



ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term. Before the break I spoke with the children in assembly about the concept of **integrity** - of the importance of doing the right thing, even when no-one is watching.

We continue to be proud of the children's attitudes and achievements, and I hope you all share this sense of pride which the children show in being Elsley pupils, and in the progress in their learning.

The opportunities we provide for the children aim to give them a broad range of experiences. We are making final preparations for bringing animals for our Elsley Farm, ensuring this will be a safe valuable learning experience. Watch this space! **Raphael Moss, Headteacher**

Attendance /Punctuality Since last September, all year groups from Reception to Year 6 have the same start time of **8:55am** with soft start commencing at **8:45am**, except on Wednesday mornings. If your child is late please bring them to the office and sign them in the late book. If your child is unwell and not attending, please email absence@elsley.brent.sch.uk or telephone 0208 902 8003.

Persistent Absence is attendance below 90%. This is equivalent to half-a-day missed every week or 4 whole weeks missed in year. Over a 5 year period, your child would miss half a year. Pupils with less than 90% attendance may be referred to the Education Welfare Service.

Holidays during term time are not permitted. In exceptional circumstances, leave may be permitted by submitting a form in advance. **The full attendance policy is on our website.**

SPRING TERM PARENT COURSES

- Maths GCSE
- Maths Stepping Stones
- Working with Children
- Making Story Sacks
- English Family Learning
- English Advanced
- Yoga



Speak to the school
office for more info.



There is clearly much uncertainty about **Britain exiting from the EU (Brexit)**. As a school we always try to ensure we are as prepared as we can be for all circumstances.

If you're an EU citizen, you and your family will be able to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021. Please ask Mrs Iqbal if you want any support. In any event, we respect and value all families, and will continue to do our best for all of our children.

Keeping our children safe Mr Moss is the DSL

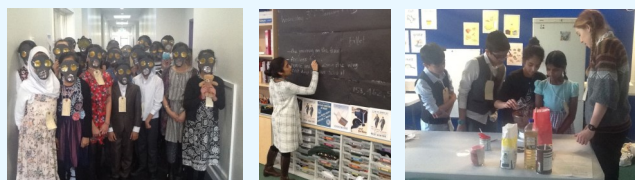
(Designated Lead for Safeguarding). Our Family Support Worker, assistant and deputy headteachers are all trained to the same high standard as the DSL. See the letter coming home about the metropolitan police's 'Operation Encompass.'



Nursery Spaces Elsley Primary is a very popular school with waiting lists in most year groups. However, we do have spaces in our Nursery. If your child was born between September 1st 2014 and August 31st 2015, they can start in the Nursery. **Children who attend Elsley Nursery achieve higher at the end of Reception, than those who start the following year.**

IMMERSIVE WORLD WAR II EXPERIENCES

Year 6 have been fortunate to experience fantastic opportunities to enrich their learning of World War II. They first took part in an immersive day where they spent the day as evacuees. Their classrooms were turned back in time to 1942 and they spent the day making gas masks, writing letters, baking and preparing for air-raid attacks!



They also got to hear from Vera, a holocaust survivor, who came in to talk to the children about her incredible life. She spoke to the children about her painful journey to England from Czechoslovakia during World War II. Year 6 had lots of interesting questions and found the experience very emotional.



FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE



On our website, we have created a 'forms' page. You can find it at: www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/parents/forms

Here you will be able to download forms which can be handed in to the school office or e-mailed to parents@elsley.brent.sch.uk. Forms you can find on this page include Leave of Absence Request forms, Change of Address forms, Breakfast & After-School Club Registration forms and Nursery Applications.

Dates for your Diary

March

Sun 31st British Summer Time begins (clocks go forwards 1 hour)

April

Thurs 4th Parents' evening. School closes at 1:30pm

Fri 5th End of Spring Term. School closes at 1:30pm

Wed 24th Start of Summer Term

May

Mon 6th Bank Holiday Monday (school closed)

27th - 31st Half Term

HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR

FROM OUR RECEPTION CHILDREN

Children in Reception dazzled parents and older children with a fantastic assembly celebrating Chinese New Year. They read their lines, sang and danced brilliantly.



YEAR 2 EXPLORE THE SCIENCE MUSEUM

Year 2 had an exciting trip to the Science Museum. They explored different rockets and space crafts linked with their topic and watched a moon adventure film in a 4D cinema.



A TASTE OF ITALY

Year 3 had a fantastic Italian themed Extended Day. As part of their topic learning about Italy, children stayed on after school and took part in a range of activities including pizza making, pasta pictures, Italian dancing and Italian playground games.



We are so proud that Elsley Primary offers extended day opportunities in Years 1-3, On-site residential for Year 4 and external residential days for Years 5 and 6. If you would like more information on any of our extended days or residentials, please speak to Mr Wilke.

SAFER INTERNET DAY

On Tuesday, 5th February, Elsley Primary recognised Safer Internet Day.

It began with an assembly run by Mr Fraser and our 14 Digital Leaders. The focus for this year was learning the importance of permission and consent online. During the week, children across the whole school took part in activities including a digital quiz and creating replica text conversation scenarios. Mr Fraser also ran a parent online safety workshop. If you missed it, he will repeat it in the Summer Term. For more info, please visit:



www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/about-us/online-safety

*****POWERFUL PARENTING *****

Greet your child with a SMILE not a MOBILE PHONE.

After not being with your child for 6 hours, it's really important to greet your child after school with strong communication. You could ask them questions like... *How was your day? What did you learn? Who did you play with at break time? What did you get in your spelling test? Where did you end up on the behaviour chart today? What's your homework?*



YEAR 3 PHOTOGRAPHED BY OSCAR-WINNING FILMMAKER

Children in Year 3 will be part of a large scale installation that captures tens of thousands of Year 3 children in London. The installation, which is being created by Turner Prize winning artist and Oscar-winning filmmaker, Steve McQueen, will be on display in November at the Tate Britain exhibition.



YEAR 5 SPELLING BEE

Six children from Year 5 represented Elsley Primary at an Inter-School Spelling Bee hosted in our Main Hall.

Elsley were up against North West London Jewish Day School, Preston Manor and Brentfield Primary School. It was a tough competition with one child from Elsley finishing second behind a child from Brentfield who took back the trophy for a second year. Well done to all of the children who took part and we look forward to the rematch next year!



YEAR 1 TRIP TO LONDON ZOO

Year 1 had a terrific time at ZSL London Zoo exploring all the animals that they have been learning about in their topic.



MORE ELSLEY FARM CONSTRUCTION

Our fantastic Outdoor Learning team are continuing to prepare for our Elsley farm by constructing two Guinea Pig hutches to go alongside our new chicken hutch and sheep house. We are so excited about bringing a slice of rural life to Wembley and will update everyone when the animals will be arriving.



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