



# ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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Spring has arrived and it is a joy to see our school campus with emerging blossom and flowers, including the flowering bulbs which our children planted several months ago.

As the Spring Term draws to an end, the photos on the back of this newsletter show a fraction of some of the exciting and diverse opportunities which have taken place for our children (and parents).

We look forward to welcoming parents to meet teachers when you can hear about your child's progress and discuss their next steps. Don't forget that clocks move forward one hour this Sunday March 31st and British Summer Time begins.

*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](mailto: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.**

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.'



### YEAR 4 TIMES TABLES COMPETITION

Well done to these children in Year 4 who took part in an inter-school Times Tables competition. They were up against Preston Manor Primary School, Brentfield Primary School and North West London Jewish Day School who won this year.



**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.**



### ELSLEY DOES SOMETHING FUNNY FOR MONEY

Children and staff had so much fun today dressing up and raising money for Red Nose Day. We had a Disney theme this year with children and staff dressing up as their favourite

Disney character, wearing a Red Nose Day Disney T-Shirt from TK Maxx or wearing something red.

In the afternoon everyone took part in a Disney Sing-Along which was enjoyed by all. After adding up the donations, we had raised over **£473** for Comic Relief. Well done Elsley!!!



### LANGUAGES APP TO SUPPORT LEARNING

**Bonjour!** The children are really enjoying developing their French skills. If you would like to help them with their learning, why not download this app at home. It is £1.99 and called 'languages Primary French Builder.' This is a fantastic and fun way to help your child with all areas of learning a language.



Please feel free to ask Mrs. Vithlani for any further information.

### Dates for your Diary

<b>March</b>	
Sun 31st	British Summer Time begins (clocks go forwards 1 hour)
<b>April</b>	
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
<b>May</b>	
Mon 6th	Bank Holiday Monday (school closed)
27th - 31st	Half Term



### KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE FROM GANGS

Year 5 took part in a powerful workshop run by AIR Network who ran a session on staying safe from joining gangs. Children heard a first hand account of what can happen if someone gets drawn into gang life.



### A SNAP FROM THE PAST

Check out this amazing photo taken in 1979 of Elsley Primary pupils at the Caribbean Festival

Commonwealth Institute. Our school was only 8 years old when this picture was taken. We wonder what these pupils would think of our wonderful school today! The photo is on display at Willesden Green Library.

### YEAR 2 AUTHOR WORKSHOP

Year 2 had a really exciting visit from Kate Cunningham, the author



of the book they are studying in class, Vlad and the Great Fire of London. They enjoyed a fantastic workshop and finished the day with some related art.

### PARENTS COMPLETE TRIPLE P COURSE



Congratulations to these parents who have completed the Group Triple P parenting course.

They have invested time in themselves and their families to learn positive strategies to manage behaviour. Thanks to Gail Tolley, strategic director of Brent children and young people services, who presented the certificates.

### WORLD BOOK DAY 7 MARCH 2019

### ANIMAL ANTICS

We had so much fun today celebrating World Book Day! Check out some of the fantastic costumes worn today by our children and staff. Our theme was 'animals and mythical creatures from books'.

In the morning, EY & KS1 children took part in a celebration assembly which included a costume parade and an Elsley's Got Talent showcase. Later on, KS2's assembly included a Teachers vs Pupils World Book Day Quiz.



### ROMAN DISCOVERIES

Year 3 visited Willesden Green Library to attend a fantastic Roman Workshop.



They explored artefacts from Roman times and looked at how Roman inventions impacted Brent. Children enjoyed trying on army helmets and investigated ancient maps.

### YEAR 4 VISIT TO BRENT LIBRARY

Year 4 enjoyed a great trip to Brent Library. They had time to explore lots of interesting books and indulge their love of reading.



### **\*\*\* POWERFUL PARENTING \*\*\***



Have you checked out The Yellow yet? Based near the Civic Centre, it offers a range of activities for the local community, for example exercise classes, art classes, language lessons and even things like gardening, dance or music lessons!

More at [www.wembleypark.com/theyellow/](http://www.wembleypark.com/theyellow/)

### EXPLORING SPACE

Year 5 had a fascinating trip to the Science Museum in South Kensington to explore the Wonderlab as part of their 'Galaxies' topic.



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