



ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

learning, sharing, achieving and respecting

June 2017

NEWSLETTER

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The children have been hard at work and fully engaged with some amazing learning and trips out of school. It seems hard to believe that there are only a few more weeks left of this year and there are many more fun events still to squeeze in, including the end-of-year music concerts, sports days, the summer fair, Year 4 camping trip, and Year 6's production, residential and graduation.

We are also finalising arrangements for next year to ensure the children have a smooth start to the year. The building work will mean many of our classrooms will be moving locations which is very exciting! Before the end of term, the children will have a chance to meet their new teacher and to be told where their classroom will be next year.

I look forward to seeing you at some of our special events.

Thank you for your continued support.

Raphael Moss, Headteacher

Parent Classes and Courses - We are excited to be continuing our range of free courses for adults to support parents. See table below and further details from Mrs Iqbal, Family Support Worker, or from the office.

| Course Title | Course Length | Day | Time | Start Date: | Cost |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------|
| English for Adults (Beginners) | 10 week course - 2 days per week | Mondays and Thursdays | 9-11am | 2 nd October | FREE |
| Working with Children | 5 week course | Every Tuesday | 9-11:30am | 10 th October | FREE |
| Families Love Books | 5 week course | Wednesdays | 9:15am | 13 th September | FREE |
| Triple P Parenting | 6 week course | Fridays | 9:15am - 11:30am | 6 th October | FREE |
| Yoga for adults | 10 week course | Fridays | 2-3pm | 6 th October | FREE |
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| Hassle Free Shopping | 1 day morning workshop | | 9:15-11:30am | 8 November | FREE |
| Dealing with disobedience | 1 day morning workshop | | 9:15-11:30am | 22 November | FREE |



Building Update and Classroom movement

Thank you for your patience as the building works continue. The end result will be worth waiting for! The new buildings should be ready later in the autumn term. To help with some moving of classrooms, we have reduced the teaching days for children by 1 day each year:

School term will end for children one day earlier than planned on Thursday July 20th at 1:30pm

Term will start again in September for children one day later than planned on Thursday September 7th

Attendance /Punctuality

Gates are open from 8:45am
School starts at 8:55am

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.

Nursery - 30 hours free childcare available

From September, we will be offering **FREE** 30 hours nursery childcare for eligible families. If you are not eligible, you can still take advantage of a full time place in nursery by paying the top-up fees which are highly competitive (£75 per week). Some parents have already taken up this offer for the summer term. Ask us for more details. **Children who attend Elsley Nursery achieve higher at the end of Reception, than those who start the following year.**

Brent Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge 2017 (for 4 - 12 year olds)

This year's theme is Animal Agents. As children read library books on the Summer Reading Challenge, they will receive a host of stickers, some with mysterious smells.

This fantastic programme includes Animal Agent story-telling, art and craft workshops and fun learning activities. It's all about stimulating the imagination, children gaining confidence, and discovering new talents and skills.

The challenge begins on Saturday July 1st 2017 and runs until September 4th 2017. They are also providing a whole series of events at all the libraries to which the children are invited. All events are free but you may have to book in advance.

All children will need to borrow 2 books to join in with the events.

All activities are listed here:

<https://www.brent.gov.uk/services-for-residents/libraries/events-in-brent-libraries/>

Keeping our children safe

Mr Moss is the designated lead for safeguarding.

Our assistant and deputy headteachers are trained to the same high standard.

Dates for your Diary

July

Mon 3rd - Fri 7th Sports Days
Fri 7th Summer Fair from 3pm

Tues 11th - Fri 14th Year 6 residential
Tues 18th Year 6 Graduation
Wed 19th Year 6 party (pm)

Thursday 20th Last day of term; school closes at 1:30pm (1 day earlier)

September

Mon 4th - 6th Teachers training (INSET, 3 days)
Thurs 7th Start of term for pupils (1 day later)



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Summer Fair

FRIDAY 7th JULY 2017

3pm - 5pm

**** Food and Drinks ****

**** Games ** Raffles ** Prizes ****

**** Henna ** Rides ****

**** and much more... ****

We look forward to seeing you there!



