



# ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

learning, sharing, achieving and respecting

September 2023

We have had a positive start to the new year at Elsley Primary School. For new parents and carers - welcome! I am usually by the main gates in the mornings or after school, or other leaders are available to answer queries - please do come and say hello; school and family must work together as partners to successfully raise our children.

This newsletter introduces our new staff - we're thrilled they joined Elsley! I wish to emphasise **good attendance and punctuality** which is about more than just one day or a few minutes missed of a lesson. Bringing your child on time develops their routine and attitude for life!

The other major thing to emphasise is **daily reading at home**. It's the biggest key to success that you can give your child!

I look forward to another successful year of children (and adults!) developing themselves, and having fun, memorable experiences.

Wishing you a successful year ahead, Raphael Moss, Headteacher



## NEWSLETTER



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**MEDICAL REQUEST:** If your child has suffered an injury that requires the school to make any special arrangements, please inform the school office of this **before** your child returns to school so that we can best cater for their needs.

### SCHOOL STREET ZONE

Please note our school is located within a school street zone. This operates between 8:15am – 9:15am and 2:30pm – 4pm. CCTV is in force to drive beyond Gaddesden Avenue. Penalty Charge Notices are issued by the council unless a car has an exemption. For more details please visit:

[www.brent.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-travel/travel-and-transport/school-streets](http://www.brent.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-travel/travel-and-transport/school-streets)



### REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

We are here to help you with all your enquiries.

#### School Office – Opening Hours

The School Office opens to parents for general enquiries between **8.30am and 9.30am** on all days (9am– 9:30am on Wednesdays).

The office closes **4.15pm Monday to Thursday** and **3.45pm on Fridays**.

For help with School Money please come on **FRIDAYS** between 8.45am - 9.30AM or 2.30pm - 3.30pm.

**Attendance** Email school **by 9am** if your child is going to be absent for any reason. Please **EMAIL : [absence@elsley.brent.sch.uk](mailto:absence@elsley.brent.sch.uk)** if your child is absent stating your **child's name , class and reason for absence** or **complete the absence form on the website**. Thank you

#### School Lunch Money

School Lunch Money has been kept at the same low cost of **£11.50** each week which must **be paid in advance**

**on the Monday** for that week, at

[www.schoolmoney.co.uk](http://www.schoolmoney.co.uk). If your child is

absent, credit will be carried

forward. We ask that **pupils remain** on their chosen lunch arrangement for a complete half- term rather than changing week to week.

Thanks to the Mayor of London, this year ALL children will be **entitled to a Free School Meals**. If you wish to apply please do online at <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/> Bookings must be made in **advance** online at [www.schoolmoney.co.uk](http://www.schoolmoney.co.uk) . For any urgent /late bookings please call the school office 0208 902 8003.



## APPLY ON TIME FOR SCHOOL

A guide for Brent parents to help you apply on time and online for a school place starting September 2024.

Full information for parents/carers of children starting school in September 2024 can be found via [www.brent.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.brent.gov.uk/admissions).

	Transferring to Secondary school	Starting Primary school and transferring to Junior school
Who should apply?	Apply for children born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013	<b>Primary:</b> Apply for children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 <b>Junior:</b> If your child is in year 2 at an infant school and born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017, you must apply for a place at a junior school
Deadline	31 October 2023	15 January 2024
Offer Day	1 March 2024	16 April 2024
School Starts	September 2024	September 2024

Apply now at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)



### Dates for your Diary

#### October Black History Month

wc Mon 2nd

Careers Week

Thur 19th

Last Day of Autumn 1 term. (Pick up at 3:15pm)

Fri 20th - Mon 30th

Half Term (school is closed on the Friday and Monday)

Tue 31st

First day of Autumn 2 term. (Soft start from 8:45am)

#### November

Thur 16th

Parent-Teacher Consultations (School closes at 1:30pm.)

\*\*\* ONLINE SAFETY TOP TIP \*\*\*

> Last September, Roblox's PEGI rating changed from 7+ to 12+ due to its user generated content.



