



ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

learning, sharing, achieving and respecting

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NEWSLETTER

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Headteacher's Message I have been so proud to hear really positive messages from parents, children and staff about why you all think Elsley is such a good school. It is clear to see our four school values within everything we do. The children's behaviour is consistently very good and was rated very highly when external assessors from Brent recently visited.

The children have embraced the messages of Global Week where they learned about the Global Goals, a 17-point plan to end poverty, combat climate change and fight injustice and inequality. Each year group focused on one goal to learn about and to take action in support of that goal. Some examples are included in this newsletter.

We are looking forward to International Evening, our annual Elsley celebration of global diversity. Please let us know how you can contribute to this event. There is lots going on at Elsley. Read the rest of the newsletter to find out more. Comments are always welcome to parents@elsley.brent.sch.uk

City Farm update A letter went home recently with the list of the 15 Tesco stores where you can vote for our City Farm.

Voting closes March 6th. Full details on our website

www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/school-news/elsley-primary-city-farm



Adult Learning We run a range of classes and courses to support parents, including English classes and practical parenting support. See the diary at the bottom for dates.

Parent Workshop: Dealing with Disobedience Learn strategies for encouraging co-operation and managing non co-operation without shouting or threats.

Parent Workshop: Elsley Online Banking Workshop

If you require help using the Elsley Online Banking System, we will be holding a parent workshop on Tuesday 8th March with the Admin Team and Mrs Iqbal who will assist with using this system.

Positive Parenting Club Parenting can be tough! We hope by attending you will feel encouraged and empowered to better parent your child/ren. Every Thursday 9.15-10.45am. First session, Thursday 3 March. All parents/carers welcome. Please register your interest in the school office.

Attendance /Punctuality **Arriving on Time**

It's really important to arrive on time - or early - for school. If a child comes late they miss important learning or may not be ready for the next part of their learning. Arriving on time really makes a difference to good achievement!

We will be doing an 'Early Bird Week' later this term to focus on this. The Attendance Team will be outside to speak to parents arriving late.

School starts at **8.55am** for juniors and **9am** for infants.

If your child is unwell, please email absence@elsley.brent.sch.uk or call the office. A full copy of the attendance policy is available on our website or a copy can be obtained from the office.



If you change your mobile number, please inform the Office.

International Evening - Tuesday March 15th **SAVE THE DATE**

Come along to enjoy this highly enjoyable event where we celebrate

diversity through our 4 school values: learning, sharing, achieving and respecting.

Class teachers will speak with parents directly about supporting year group stalls.

We are interested in performances to celebrate different cultures - please contact Mrs Sayed, one of our Assistant Headteachers, with ideas.

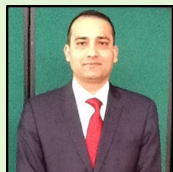
Please also contact Mrs Sayed if you wish to rent a stall to sell your own items.

Children's Holidays - CCHF, All About Kids We are pleased that six Elsley children will be attending a forthcoming short holiday provided by CCHF All About Kids. Earlier in the year, our Family Support Worker arranged for CCHF to lead an

information session for parents. Many more parents have applied for holidays later in the year. Please ask Mrs Iqbal for more information.



Parent Staff Association (PSA) Meet our new PSA. We had lots of applications following our relaunch and as a result are pleased to introduce the PSA core team. They hold different responsibilities within the PSA and are looking forward to raising funds to benefit the school and pupils.



Mr Om Joshi
Chairman



Mrs Meridjiana Canai
Vice Chair



Mrs Elenn Munoz
Treasurer



Mrs Fathima Uwais
Secretary

Elsley PSA's next event is a Mother's Day Market. The market will sell a range of unique gifts for pupils to buy for someone special. The market will be set up in the Junior Playground and will run from Tuesday 1st March 2016 to Thursday 3rd March from 3.15pm -4pm. They will also be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win three hampers with Mother's day gifts in them. The hampers will range in value from £10-£20. Please come along and support the PSA!

Keeping Safe (Safeguarding)

Mrs Sarkar is in charge of Safeguarding.

Elsley children participated in **Safer Internet Day 2016**. There were assemblies to launch this year's theme and it was also a focus in computing lessons.

