



ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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This year has ended on a high with so many special events including the Year 1 Cinderella ball, Year 2's carnival and steel drum workshops, the KS2 music concert and Rock Steady concert. We have had more children than ever before participating in residential - almost every single child in year 4 camped overnight at school, Year 5 went for their 2-night camping trip and Year 6 had a memorable 3-night trip to Devon. These opportunities for children to sleep away from home are a huge step in them growing in confidence and independence. They are also a huge highlight of the year for the children.

As the year comes to a close we are saying **farewell and best wishes** to three of our teaching assistants, **Ms Ojo, Mr Banks, and Ms Alex** who are going on to specialise or continue their studies. We are saying goodbye to teachers, **Ms Natasha, Ms McDonnell, Ms Tymon, Ms Holmes, Ms Rolet and Mr McCarroll** - each of whom is embarking on a different adventure. We wish them all well!

I would also like to thank our **outgoing Chair of Governors, Ross Beaton**. He has played a huge part in supporting and challenging our school to improve, including maintaining our Ofsted 'Good' in this year's inspection and achieving improved results again this year.

Finally, I'd like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer. See you in September.

Raphael Moss, Headteacher

Parent Classes and Courses -

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
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



STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS!

Term will start for children on Monday September 11th

This is later than had been published. This has been agreed by Brent due to the exceptional circumstances of the major building works over the summer.

I apologise for any inconvenience to families and hope you understand that we must ensure the school is 100% safe and ready for the children return.

School Meals - excellent value, excellent quality

After several years where the meal price has not increased, from September the new daily price will be £2. This is a small increase of 5%. Meals are still free for children in Reception, Year 1 and 2.

Attendance /Punctuality

Gates are open from 8:45am

School starts at 8:55am

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.**

TEACHERS AND CLASSES FOR NEXT YEAR

Current Class Teacher 2016 / 2017	New Year Group 2017 / 2018	New Class Teacher 2017 / 2018
New intake	Nursery	Mrs. Cronin & Ms. Kellett
	Reception	Ms. Vernon
		Ms. Rashid
		Mrs. Renata
Ms. Williams		
REC Ms. Vernon	Year 1	Ms. Lorenta
REC Ms. Tymon		Ms. Vaghela & Ms. Gordon
REC Ms. Vaghela		Ms. Codner
REC Ms. Williams		Mrs. Manga
Y1 Ms. McDonnell	Year 2	Ms. Vasdev
Y1 Ms. Vasdev		Mrs. Johnson-Markland
Y1 Mrs. Renata		Ms. Braiden & Mrs. Hamilton
Y1 Mrs. Akhtar		Mrs. Akhtar
Mixed Y2 classes	Year 3	Mrs. Duncan-Solomons
		Ms. Vassell
Y3 Mrs. Hamilton & Ms. Kansara	Year 4	Mrs. Obaydi & Ms. Kansara
Y3 Ms. Owens		Ms. Mulligan
Mixed Y4 classes	Year 5	Mr. Wimlett & Mrs. Rushe
		Ms. Owens
Y5 Ms. Rolet	Year 6	Ms. Henry
Y5 Mrs Duncan-Solomons		Ms. Gupta

As part of our expansion, there will be four classes in Year 2 starting in September along with Reception and Year 1 who have already expanded. We are really looking forward to our new building being complete next academic 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

September

Mon 4th - 8th

Teachers training (2 days) and 3 non-teaching days

Mon 11th

Start of term for pupils (later than published)

October

Mon 23 - Fri 27

Half Term break

December

Fri 16th

Term ends at 1:30pm



SUMMER FAIR SUCCESS

Huge thanks to everyone who attended our Summer Fair and ran a stall. Everyone had lots of fun playing games, climbing over inflatables and enjoying a hot dog or an ice cream. Wembley Central and Alperton Metropolitan police let children explore their police van. There were also stalls from Explore Learning tuition and St Luke's Hospice. At the end of the day we had raised **£1080** which Barclays Bank have said they will kindly match. Huge thanks go to our PSA for organising the event.

LIVING THE COUNTRY LIFE

We were so proud of all of our Year 6's who attended the week long residential in Devon. 32 children and 6 staff members travelled down in three



minibuses including our **new Elsley branded bus**. They stopped for lunch and a run around Weston-Super-Mare beach before heading to the farm where they were staying. Children got stuck in with the animals straight away

with so many of them not having any experience with them. They loved sharing dormitories with their friends, serving each other at dinner time and playing games. Organised activities included a trip to Morwellham Quay, a Victorian copper mining village where children rode a mining train, made rope and dressed up as Victorians.



Children also visited the incredible Eden Project, enjoying the stunning Mediterranean and Tropical plant life as well as taking part in an anthropology workshop. Back on the farm, children were also treated to an amazing falconry display and a camp

fire. Children behaved exceptionally on the trip and learnt to be more independent, take more responsibility and conquer their fears on the farm. See our Twitter feed for more photos.



YOUNG ENTERPRISE DAY



Year 2 to Year 5 received workshops and a local trip from Young Enterprise who paired up with Construction volunteers from SISK. They explored community developments. Children considered the pros and cons to new developments and worked together to decide what Wembley needs.



EAGLES SWOOP A FIFTH PLACE TROPHY
Our super talented Elsley Eagles Cheerleaders finished a brilliant 5th at the Future Cheer competition in Bournemouth, returning with a fantastic trophy!

Huge thanks go to their coach, Ms Natasha.



"SPLURGE THEM!!!"

Our Year 6's sung, danced and acted superbly in their production of 'Splurged!' A messy gangster musical about charmer, Marty Lebone, trying to impress a club singer while two rival gangs battle it out. The children were very professional and there were some stand out performances from the gang leaders. Huge thanks go to the Year 6 teachers and TA's as well as Mr Fraser and Ms Vernon for their direction and choreography. The show received high praise from it's audiences.

FOREST FUN



Children from Year 3, 4 and 5 attended two workshops at Forest School. The children learnt

how to start a fire using natural resources and how to build a shelter. The ended the day with some free playtime in the forest.



STEEL DRUM WORKSHOP



Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic Steel Drum workshop delivered by the Steel Pan Agency. This was organised as part of their 'Carnival' topic. The children have also been making carnival costumes.



Pictures of them in these costumes are going to be displayed along the route of the Notting Hill Carnival in August.

SUPER SPORTS DAYS

Well done to all our children who took part in our EY, KS1 & KS2 Sports Days. Every child showed great sportsmanship and tried their best to win points for their team. Thanks to our PE specialist, Mr Wilke, for organising the Sports Days.



OUR YEAR 6 GRADUATES 2017



Congratulations to our Year 6 children who have graduated from primary school! Their successes were recognised in a

ceremony last Tuesday morning where best wishes were given by staff and school leaders. Our special guest was Council Leader, Councillor Butt, who gave an inspiring speech before handing out certificates. We wish our graduates all the success in the future and they will be missed.



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