



ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

learning, sharing, achieving and respecting

October 2016

NEWSLETTER

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This has been a successful half term filled with learning, enjoyment and great experiences.

I have enjoyed meeting children and families who are new to Elsley and we hope you feel welcomed and settled. Please approach myself or any of the staff by the gates in the morning, if you have any concerns you wish to discuss. After Half-Term we will hold parent-staff meetings where you can discuss your child's progress and targets. Extra-curricular clubs will be starting- please look out for the letter with all the details. We will also be starting a breakfast club - details will be sent after half term.

Finally, **Happy Diwali** to those children and families who will be celebrating at the end of October. We will see all children back on Tuesday, November 1st.

Attendance /Punctuality Since September, all year groups from Reception to Year 6 have the same **start time of 8:55am**. The gates are open from 8.45am and we encourage children to be in their line early. 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 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.**

School Uniform

The full uniform list is available in the School Handbook or please ask at the school office. At the moment the weather is fairly dry but once it turns wetter, children may wear black boots or rain boots to travel to school. They should bring their school shoes to change into. Trainers are only for use during PE lessons and lunch playtimes.

For girls wearing a hijab/headscarf, these should only be plain white, black or green, to match the school colours.

When required, children should wear a sensible coat for wet/ cold weather.

Firework Safety

Please be safe with fireworks. Every year hundreds of children are seriously injured because of fireworks.

Only adults should light

fireworks. **Even sparklers are dangerous.** They get five times hotter than cooking oil. If children use sparklers, they must have adult supervision, wear gloves, keep them at arms-length and put them into water afterwards. They are not toys and should never be given to a child under five. **Keep safe.**

For more info, visit <http://www.fireservice.co.uk/safety/fireworks>



British Summer Time (BST) ends on Sunday October 30th

In the UK 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.

In the autumn and winter, time returns back to Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

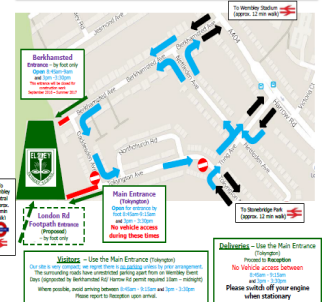
Remember to move clocks back 1 hour on October 30th.



Parking and ONE-WAY system

Thank you for using the one-way system and for parking considerately.

Copies of the map (right) are available from the office, or on our website under 'Contact Us'



Parent Classes and Courses -

Details from Mrs Iqbal, Family Support Worker, or from the office .

English for beginners - Tuesdays 9 - 11am, crèche available

Story Sacks: Mondays and Tuesdays, 1 - 3pm, crèche available

This course involves you making Story Sacks which will help your children enjoy stories and develop their language skills

Ladies Keep Fit - Thursdays 9 - 10am

Strengthening Families, new course helping you reduce conflict, begins Tuesday November 8th, 9 - 12:15pm, crèche available..

Daniel's Den - parent and toddler group, Tuesdays 9- 10.30am.

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 2012 and August 31st 2013, 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.**

Please tell your friends and relatives. Ask at the office for details.

Government Consultation on Grammar Schools

Parents, please respond to the government consultation which includes the proposal to expand the selective, grammar school system.

The consultation paper suggests that Grammar schools are popular with parents and good for the pupils who attend them. Do you agree?

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/school-frameworks/schools-that-work-for-everyone>

Keeping our children safe

Mr Moss is the designated lead for safeguarding. All of our assistant and deputy headteachers are trained to the same high standard as the designated lead.

All our staff have regular safeguarding training and refreshers to ensure our children are safe and well-cared for. Please raise any concerns with a member of staff.

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

October

Monday 24th

Monday 31st

November

Tuesday 1st

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Thursday 17th

December

Wednesday 21st

Dates for your Diary

School closed for Half Term

Staff INSET training (closed for children)

Start of Autumn II term for children

Individual and sibling photos

School closes 1:30pm. Staff-parent consultations

Last day of term



A group of Year 5 children were given the opportunity to attend this year's London Youth Conference which explored the impact of volunteering.

The children learnt a huge amount and will be showcasing this in a forthcoming Assembly.

Thank you Ms Paton and Mrs Iqbal for escorting the children.

Children from Year 4 visited the British Museum as part of their studies about Ancient Egypt.

They had the opportunity to see, first-hand, some amazing relics and bring their learning to life.



We have been awarded the Silver award by School Games, who are partnered by Department for Education, Sport England, Change 4 Life and others. Congratulations to all our children, staff, and Mr Wilke on this achievement.

The Elsley Year 6 Girls Football Team notched up three points in their first ever tournament.

Elsley's Hockey A & B teams celebrated nine points from five games in Brent's Primary Schools League



Elsley Bug Hotel

We are grateful to Miss Codner for developing a bug hotel. Each section is designed to attract different creatures or wildlife. You will find the Bug Hotel near the path at the back of school.



Story Sacks, a short course for parents to encourage children to read in a really exciting, creative way.

The course was recently held again. The sacs are filled with puzzles and games made from recycled materials.

For more information about Story Sacks or other adult learning or parenting classes, please contact Shaheen Iqbal, Family Support Worker.



SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER
2-7PM

Brent Civic Centre will be transformed into a magical indoor Christmas Market and Circus Workshop, ending with a spectacular outdoor Firework Display at 6.30pm near Arena Square

FREE

CHRISTMAS MARKET
+ SPECTACULAR FIREWORK DISPLAY



Year 3 children walked to Wembley Stadium.

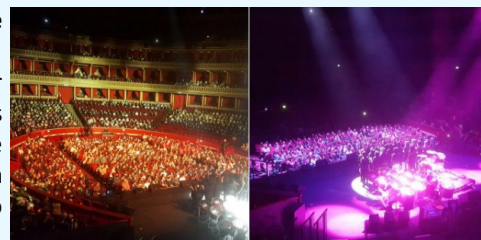
They had a tour of the stadium and looked at some old video footage and photos to compare Wembley in the past to now. The children looked at the changes to the landscape and how Wembley is always changing.

The children really enjoyed the experience, and, despite living in Wembley, for many it was their first time seeing the inside of the stadium.



Primary Proms at the Royal Albert Hall

Earlier this term, all four of our KS2 year groups went together to the Primary Proms for a musical experience to remember forever!



Elsley represented at England vs Malta

We were very proud that one of our Year 6 students, Layla, was given the opportunity to represent Elsley as a mascot at Wembley for the recent England vs Malta match.



Transition from Year 6 to High School

Earlier in the term, Elsley hosted Headteachers from several high schools, for parents to ask questions from representatives from a wide range of schools. This was a successful initiative as part of our Elsley commitment to support children and their families through transition from Primary to Secondary school.

Remember: the application deadline is October 31st 2016

To apply, you need an email address, then go online to:

www.brent.gov.uk/admissions

Newsletter via email

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