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learning, sharing, achieving and respecting

The Spring Term has been busy and very productive. Our new website shows just how many varied opportunities Elsley children are benefitting from. The 'latest news' and 'twitter' sections on our website show the excellent experiences taking place every day. This newsletter captures just some of the achievements of our children and staff.

Thank you and well done to the whole Elsley community for a very successful term of fundraising. We have raised an impressive total over £1000 for Comic Relief, Marie Curie Cancer Care and St Lukes hospice (see page 2).

The Spring Term ended on a high with Year 4's excellent Easter assembly, a visit for Year 2 from the fire brigade and a visit for Key Stage 2 and the Elsley Hockey team from Olympic Gold Medallist, Lily Owsley.

I look forward to more great learning and fantastic opportunities for the Elsley children in the summer term. Have a very good break and 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.

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

E-SAFETY ALERT

We want to bring to your attention some very serious safeguarding concerns regarding the online game Roblox. The game lets players explore imaginary worlds and allows them to interact with other users over a chat function.

Roblox recently received a lot of attention after a British father decided to check out what his sons were playing: he was horrified to discover inappropriate images flashing onto the screen and the opportunity for strangers to chat to his children. In addition there have been reports of bullying through this game - usually when a user does not buy packages to enable them to move on to the next level. We have also received the following information from two schools (in Northampton): pupils who use the game Roblox were contacted by adults, asked to send inappropriate images and then asked to meet up.

Any game that encourages children to chat with strangers is going to offer an opportunity to predators. The app Live.me is also becoming popular amongst children but this app features live streaming and chat forums with strangers. Our advice is to always pre-vet every app or game your children want before you download it. Make sure that only a trusted adult downloads any app to a phone, tablet or laptop and not the child.

If you know about any apps or games that have online safety concerns please do let us know so that we can pass it on to other parents. For more advice and e-safety resources, please visit:

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

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Follow us on

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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 -

Mrs Iqbal is available for a chat or support for the smallest thing to larger areas of concern. Please approach her 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)



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.

RDF Television are making brand new series of The Secret Lives of 4 and 5 Year Olds. If you are interested in your child taking part, visit https://www.shortaudition.com/The-Secret-Life



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.

Please read the important e-safety alert in the box to the left...



Dates for your Diary

Last day of term School closes 1:30pm. Friday 31st

April

March

Tuesday 18th Start of summer term

May

Monday 1st **Bank Holiday** Mon 29th - Fri 2nd Half Term

July

Friday 21st Last day of term School closes 1:30pm.



SOMETHING FUNNY FOR MONEY

On Friday 24th March, we had a great day raising money for **Red Nose Day** who help those less fortunate in the UK and Africa. Children wore red and donated £1 towards the cause. After school, some teachers took to the catwalk and modelled some silly outfits provided by the children. At the

end of the day, the children and staff of Elsley had raised a fantastic £556.60!!! Well done to everyone who donated!

SEWING SUPERSTARS

Children in Year 4 got creative with a brilliant felt sewing workshop run by artist, Heidi Street-Ward.





WORLD BOOK DAY 2017

From Willy Wonka to The Iron Man, on 2nd March, we celebrated World Book Day with children and staff coming to school dressed as a famous book character.



EY & KS1 were treated to a Staff panto of Mr Wolf's Pancakes!



KS2 took part in a Staff vs Children Book Quiz which the children won!



RECORD BREAKING SUCCESS AT QPR COMPETITION

Our Year 5/6 Girls football team broke three Elsley records at a Girls Primary Football Tournament hosted by the QPR Trust.

In the matches that they played against other schools, they racked up an impressive 6 points, scored a fantastic 5 goals and one of the girls scored a first hat trick for the



school. At the end of tournament, two of our girls were awarded with medals for Save of the Day and Skill of the Day. A terrific performance by the team and their coaches.



TABLE TENNIS CHAMPS!

Our first in-school Table Tennis tournament saw these two Year 6 boys become our first Gold and Silver medallists. Children are really enjoying playing on the tables which were provided by Table Tennis England.

MARIE CURIE CAKE SALE

March has been an incredible month for raising money for good causes. Thanks go to Mrs Bourke who arranged an after school Cake Sale. From sales and donations, the school raised £300 for Marie Curie nurses.





EXPANSION UPDATE

The building work continues at Elsley as we continue to expand. There has been visible progress made on our new building with the steel frame emerging this month, as well as progress being

made on a Studio which now has a solid floor and steel frame.

PARENTS GRADUATE FROM STRENGTHENING FAMILIES COURSE

A huge congratulations goes to our parents who completed Strengthening Families Course. course ended with a graduation ceremony with certificates presented by



Brent Council Leader, Muhammed Butt. The ceremony was also featured in the Brent and Kilburn Times. Parents commented that the course was engaging and supportive. Thanks to our Family Support Worker, Mrs Iqbal, for organising it.

RUNNING FOR ST LUKE'S

Well done to the children and Coach Anis who ran the Vitality North Half around London Wembley Stadium. Through sponsorship, they raised a brilliant £250 for St Luke's



Hospice. Staff from St Luke's later came in for a special assembly to thank the children who took part in the run.

POETS IN THE MAKING

Children in Year 5 who have been working with our Spoken Word Education poets performed a selection of inspiring poems they had written about important

female role models in their lives. The children have been working with the poets for 5 weeks and performed their poems in a special assembly on International Women's Day.

ROMAN DISCOVERY

Year 3 enjoyed a great visit to St Albans Cathedral, linked with their 'Romans' topic. Children had fun designing their own mosaics, exploring and trying on some Roman armour and acting out the story of St Alban.









Newsletter via email

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