



ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

learning, sharing, achieving and respecting

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NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME to a new year of learning and welcome to new families. The delayed start of this year was due to over-running building works. I want to take this opportunity to **thank parents and carers for their understanding**, and to **apologise for the disruption** this inevitably caused you. Please understand that the delays were beyond our control, and we opened the school as soon as it was safe to do so. Over the summer, new classrooms and halls were created, achieving excellent spaces for the school. I want to **thank the wonderful Elsley staff** who, once we were allowed access, worked tirelessly to prepare the school in a very short space of time.

As we continue to expand the school, we are pleased to welcome talented new members of staff to our team, all of whom are dedicated to caring and supporting our children. Please see page 2 for profiles of these members of staff.

The children have settled well, are engaged with their learning and the positive atmosphere and ethos of our school is a source of pride to us all. I wish you all a successful year ahead.
Raphael Moss, Headteacher

Attendance /Punctuality

Since last September, all year groups from Reception to Year 6 start at **8:55am** with soft start commencing at **8:45am**, except on Wednesday mornings. If your child is late please bring them to the office and sign them in the late book. If your child is unwell and not attending, please email absence@elsley.brent.sch.uk or telephone 0208 902 8003.

Persistent Absence is attendance below 90%. This is equivalent to half-a-day missed every week or 4 whole weeks missed in year. Over a 5 year period, your child would miss half a year. Pupils with less than 90% attendance may be referred to the Education Welfare Service.

Holidays during term time are not permitted. In exceptional circumstances, leave may be permitted by submitting a form in advance. **The full attendance policy is on our website.**

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.



Building Update: Children have been enjoying our new and refurbished areas of the school.



**NEW
HALLS!!**



**NEW EYFS
AREAS!!**



APPLY NOW FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2018

Apply before the deadline!
Late applicants have lower priority

Children with an older brother or sister in school are **NOT** automatically offered a place – you must make an application

Visit www.brent.gov.uk/secondary for further information

STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL
Apply if your child was born between 1 September 2006 and 31 August 2007

DEADLINE 31 October 2017

OFFER DAY 1 March 2018

APPLY ONLINE AT
www.eadmissions.org.uk



We are showcasing high schools on 4th October 3:30–5:00pm in the front hall. All Year 5 & 6 families are welcome to meet staff from Brent schools.

Visit our website for more information:

www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/about-us/admission/highschools

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Please remember that if you provide your child with a packed lunch or birthday treats, Elsley Primary is a **Nut-Free School**. Please be considerate of children in our school who have nut allergies. Thank you for your continued understanding.

We are so proud of four of our Year 6's from last year who appeared on CBBC's Top Class along with their teacher, Mr McCarroll. The fiery foursome fought well but lost to Glenfome Primary. Catch the episode now on BBC iPlayer. The link is on our Twitter feed.



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. All our staff have regular safeguarding training and refreshers to ensure our children are safe and well-cared for. Please raise any concerns with a member of staff.



Our new App is now available to download onto your tablet or smartphone from the App Store or Google Play. We are sending home a guide for parents and carers.

Dates for your Diary

October

Tuesday 3rd

Wednesday 4th

Wednesday 4th

Thursday 5th

Mon 23rd - Fri 27th

Black History Month

Year 1 and 6 Curriculum sessions 3:30 & 4:15

High School Showcasing Event 3:30-5:00pm

Year 2 and 4 Curriculum sessions 3:30 & 4:15

Year 3 and 5 Curriculum sessions 3:30 & 4:15

Half term holiday break



Meet Our New Members of Staff



Miss Rashid is a new teacher in Reception.

After graduating from Goldsmith College with a Politics degree, she decided to follow her passion of working with children and worked as a teacher assistant at a number of schools, before embarking on her teacher training at Kingston University. She is passionate about her role and excited for the year and all the magical learning that will take place in Reception. Outside of school, Miss Rashid enjoys reading, baking, travelling as much as she can, and spending time with friends and family.



