



ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

learning, sharing, achieving and respecting

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NEWSLETTER

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Thank you to parents, children, staff and governors who spoke with the Ofsted inspectors on their recent visit. I know you will be eagerly waiting to read the report and I am hoping this will be available before Half Term when it will be sent to parents and published on our website.

I am proud of how our children treasure the Elsley values of 'learning, sharing, achieving and respecting' and how these values play a vital role in all that we do.

You will have seen significant activity from the builders, Lakehouse. We regularly check that their work is not impacting on the children's safety or on their learning. I am pleased to report that, despite the building works taking place, the school is functioning very smoothly with excellent learning taking place.

Thank you for your continued support.

Raphael Moss, Headteacher

Attendance /Punctuality School starts at 8:55am.

Gates are open from 8.45am and on most days we offer a 'soft start' so children can enter classes as soon as they arrive.

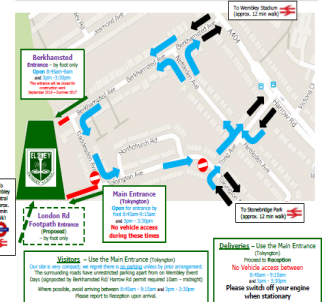
If your child is late you will need to sign them in at the office.

If your child is unwell, please email absence@elsley.brent.sch.uk or telephone 0208 902 8003.

Parking and ONE-WAY system

It is really important to use the one-way system as it helps traffic flow so much better.

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
Magic numbers: Tuesdays, 9 - 10:30am

Ladies Keep Fit - Thursdays 9 - 10am (restarting later this year)
Strengthening Families, Tuesdays, 9 - 12:15pm, crèche available.

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.



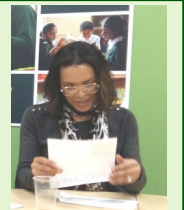
Nursery Spaces

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.

Parent - Teacher meetings

The next scheduled meeting for parents and teachers to meet is on Thursday March 16th.

You will be asked to book an appointment time nearer the date.



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.

Parents - it is essential that you know how to keep your child safe online.

There is information on our website to help and we have organised e-safety workshops (see left). Remember, the internet can be accessed from most mobile phones, as well as PCs, laptops and tablets.



Do you know what your child is looking up online?

Do you know what cyber-bullying is?

Do you know how to protect them from inappropriate content?



If you would like to find out more about E-Safety, we are running 2 workshops that will highlight up-to-date awareness of online issues and offer advice on how to keep your children safe when they are online or using social communication.

PARENT E-SAFETY WORKSHOP

Wednesday 8th February

9:00am – 9:45am 2:30pm – 3:15pm

In the Junior Hall

For more information, please visit the E-Safety page on our website

www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/about-elsley/e-safety

To attend this workshop, please pick up an attendance slip from the office and return it by Friday 3rd February. Attendance slips have also been sent home.

Dates for your Diary

February

Wed 8th

E-safety workshops for parents. 9am or 2:30pm

Mon 13th - Fri 17th

Half Term

Monday 20th

Start of Spring II term for children

March

Thursday 16th

School closes 1:30pm. Staff-parent consultations

Friday 31st

Last day of term School closes 1:30pm.

April

Tuesday 18th

Start of summer term



ACTORS AND ARTISTS

A group of Year 4 & 5 children had a fantastic time taking part in a drama workshop at The Royal Court Theatre and an art workshop at The Saatchi Gallery.

Thank you Mrs Rushe, Miss Rolet and Mr Bowerbank for escorting the children.

The Royal Court later retweeted our tweet of this trip, sharing it with their 96 thousand followers!

ROCK N' ROLL ASSEMBLY

Children in KS2 were treated to a rocking assembly by Rocksteady Music School. Musician Steve showed off his electric guitar, drum and keyboard skills.



FUTURE PRIME MINISTERS?



Year 6 had a superb trip, travelling by tube into Central London to visit The Houses of Parliament and ride on The London Eye. The trip links to their topic, 'London: The Place To Be.'

The children began their trip by having an insight into the workings of the House of Lords and the House of Commons. Both were in session at the time so the children got to hear the weekly debates. They also took part in a workshop where they formed political parties, formed policies and campaigned for votes. This was followed by an exciting ride on The London Eye where the children captured sights of famous London landmarks such as Buckingham Palace, The Shard, St Paul's Cathedral and Big Ben. Thanks to all the Year 6 staff and the parents who accompanied the children on the trip.



ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

Thanks to funding from Table Tennis England, we have two brand new table tennis tables. Children in Table Tennis club have been enjoying using them to improve their paddle skills.



On Tuesday 7th February, Elsley Primary School will be taking part in Safer Internet Day 2017. Our Computing Leader, Mr Fraser, will be holding an assembly on Monday 6th, together with the school's Digital Leaders who will present a special film they have made. On Wednesday 8th, there will be two E-Safety sessions for parents. (Details overleaf). The children will also be taking part in E-Safety activities during their weekly computing lessons. For more information, please visit the website:

www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/about-elsley/e-safety

FAMILY COURSES WELL ATTENDED

We are really pleased with the responses we have had from parents for our different classes and courses aimed at families. For more info, please contact Mrs Iqbal or the office.



YEAR 4'S CHEMBAKOLLI WORKSHOP & TEA

Year 4 had great fun taking part in a Chembakolli workshop and tea party. The children enjoyed dressing up in traditional Indian clothes and tried tea from the rural village of Chembakolli.

The workshop is part of Year 4's connected topic, 'Samosas, Sitaris and Saris' in which they study different aspects of India.



BOYS A-TEAM OUT OF LEAGUE



Despite a brave effort by the Year 6 Boys A-Team, Elsley were knocked out of the Brent Schools FA League with a defeat to St Robert Southwell. There was great sportsmanship from both teams.

NEW WEBSITE AND APP COMING SOON!

We are really excited to announce that we are redesigning and modernising our school website. We will send out a letter informing you when the new design is launched along with a site map guide. The new website will be easier to navigate on desktop computers and will be tablet-friendly. It will bring a fresh new look to the school's online profile and will keep you up to date with the latest news and upcoming events.



We will also be launching an Elsley App available to download on Apple and Android devices. The App will enable parents and carers to receive push notifications of news and events relating to their child's year group and will be a quick and efficient way to stay connected to the school. Watch this space!

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.'