



ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

learning, sharing, achieving and respecting

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Headteacher's Message

What an amazing term this has been! It may have been short but it has been packed full of events. We have recently been informed the excellent news that we have been awarded £10,000 from Tesco Bags of Help. Thank you for voting and spreading the word. This will help us to develop the Urban Farm.

The children have continued working hard learning and making progress towards the new, higher age expectations. Thank you for coming to meet your child's teacher at the recent parent-teacher meetings; I hope you found the information useful.

We have been doing a lot of work continuing to ensure bullying is eradicated. I am pleased to say that the children's behaviour is consistently good and when there are any incidents, the staff deal with these swiftly and effectively. We have recently received certification from the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

I wish you all a good break and look forward to the Summer Term.

NEWSLETTER

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NOW RECRUITING!

elsley.brent.sch.uk/job-vacancies

We are recruiting **teachers** and **Graduate Teaching Assistants**. Full details, including how to apply, are on our website.

www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/job-vacancies

Adult Learning We run a range of classes and courses to support parents. *Contact Mrs Iqbal, Family Support Worker.*

Triple P Parenting Programme This 6-week programme is free of charge with a crèche available for parents aged 18 - 27.

It is an internationally recognised programme designed to help you further improve your parenting skills. It will be led by an external expert, including areas such as Managing behaviour, nurturing yourselves and your children. Please register your interest in the office. It will be held every Thursday from April 21st 9:15am - 11am

Self Esteem course - Open to all parents, this 5 week course starts on Thursday June 9th

Basic English for Beginners- New class starting soon: Assessments on Tuesday 19th April.

Story Sacks, a short course for parents to encourage children to read in a really exciting way, date and time TBC

CCHF Holidays - Excellent holiday opportunities for pupils in Years 3 to Year 5; please ask the office or Mrs Iqbal for details.

Positive Parenting Club continues every Thursday, Parenting can be tough! We hope by attending you will feel encouraged and empowered to better support your child/ren. Sessions are held every Thursday 9.15-10.45am.

Ladies only Keep Fit - classes continue every week. Further details are available from the school office or from Mrs Iqbal.

Attendance /Punctuality Arriving on Time

WELL DONE! There was an excellent response to the Early Bird Week with children arriving on time in the morning. By the end of the week, from the whole school, only 4 children arrived late. Please keep arriving early!

Good attendance (and punctuality) leads to good achievement

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.

Assessment Award:

'Excellence in Assessment'

CIE/ Chartered Institute of Educational Assessors
Excellence in Assessment (Schools)

We have been recognised for our excellent assessment practice, which includes our work supporting other schools, as well as having excellent Elsley systems for excellent teaching, learning and assessment.

Keeping Safe (Safeguarding)

Mrs Sarkar is in charge of Safeguarding at Elsley.

Staff at Elsley have safeguarding training at least once a year and new staff have additional training during their induction.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility

If you think that a child or young person in Brent is at risk of harm, neglect or other abuse you must:

Call 999 if they are in immediate danger
If you are worried that they have already been abused or may be harmed in the future call
The Brent Customer Services Contact Centre
0208 937 4300

Then select the option for Children and Families Services. To raise your concern by email please contact customer.services@brent.gov.uk

Clocks Go Forward

British Summer Time (BST) starts on Sunday March 27th

Remember to move clocks forward on March 27th.

In the UK the clocks go forward 1 hour at 1am on the last Sunday in March.

The clocks go back 1 hour at 2am on the last Sunday in October.

The period when clocks are 1 hour ahead is called British Summer Time (BST). There's more daylight in the evenings and less in the mornings.



Governors' Corner - Parent Governor Recruitment

One of our long-standing parent governors resigned from the board after his son left primary school. We therefore have a vacancy for a parent governor. There will be an information meeting to help parents understand the role and requirements before parents nominate themselves and elections are held.

The meeting will be on Wed April 27th at 9:15am

Dates for your Diary

March

Thurs 24th

Last Day of Spring Term

Sun 27th

Clocks forward for British Summer Time

April

Mon 11th

School closed for pupils. Staff training (INSET) day

Tues 12th

First day of Summer Term for pupils

Tues 19th

Beginners English class. Assessment for new course.

Thurs 21st

Triple P Parenting Course begins (5 weeks)

Wed 27th

Parents' Information Meeting about Parent Governors, 9:15am

May

Mon 2nd

School Closed - May Day (bank holiday)

Thurs 5th

School Closed - Polling Day

Mon 30th

Summer Half Term

- Fri Jun 3rd

Early Years' Experiences

The children in Reception have had a fantastic month carrying out various cooking activities for their topic 'Food Glorious Food'. The children loved using the skills they learned in class, to measure ingredients and explore how the materials changed their consistency as they were mixed and cooked.

The role play areas were transformed into a bakery for children to practice all the skills learned in class, such as counting money, measuring weight and volume of ingredients, and sharing the work and the experience.

Here the children are making biscuit bears.



Vitality Half Marathon:

They did it! Congratulations to the Elsley pupils who ran part of the Half Marathon in aid of St Luke's, finishing in Wembley Stadium.



Football:

The Year 5 A team had their second friendly match of the season, playing against Ark Academy. The boys played with courage and were able to apply a range of skills. The sportsmanship was excellent from both teams. In the end, we lost 5-2, but we have a promising team for next season.



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

Polling Station May 5th School will be closed for pupils on May 5th as the school is being used as a Polling Station.

Year 6 children have been busy making models and structures influenced by some London landmarks.

The children have been working in pairs to design and construct their models.

They have used different sculpting skills: bending and cutting wire; papier mache and painting.



This amazing photograph was taken by one of our Elsley Junior Reporters. Playing on the school field, the photo captures the moment Elsley scored one of our goals with Wembley Stadium as an impressive backdrop.

Have you seen something that worries you online?

For information on what to do if you have seen images that worry or upset you on a website or if you have received an e-mail that you think may contain abusive material, please contact:



The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP)
<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Ceop-Report>

Remember... if you need urgent help, call 999 now

- Don't delete any emails, images or conversations related to this report
- Don't contact the suspect yourself. Let the police do the detective work

Newsletter via email If you would like the newsletter to be sent to you each month, in colour via email, send a message to parents@elsley.brent.sch.uk with your name and the title 'newsletter.'