HELP THE EAGLES SPREAD THEIR WINGS

The Elsley Eagles Cheerleading squad are hard working and dedicated to learning new skills. They've previously won national titles

and have learnt many lessons along the way. With limited funds for the squad, they are fundraising for a coach to transport them to the Future Cheer Schools Out national competition in Bournemouth in July. This is the last competition of the season and they have worked extremely hard for it.

If you would like to give a donation, the website is:

www.gofundme.com/elsley-eagles-cheerleaders

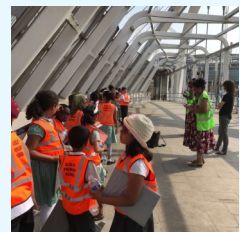
Thank you for your support.



STEM WEEK SUCCESS

Children across the school got creative during this year's STEM week. STEM focuses on aspects of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths and this year's theme was 'Structures'. Each year group looked at a different form of structure;

these ranged from castles and architecture to railways and cell structure.



Some year groups went on trips, such as Year 3, who went to sketch the White Horse Bridge. Other year groups had visitors who came to run workshops, such as Year 4, who had a talk from an architect and Year 5, who had a whole day workshop on Railways from education staff at HS2.

In their design technology lessons, year groups such as Year 6 made 3D models of cell structures while Year 5 constructed structures out of spaghetti and marshmallows.



RECEPTION VISIT ALDENHAM COUNTY FARM

Children in Reception had a lovely trip to Aldenham Country Farm. During their visit, they saw many farm animals including pigs, ponies and goats. They also had an opportunity to pet a chicken, some guinea pigs and feed the cows. The children enjoyed a fun picnic lunch and then

spent the afternoon playing in the adventure playground and visiting Winnie the Pooh and his friends in the 100 acre wood.

WHEELIE GOOD WINNERS

Year 4 Picasso Class enjoyed a cycle skills session as part of their reward for winning *The Big Pedal* last month.



E-SAFETY WEEK

At the end of June, we had an E-safety week. The children took part in an assembly and a follow up workshop delivered by Mr.

Cornish, our ICT consultant. KS1's workshop focus was on keeping personal information safe as they played identity detectives. KS2 discussed and ranked the reliability of Minecraft articles as they focussed on being able to recognise fake news. We also held another parent e-safety training workshop.

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



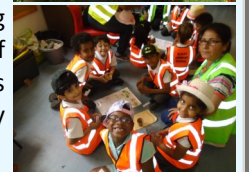
PARENTS COMPLETE PHONICS COURSE



Congratulations to these parents who have completed a 5 week Play & Learn with Phonics course. A new course will begin in September with tutor, Jayshree. Please contact the office if you would like more details.

YEAR 1 NATURE RESERVE VISIT

Year 1 had a fantastic time visiting the Welsh Harp nature reserve at the end of June. They enjoyed exploring the plant and animal life on a nature walk and enjoyed creative, hands-on activities including designing butterflies with real parts of nature, looking at trees in different seasons and soil digging. They also enjoyed a lovely picnic lunch in the beautiful weather.



SUMMER MUSIC CONCERT



Key Stage 2 had a brilliant performance for their peers and family members. All pupils were able to show off their harmony singing, instrumental skills and performance etiquette.

It was also a pleasure to see our clarinettist, flautist, guitarists and violinists contributing and displaying their learning. Huge thanks go to Miss Dykes for her excellent music lessons which have prepared us for this concert. An excellent performance from all!

YEAR 4 CAMP OUT AT SCHOOL AFTER HOURS

Children across Year 4 are sleeping out in tents on the school grounds on Friday 30th June.



They will be learning to put up the tents for themselves, an exercise in independence and perseverance! There will also be a range of team building games where the children will learn to share their ideas respectfully in order to meet the team's goals. There may be a bit of free time to allow the children to enjoy the company of their friends and the feeling of independence. We will of course have a camp fire where the children will be able to sing songs and enjoy a toasted marshmallow! Heads go onto pillows at 10pm. The children will be responsible for packing the tents away on Saturday morning, before being picked up at 9am on Saturday morning.

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