



ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

learning, sharing, achieving and respecting

May 2017

NEWSLETTER

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This half-term has been packed full with great learning and exciting activities. We are very proud of the children in Year 6 who completed the SATs week with focus and calm. We are looking forward to their production, graduation and residential.

I was delighted to join the Year 5 children for part of their residential in May and we were pleased that the overwhelming majority of the year group participated. This is a hugely important part of the Elsley curriculum and Year 4 children will be camping overnight at school at the end of June - more details to follow!

Children and staff were deeply saddened by the recent events in Manchester. Respect for others is one of our core values and this is something we constantly promote.

We join together in thinking and praying for peace.

Raphael Moss, Headteacher



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'



Attendance /Punctuality

School starts at 8:55am.

Gates are open from 8.45am.

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

2017/18 Term dates have been published and sent home. The dates are also available on our website or on request from the office. Please only book holidays during school holiday dates. *Good attendance leads to good achievement.*

School Uniform

The full uniform list is available in the School Handbook or please ask at the school office.

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.



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.



KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

Like so many others, we were shocked and saddened to hear of the tragic event in Manchester last Monday.

After the threat level was raised to critical on Tuesday evening, we decided to cancel Year 1's trip to Windsor Castle. The children enjoyed a picnic in school instead and we hope to organise an alternate trip for Year 1 before the end of the year.

If your child is feeling upset by the events in the news, we recommend this video on the Newsround website: www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/40019250 that advises children of what they can do if they feel this way.

"When I was a boy I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.' To this day, especially in times of disaster, I remember my mother's words, and I am always comforted by realising that there are still so many helpers - so many caring people in this world."

- Fred Rogers

#Manchester

Keeping our children safe

Mr Moss is the designated lead for safeguarding.

Our assistant and deputy heads are trained to the same standard as the designated lead.

The safety of all our children on trips is of utmost importance to us. Before every trip out of school, staff consider all the possible risks and plan for how to lower the risks. This includes, for example, teachers visiting the site, without the children, in advance of the trip. The risks are routinely revisited before the trip and plans are changed based on changing risks. Based on the information in the public domain about the critical threat level not being used since 2007, we decided to cancel planned trips for the next day. We thank parents for their understanding.

Dates for your Diary

May

Mon 29th - Half Term (until Fri June 2nd)

June

Mon 5th

Return from Half Term

Thurs 8th

General Election - school closed for pupils

Fri 30th

Summer music concert

Fri 30th

Year 4 camping overnight

July

Mon 3rd - Fri 7th

Sports Days

Fri 7th

Summer Fair

Tues 11th - Fri 14th

Year 6 residential

Fri 21st

Last day of term; school closes at 1:30pm

September

Mon 4th - 5th

Teachers training (INSET, 2 days)

Wed 6th

Start of term for pupils

RAPPING ROBOTS



Year 5 had an awe-inspiring robotics workshop where they got to program OhBot robots to rap. To view some of their raps, have a look on the @ElsleyPrimary twitter feed. The children loved programming their robot heads to move, talk, and change the eye colour!

FUN ON THE FARM



Year 5 spent 3 days on Rushall Organic Farm. The children went pond dipping, river walking, sheep herding, walking in the countryside and they built bivouacs. They learned, in a practical way, about ecosystems, wildlife and the environment, as well as having lots

opportunities to work our other school values of sharing, achieving and respecting. There was even time to play in the woods! On Thursday the teachers cooked a barbecue dinner for everyone, despite the rain. Riding around the farm on tractor trailers was great fun, as was meeting Brian the farm dog. On Friday the children went swimming, before packing and coming home. 42 children attended the trip, making it the biggest off site residential in our school's history! More photos can be found on our website: www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/children/residentialtrips/year-5-residential



SATS ALL FOLKS!



We wish a huge congratulations to our Year 2 and Year 6 children who completed their KS1 and KS2 SATs this half term. We are so proud of the children who all worked incredibly hard. We also want to say a massive thank you to Tesco who provided breakfast for the Year 6 children before each test. Thank you to all the staff who volunteered to serve

the breakfast as well as Tesco employee, Joan, who also helped out. Now the SATs are over, Year 6 have started rehearsing their production, which will be performed to parents on Thursday, 6th July.



LOTUS CUP WINNERS



Year 3 took part in a basketball tournament arranged by Peter Jenner, Director of Basketball in Buckinghamshire. Year 3 were divided into 5 teams and showed great sportsmanship and skill throughout the matches. After the points were totalled, the Green team came out on top.

TREE TOP TREKKING

Year 4 enjoyed a wonderful visit to Kew Gardens as part of their 'Rainforests' topic. The children enjoyed exploring the different species of plants in the amazing glass houses as well as the stunning sculptures around the gardens. The children also ventured across the Tree Top walkway.



CYCLING SUCCESS



Congratulations to Year 4's Picasso Class who had the highest number of children who travelled to school by bicycle or scooter during The Big Pedal. A whole school event where each class recorded how they travelled to school for two weeks. Picasso Class win some great cycling prizes.

WEMBLEY WALK

Year 2 went for a walk around Wembley, acting as tour guides for each other. They had prepared their guide scripts in their English lessons. On the walk, they collected data of the colour of front doors they passed which they later presented as graphs in their Maths and Computing lessons.



ELSLEY EGGHEADS



Five of our Year 6 pupils headed up to Glasgow with two of our teachers to film for a new series of CBBC quiz show, *Top Class*. The team had been brushing up on their general knowledge and enjoyed the unique experience. We will let everyone know when the programme is going to be aired so you can see how they got on...



Harrow Hockey Club Junior Camp

May ½ term Camp

10am – 3pm

30th & 31st May

The John Lyon School playing fields

- Coaching for children year 4 and over.
- £35 per day, £60 for both days.
- Discounts available for siblings.
- With harrow coach Lucy Briscoe



Get in touch if you are interested in coming along harrowhwcjuniors@outlook.com

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.'