These built on the messages which are regularly delivered about keeping safe online. The theme this year was '**Play your Part for a Better Internet**' and the day was used to inspire a kind, respectful and inclusive

internet, and help raise awareness about the issue of online

hate. For more information, visit: www.saferinternet.org.uk



Dates for your Diary

March

Tues 1st	PSA Mother's Day Market (running Tuesday to Thursday)
Tues 1st	Year 1 Parents' Reading Workshop at 3:30pm
Thurs 3rd	Positive Parenting Club: 1st session 9.15-10.45am
Fri 4th	World Book Day at Elsley (Come in pyjamas with a bedtime story)
Mon 7th	Parent workshop: Dealing with Disobedience 9am-11am
Tues 8th	Parent workshop: Elsley Online Banking System 9:15am-10am
Tues 15th	International Evening
Tues 22nd	School closes 1:30pm for Parent – teacher meetings
Thursday 24th	Last Day of Term

April

Mon 11th	School closed for pupils. Staff training (INSET) day
Tues 12th	First day of Summer Term for pupils

Football result: Year 6 boys vs Oakington Manor 1-1

After a tough season in the league, the boys brought their never-ending enthusiasm to the final match.

Despite going a goal down before half time, Elsley Boys never gave up and fought hard to get the equaliser. After some exciting attacking play it looked like Elsley might get the winner, but the final whistle came. This was our first point in the league and the boys were rightly very proud of the result.



Teacher Training - PE Development Day

We are proud to have been asked to host a training day for Teach First trainees. Mr Wilke, our excellent PE teacher, will lead the PE sessions, with other sessions on the day led by Teach First.

School will be open as normal on the day.

TeachFirst
Partner School

Staff Training Day - school closed, Monday April 11th

Each year there are 5 days when school is closed for pupils for staff training. We have arranged the last of this year's training days for Monday April 11th to coincide with the Easter holidays. The Summer Term will therefore start for pupils on Tuesday April 12th

Behaviour - We recently had a highly positive review from Brent's Behaviour and Inclusion team. They were very impressed by the high standards of our children's behaviour both in lessons and around school. Thank you to parents and children who gave them such positive messages about our brilliant school!

The children and staff recently said farewell to Mrs **Bridie Sullivan** on her retirement from Elsley as one of our school meals supervisory assistants (SMSAs).

Amazingly, Mrs Sullivan **worked here for 45 years, since Elsley opened in 1971!** What an achievement! Mrs Sullivan spoke movingly about how much she will miss the children and we have told her she is welcome to come back to visit us.



In Year 6, for Global Citizenship Week, children looked at the Global Goals and the children worked in groups to design their own logos and slogans to represent the goals. Each morning, they had discussions and reflected on how they can be good global citizens to make our world a better place. The children made very thoughtful contributions to these discussions.



Vitality Half Marathon: A group of ten children from across KS2 will be running as a team in the Vitality Half Marathon in March. We will complete the schools' one mile at the end, finishing in Wembley Stadium.



The team will be raising money for St. Luke's Hospice, so if you see them shaking their collection pots after school, please drop a few coins in if you can. Collection pots will also be in the office.

Hockey Results: In our first official hockey matches ever, we had a victory! All players from the hockey club were involved, boys and girls alike. Our matches provided an opportunity to test out the skills the children have been learning, as well as their sportsmanship.

Year 6 vs Kilburn 1-0 Victory! Year 5 vs Kilburn 2-3

Tournament: Played 6, lost 4, drew 2.

In our first hockey tournament, our players showed off a range of skills to achieve 6th place. Leudona, Sabrin, Radika, Zainab, Thanushan, Dev, Martel and captain Krishan played against other local schools in a tournament,



hosted by JFS. *The children were not only excellent hockey players, but also showed great sportsmanship and represented our school to a very high standard!*

For Global Week, children in Year 5 learned about the importance of Fairtrade products and the journey of a Cocoa bean; from the tree to our chocolate bars. They had the chance to cook delicious crispy chocolate treats, which sold out in under ten minutes! They also created nets to hold their treats in Maths, and decorated them like real packaging in DT. Thank you to all the parents, children and staff who helped Year 5 to raise £30 for Fairtrade.



Also in Year 5, children have made amazing 3D space models as part of a recent home-learning project. They look amazing and helped them to learn some cool facts



Elsley Ambassadors - School Council

The Ambassadors were voted in by their classmates at the start of the school year. They have been very busy this term gathering pupils' views about lots of things. One area is to improve the school environment. Ambassadors asked pupils what types of bins they wanted to keep our playground litter free. Children voted for pencil bins and animal themed bins. These have arrived and are in different places in the playgrounds.



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