**Mrs Arab is a new teacher in Year 2.** She studied at Birkbeck University where she gained a degree in Psychology for Education. She has worked in education for 10 years and has a wealth of experience. She began her career as a learning support assistant working primarily with children who have special educational needs. She is passionate about teaching and is motivated to give every child the opportunity to flourish. In her spare time, Mrs Arab enjoys spending time with her family (including her two fluffy cats), creating art and ice skating.



**Ms Choi is a new teacher in Year 4.** During her Bachelor's degree in Psychology at the University of Hong Kong, she gained experience working with children. From there, she pursued her PGCE at UCL's Institute of Education in London. In her spare time, she enjoys reading and crafting alongside her three cats: Sardine, Saba and Squid. She is excited to meet new faces and continue to learn in the incredible Elsley community.



**Mrs Felix is a new teacher in Year 3.** She has been teaching since 2013 and loves teaching children to believe in themselves and give things a go. Mrs Felix enjoys keeping fit, cooking dishes from around the world and spending time with her family. She is excited to join the team at Elsley and get to know all the farm animals.



**Mrs Hossain is a new teacher in Year 5.** She is an experienced teacher with a passion for inspiring young minds. She enjoys teaching hands-on activities and embedding technology into her lessons. Outside of work, Mrs Hossain relaxes by exploring the great outdoors through hiking, camping, or just taking a leisurely stroll in nature. She also enjoys travelling and exploring different cultures. She is very excited to bring her enthusiasm for education to Elsley!



**Ms I. Abdi is a new TA in Year 2.** After working at a college as a TA, she decided she wanted to branch out and work at a primary school. She has been enjoying her time at Elsley and has felt so welcomed by everyone. Outside of school she studies English literature part-time and loves to read!



**Ms Chabani is a new TA in Year 1.** She has worked in Brent for over 12 years as a HLTA and gained experience across both primary key stages. Miss Chabani is very excited to be joining Elsley and looks forward in getting to know the Elsley community. Outside of work, she enjoys walking, swimming and spending time with family and friends.



## Meet Our New Members of Staff

Visit our website to view our staff list so you can always identify who's who in our ever growing school faculty.

[www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/about-us/staff](http://www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/about-us/staff)



**Mr Bradwell is a new teacher in Year 5.** He has always been passionate about working in the education sector and has a keen interest in the STEM subjects. He first came across Elsley in October 2022, through a teaching agency, and is looking forward to his upcoming Elsley journey. Outside of school, Mr Bradwell enjoys travelling and going to gym.



**Mrs Dane-Liebesny is a new teacher in Year 5.** She is a very experienced teacher who loves teaching English and Art and thinks that reading is the key to everything. She believes that having a positive and resilient attitude will help children to reach their full potential. Mrs Dane-Liebesny has a specific love of colour and coordination, and you will often find her in the playground with her converse shoes and matching outfits. Outside of work, she enjoys cooking and reading in her garden with her cat for company.



**Ms Fenech is a new teacher in Year 4.** She is from Glasgow, Scotland and has been teaching for nearly 10 years. She has a passion for fitness and loves teaching PE. Her favourite time of the day is story time, as it is a chance for the class to come together and escape to another world for a short time. Outside of school she teaches fitness classes in the gym, enjoys lifting weights and spending time with her family and friends.



**Mr Rafique is a new teacher in Year 6.** He studied Architecture and Contemporary Education at University and then went on to complete his PGCE at UCL. He is passionate about education and loves to teach using educational games. Mr Rafique believes in making learning fun and relevant to children. His hobbies include painting, travelling and sports. His favourite children's books are *Fantastic Mr Fox* and *Naruto*. Mr Rafique is thrilled to be working at Elsley Primary school.



**Miss S. Abdi is a new TA in Year 5.** She is currently completing her degree in Biomedical Science and has also completed teaching schemes through her university. Miss Abdi loves to read educational literature which informs her practice and is constantly adapting her approach to suit the needs of individual pupils. She enjoys spending time with her family and her cat and is really looking forward to help empower children at Elsley to become independent thinkers and learners.



