow. We think it would be nice to round the year up wearing fancy dress or Christmas outfits!

I wish you all a lovely Christmas break and we look forward to **welcoming all our learners back on Thursday 4th January 2024** - season's greetings!

Maggie

★Class of the Week★



Owl Class



Lizzy and Sarah, Class Teachers say...



This term, Owl class have focused on the theme of **autumn!**

We have **looked at the weather, clothing, animals and plants.** We have also listened to lots of sensory stories around the weather to help develop our understanding. We have created some leaf men out of leaves and even made some leaf ghosts over Halloween!

The learners have been working really hard on their focusing on expanding our vocabulary.

We really enjoy **language-focused play sessions**, playing with a variety of different toys each week, such as building towers and knocking them down, or creating a village with some Happyland toys.

Next term, our topic will be **'hot and cold'**. We are excited to participate in lots of experiments relating to hot and cold, possibly even some ice painting! **We hope that you have a wonderful holiday. See you in January!**



The Edith Borthwick School
Weekly Update

Upcoming dates

Christmas Break
Thurs 21st December 2023 –
Weds 3rd January 2024

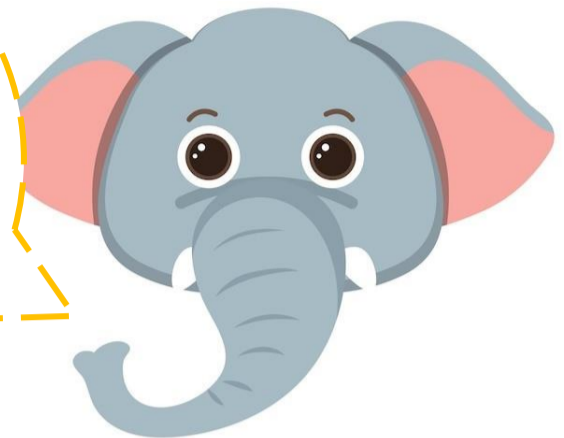
Spring Term Starts
Thurs 4th January 2024

Non-Pupil Day
Mon 22nd January 2024

February Half Term
Mon 19th February – Fri 23rd February 2024

Edie's Corner

Word of the Week:



Edie's Jokes of the Week

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?
Frostbite!

What do you get if you cross a bell with a skunk? Jingle smells!

Bocking Brass Band

visiting us on Tuesday 19th December 2023



Tyler receiving his award for
the 'most improved older rider'



Holly receiving her award for
the 'most improved young rider'



Some of Iguana class with Jack from Slamseys Farm,
kindly donating our Christmas tree!



You can see a photo of the tree in our hall on the next page!



Christmas Celebrations



**Our beautiful Christmas tree from Slamseys Farm
and some of our room/board displays**





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Our Christmas Fair



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Some of our learners
meeting Santa

