



ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher's Message

This half term has been as full as ever with lots of exciting visits, experiences and learning. 240 Elsley pupils took over Kidzania in Westfield when they visited this city-for-children to get a taste of different careers. This will be followed up with an in-depth STEM week after half term where each year group will explore Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths from the perspective of different careers.

I'm delighted to wish congratulations to our Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Sarkar, who has been appointed as a new Headteacher from September. **Congratulations to Miss Renata** who will be getting married during Half Term.

We will be doing lots of work next half term to prepare the children for their next class, whether at Elsley or elsewhere. See you in June!

NEWSLETTER

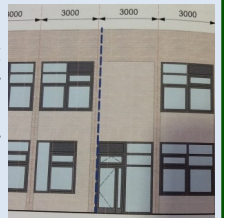
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Expansion and Building Update

On Monday 9 May, Brent's Planning Committee granted planning permission for the Elsley buildings. The works will start in the summer with temporary classrooms for Year 1 for September 2016 and permanent buildings will be completed by Sept 2017.



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

Focus on: Story Sacks

This short course is aimed at helping parents to encourage their children to be excited by reading stories.

What is a Story Sack? It's a bag or sack of some sort, which contains a story book along with craft ideas, games, and other fun activities linked to the story.

Why would you want to make one? It's a great way to get a child interested in reading than by getting them involved with the story. By using puppets or playing a game, wearing a costume, and other ideas, the children are more excited by the story.



Recent participants at an Elsley Story Sacks course

This is a fun way for parents and children to read stories together. Grandparents, babysitters and any one else who spends time with children will also find these useful!

Ask Mrs Iqbal for details of the next Story Sacks course.

Attendance /Punctuality Arriving on Time

Following on from the 'Early Bird' week, punctuality has continued to improve and we expect this to continue. Well Done to all!

Punctuality- Best Class so far this year - Year 1 Cameroon Class

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All pupils are expected to have at **least 95%** attendance and so far 341 pupils have achieved this. Please ensure your child is in school unless they are unwell and you have informed the school office. If your child's attendance is causing concern you will be invited for a meeting at school to discuss how we can help.



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

Collecting your child at the end of school

Please ensure you collect your child at **3.15pm from the classroom**. Your child will be taken to the office if they are not collected on time and you will be asked to sign. If you are delayed, please call the office to inform us.

Staff Training At Elsley we are fully committed to giving our excellent staff opportunities to continuously develop.

Staff thoroughly enjoyed a recent 'Circle Time Training' led by Brent's Inclusive Education Department (pictured).

We hope to hear your children are enjoying their circle time sessions in class.



Nursery Applications- We are still accepting applications for Nursery starting in **September 2016**. Please apply via the school office if your child was born **between 01/09/2012 and 31/08/2013**.



KEW English and Maths Tuition. Now that SATs are complete there are some spaces available.
3:30pm every Wednesday at Elsley.
Contact KEW Tuition on 07742345880

Governors' Corner Mr Kandeegan Gopalakrishnan, Chair of Finance and Resources Committee

I studied MSc Chemistry at Imperial College London and currently work an auditor for Deloitte LLP.

As an individual who is keen to play a part in developing the local community, it is wonderful to have the opportunity to take on the role of School Governor for Elsley Primary School. I can only offer praise for the staff who work hard to run this school on a daily basis as evident during my Governor visits to the school. I look forward to working alongside the school for the foreseeable future in its quest to maintain academic excellence.

New Parent Governor Mrs Raho Farah

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Farah as a new Parent Governor. Following the recent request for parents to nominate themselves, Mrs Farah attended the information meeting and as no other nominations were received there will not be an election.

Dates for your Diary

May

Mon 30th Summer Half Term

- Fri Jun 3rd

June

Monday 6th STEM week (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths)

Monday 13th Phonics Screening Check (Key Stage 1)

Thursday 23rd School Closed - for polling station - EU Referendum

July

Wed 20th Last day of Summer Term

September

Mon 5th Teacher Training Days (2 days)

Wed 7th Term starts for pupils



Year 2 were visited by the London Fire Brigade, learning about fire safety and making connections with the Great Fire of London.



The Year 3 topic this term was 'Rock My World.'

As Geographers, the children learnt about natural disasters. They learnt about the cause of **volcanic eruptions** and did an experiment to replicate an eruption.



Year 4 children camped overnight at Elsley. This first-ever special experience was a huge success and was thoroughly enjoyed by children and staff. Thank you parents for your support, thank you to the staff involved and well done children!

Polling Station June 23rd

"Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union or leave the European Union?"



School will be closed for pupils on June 23rd as the school is being used as a Polling Station in the EU referendum.

British, Irish and Commonwealth citizens over 18 who are resident in the UK are eligible to vote.

If you are not already on the register to vote, sign up by June 7th at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

Kidzania - exploring careers

Children from Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 visited Kidzania— an impressive, child-size city where the children are in charge! On their visits they were able to try out more than 60 real life role-play activities. Each role-play experience is crafted to teach kids essential life skills including financial literacy, team work and independence.



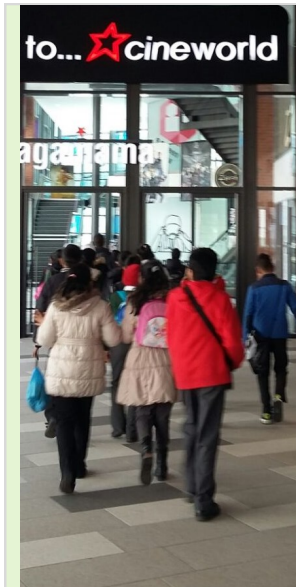
Vet Visit

It is now over a year since our hens hatched as chicks. We arranged for a local vet to visit and check their health. She was very impressed with the care from Elsley Primary and told us our hens are in perfect health. This is all thanks to Miss Natasha and Miss Tracey.



Year 4 at QPR Tournament

8 boys from Year 4 represented the school at a QPR tournament. Elsley was ranked an impressive 6th out of 17 schools. The boys narrowly missed reaching the semi finals due to goal difference.



Children in Year 6 celebrated the end of their KS2 SATS and their hard work by watching *The Jungle Book* film at the London Designer Outlet.

Bread baking workshops

Thank you to our own chef, Lucia, and visiting Chef Martin, both from Harrison Catering, who have delivered fantastic bread baking workshops for children. The children and adults have enjoyed learning the new skills.



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Year 5 visited Moor Park to conduct fieldwork to consolidate their geography learning on Urban and Rural comparisons. They also sketched landscapes which they are learning to do in their art lessons.



The children had an amazing day; walking through the woods, witnessing nature and looking at the local roads and buildings. Due to the trip, children are able to confidently discuss the differences seen between the urban and rural localities.

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