**Miss Gordon is a new TA in Reception.** She is passionate about children gaining the best start to their education and is excited to join the Elsley staff team and share her experience. Outside of work, Miss Gordon enjoys travelling, reading and spending time with her loved ones.



**Ms Tellia is a new TA in Year 2.** She has always been passionate about working with children and discovered a passion for working in education after she volunteered at her local primary school where she gained many skills. In her free time she enjoys spending time with her family, gardening and baking. Ms Tellia is very excited about joining the Elsley community and getting to know staff, children and parents.



**Mr. Habib is a new TA in Year 4.** He has always been passionate about Science and Biology, but also loves to help young people learn. He has been working in secondary schools since 2019 and recently switched to work as a primary TA. His hobbies include volunteering for outdoor cinemas, looking after pets and volunteering as a translator. Mr. Habib has thoroughly enjoyed his time at Elsley since his arrival last June and is looking forward to many more joyful days of helping in the classroom.



**Miss Tyra is a new TA in Year 3.** She is a passionate and motivated educator and first gained experience when she volunteered in a Nursery. She has now further developed her desire for working with children by joining Elsley Primary. Miss Tyra started as a 1:1 in Reception and learnt many different approaches to learning. She likes to spend quality time with family and friends and also loves to travel. Miss Tyra is looking forward to getting to know all the children and is excited for her future at Elsley.

Brent Start & Elsley Primary School



Welcome to  
Free ESOL

(English)course

Available for adults 19 years old and over

For more information on parent courses available, please speak to our Family Support Worker, Mrs Elsayy-Butt or visit <https://www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/information/family-support>

## BRILLIANT PARENTS

### 2023 Autumn Term Parent Support Classes for the London Borough of Hillingdon

CLASSES TITLE	TARGET GROUP	PROGRAMME LENGTH	DELIVERY START DATE	COMPLETION DATE	DAY & TIME	LOCATION
Triple P Group Classes	Parents who have children aged between 5 and 11 years old	6 weeks x 2 hours	Saturday 07 October 2023	Saturday 18 November 2023	Weekly on Saturdays 10am-12noon	Online
Triple P Teen Classes	Parents who have children aged between 12 and 16 years old	6 weeks x 2 hours	Tuesday 03 October 2023	Tuesday 14 November 2023	Weekly on Tuesdays 6pm-8pm	Park Academy West London Park View Road Uxbridge UB8 3GA
Triple P Stepping Stones Classes	Parents who have children aged between 5 and 11 years old and have additional needs	8 weeks x 2 hours	Monday 04 September 2023	Monday 30 October 2023	Weekly on Mondays 6:30pm-8:30pm	Online
Triple P Seminar- The Power of Positive Parenting	Parents who have children aged between 5 and 11 years old	90 minutes	Thursday 21 September 2023	Thursday 21 September 2023	One-off event 1.30pm -3pm	Lady Banks Primary School Dawlish Drive Middlesex HA4 9SF
Triple P Seminar- The Power of Positive Parenting	Parents who have children aged between 5 and 11 years old	90 minutes	Wednesday 08 November 2023	Wednesday 08 November 2023	One-off event 1.30pm -3pm	St. Matthew's C.E. Primary School High Street Yiewsley UB7 7QJ
Triple P Seminar- Raising Responsible Teenagers	Parents who have children aged between 12 and 16 years old	90 minutes	Tuesday 21 November 2023	Tuesday 21 November 2023	One-off event 1.30pm-3pm	Guru Nanak Sikh Academy, Springfield Road, Hayes Middlesex UB4 0LT

Please note that programmes will not be delivered during the half term holiday week beginning Monday 23 October 2023

Please contact Ann Marie Fevrier at Brilliant Parents for a referral form

020 3490 7007

[enquiries@brilliantparents.org](mailto:enquiries@brilliantparents.org)

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[www.brilliantparents.org](http://www.brilliantparents.org)

To register for any or all the Discussion Groups, kindly complete and submit both the registration form and parenting experience survey at these links:

<https://www.brilliantparents.org/brilliant-parents-bl-registration-form/>

<https://www.brilliantparents.org/triple-p-parenting-experience-survey/>