Miss Braiden is a new teacher in Year 2.

After completing her degree at The University of Nottingham, Miss Braiden decided to follow her dream of training as a primary school teacher.

Whilst at University, Miss Braiden volunteered at a school in a nearby hospital and spent a year volunteering with her University fundraising organisation by organising trips, and raising money for charity in different cities. Miss Braiden is also a volunteer with NSPCC as a Childline counsellor. Outside of school Miss Braiden enjoys cooking, keeping active, reading and spending time with her family and friends. She is delighted to be coming back to London to join the Elsley community.



Mr Wimlett is a new teacher in Year 5.

After completing his first degree in law, he pursued his passion for teaching as a middle school teacher abroad, before entering the education profession in the UK. Outside of school, Mr Wimlett enjoys sports including rugby and lacrosse, playing guitar, reading and studying languages.



Miss Daniel is a new TA in Year 1.

After completing her degree in Sociology she has decided to explore her passion for working with children by gaining experience at Elsley. Having worked with children in numerous different capacities over the years, she believes that working in a primary school will be the perfect place for her to develop her skills to eventually train as a fully qualified teacher. Outside of school Miss Daniel enjoys playing netball and spending time with friends and family.



Miss Haider is a new TA in Year 4.

She has recently graduated from university with a human biology degree. Miss Haider has a keen interest in maths and science and decided to begin a career working with young children after being a STEM ambassador during Sixth Form. She is excited to be joining the diverse community at Elsley and pass on her passion for science to the children. She enjoys baking in her spare time and is a cricket fan!



Miss Kellett is our new Nursery teacher.

She has just moved to London after teaching at a Nursery in the Scottish countryside - it's a big change! She's very excited to start working at Elsley in the brand new Nursery environment.

Before teaching, she studied English Literature at Glasgow University and brings her love of reading and literacy to her work. In her free time, she enjoys cycling, playing the violin, and having adventures (usually involving a lot of walking) with her friends.



Miss Gordon is a new teacher in Year 1.

After graduating with a psychology degree she worked in a school as an LSA which inspired her to pursue teaching. She has always enjoyed working with children and is very passionate about child development and hopes to be an educational psychologist one day. Outside of school, Miss Gordon is a cheerleading coach and loves to travel when she gets the time. She is excited to work with the children and staff at Elsley.



Miss Vassell is a new teacher in Year 3.

She has previous experience in other schools in KS1 and KS2 and is passionate about children's education, believing in giving children the tools to achieve their highest potential. This passion led her to become a teacher. In her spare time Miss Vassell enjoys spending time with her family and friends, reading, acting, singing and cooking. She looks forward to working at Elsley and getting to know both parents and children.



Miss Gupta is a new teacher in Year 6.

She started working as a teaching assistant at the age of 16 and has since worked with children with a range of abilities. She has always been passionate about helping children and decided to work as a learning support assistant after graduating in Psychology. This inspired her to continue her career in teaching. Outside of school Miss Gupta likes baking, going on new adventures, reading and dancing. Miss Gupta is very excited to be joining Elsley Primary School.



Miss Buzuku is a new TA in Year 2.

She has studied Primary Education at the University of Greenwich and has gained experience in various schools across London, in hope to one day fulfil her dream and lead a class of her own. In her spare time, Miss Buzuku likes to read poetry, watch movies and socialise with friends and family. She looks forward to working at Elsley Primary School and to make positive contribution to children's lives.



Mrs Ciocan is a new TA in Year 5.

With experience as a Maths Teacher, she followed her passion of working with children and volunteered at Elsley, determined to share her positive attitude and experiences within a school. In her free time Mrs Ciocan enjoys walking, sewing and baking. She looks forward to become part of Elsley.

Visit our website to view photos of our staff so you can always identify who's who in our ever-growing school.

www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/about-us/staff

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