



ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

learning, sharing, achieving and respecting

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NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back to the second half of the spring term.

We were happy to share our Ofsted report immediately before Half Term and I was especially pleased to see Ofsted write that, **'Parents are very positive about the school and greatly appreciate the supportive teachers.'** In addition, we were all proud to see Ofsted recognise that, **'The school's core values of 'learning, sharing, achieving and respecting' are evident in the pupils' considerate behaviour and in the pride they show in their work.'** The full report is on our website. www.elsley.brent.sch.uk

This half term is short but there are lots of exciting activities planned to give our children fabulous opportunities. We continue to plan ahead for the school's expansion so will be welcoming some new teachers after Easter. I will introduce them to you in a future newsletter.

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.

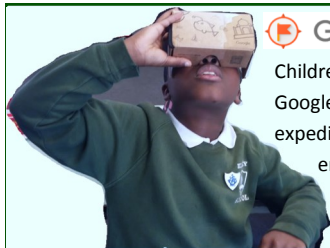
If your child is late you will need to sign them in at the office.

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

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.



Google Expeditions at Elsley

Children from Year 2 and above experienced Google's incredible virtual reality expeditions, linked to their curriculum. This enabled them to explore their learning in a totally different way.



Being so close to Wembley Stadium, we have developed a great relationship with the stadium and with Tottenham Hotspurs. We were so pleased to be given some free Spurs tickets for their recent game which some children who play for an Elsley team and their parents, were able to use.

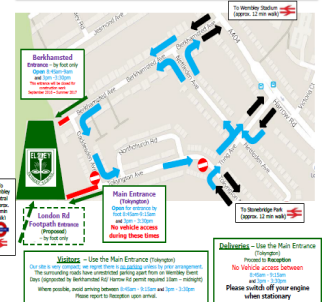


Wembley Stadium is offering free children's tickets for the Women's Cup final on Sat 13th May, with adult tickets for £15. www.theFA.com/tickets

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

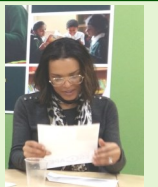
Ladies Keep Fit - Thursdays 9 - 10am (restarting later this year)
Strengthening Families, Tuesdays, 9 - 12:15pm, crèche available.

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



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. www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/about-us/e-safety
Parents - it is essential that you know how to keep your child safe online.

We participated in **Safer Internet Day 2017** including a film which was shown in assembly, made by our Digital Leaders (children in Years 2-6). There were also parent workshops and further information is on our website to help. Remember, the internet can be accessed from most mobile phones, as well as PCs, laptops and tablets.



Dates for your Diary

March

Tuesday 7th
Thursday 16th
Sunday 26th
Friday 31st

April

Tuesday 18th

Strengthening Families Graduation with Councillor Butt
School closes 1:30pm. Staff-parent consultations
Start of British Summer Time. Clocks go forward.
Last day of term **School closes 1:30pm.**
Start of summer term

MONSTER STORIES

Reception children visited the library at Brent Civic Centre. Their topic was Monster Zoom to the Moon and the librarian read two monster stories. The children then got to design their own monsters. Before they left, the children were given a library card so they were able to take out a book to read and then share back at school.



CHINESE NEW YEAR



Two of our Reception classes, Mondrian and Matisse, delighted us all with an assembly on the Chinese New Year. The children performed their singing, dancing and narrating beautifully and the Chinese dragon was amazing!

ANIMAL ANTICS



Zoolab visited our four Year 1 classes to teach the children about some unusual animals. The children had an opportunity to hold Gary the snail, Jane the cockroach, Spike the bearded dragon and Milkshake the snake! The workshops linked to their Animal topic 'Stomp' and the children found it thrilling.

KEEP ON ROCKIN'

Rocksteady returned to Elsley for another music assembly. They have also followed up with guitar, drum and keyboard lessons for children who signed up after the last assembly.



SAFER INTERNET DAY 2017



On Tuesday 7th February, Elsley Primary School took part in Safer Internet Day. Children participated in an assembly which featured a film made by our Digital Leaders. Around 20 parents attended the E-Safety Workshops. They all found

it a useful experience and we hope to have more parents attend when the workshop is repeated in the Summer Term. Year 1 also did some extra work on how to stay safe online. For more information, please visit the website: www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/about-us/e-safety

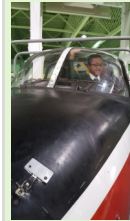
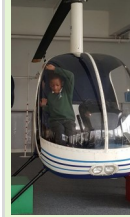


SUPER SCOOTERS

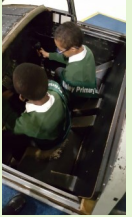
Well done to our Nursery children who raised £73 racing their scooters around the playground. The money raised will go towards improving our outdoor area.



PILOTS FOR A DAY



Year 2 had an exciting trip to the RAF Museum in Hendon as part of their 'On the move' topic. The children got to explore different aircrafts including World War II planes, rescue helicopters and the Queen's private plane. As well as a guided tour, the children were allowed inside the cockpit of some of the aircrafts and pretended to pilot them. They also took part in a workshop where they designed rota blades. Thank you to all the staff and parents who accompanied the children on the trip.



CELEBRATING INDIA



Year 4 enjoyed their India experience day, cooking coconut barfi, making clay pots and choreographing their own dandiya dance. The children loved dressing up in traditional Indian clothes and celebrating different aspects of Indian culture.

BUON APPETITO!



As part of their Italy topic, Year 3 made pizzas in their Food Technology lesson. The children wore chef hats and learnt how to knead dough before topping their pizzas with tomato sauce, cheese and a variety of ingredients including pepperoni and sweetcorn. Most of the children said the best part was getting to eat it at the end!



NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED



We are really pleased with our new website which has now gone live. We have updated information, created new pages and refreshed our photographs. We hope you will find it useful and easy to navigate. We have sent home a Sitemap for you to see what is available on the website.

www.elsley.brent.sch.uk

The new Elsley App is in its final stages of design and will be available to download on IOS and Android devices soon...

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.'