



ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

learning, sharing, achieving and respecting

October 2017

NEWSLETTER

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This has been a successful half term filled with learning, enjoyment and great experiences. The children are enjoying the new spaces available to us. It has been particularly pleasing to see so many parents benefitting from the various courses and workshops which we offer.

I have enjoyed meeting children and families who are new to Elsley and we hope you feel welcomed and settled. Please approach myself or any of the staff by the gates, if you have any concerns you wish to discuss.

After Half-Term we will hold teacher-parent meetings where you can discuss your child's progress and targets. Extra-curricular clubs will be starting- please look out for the letter with all the details. Finally, **Happy Diwali** to children and families who are celebrating. We will see all children back on Monday October 30th.

Raphael Moss, Headteacher

CONTACTING THE OFFICE We apologise that due to the building works, our phone lines have been temporarily reduced. This will improve, but in the meantime, you may find it easier to email with enquiries and we will return your call. If your child is absent, use absence@elsley.brent.sch.uk. For other enquiries use parents@elsley.brent.sch.uk

Attendance /Punctuality Our gates open at 8:45am. All year groups Reception to Year 6 start at 8:55am with soft start commencing at 8:45am, except on Wednesday mornings. If your child is unwell and not attending, please email absence@elsley.brent.sch.uk.

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.**

ANOTHER NEW PARENT COURSE AND LOCATION

Next term an exciting creative course 'Families love books' is beginning Friday 3 November 9:00am — 11:15am with a free crèche. It will involve making games, puppets and learning about books by having lots of fun. Enrolment will be on that day.

All courses for parents are now held in our new 'Learning Hub' which is the old Nursery! Refreshments provided!

STAY SAFE WITH SPARKLERS

Please be safe with fireworks.

Every year hundreds of children are seriously injured because of fireworks.

Only adults should light fireworks. **Even sparklers are**

dangerous. They get five times hotter than cooking oil. If children use sparklers, they must have adult supervision, wear gloves, keep them at arms-length and put them into water afterwards. They are not toys and should never be given to a child under five. **For more info, visit www.fireservice.co.uk/safety/firework-safety.**



our Nursery. If your child was born between September 1st 2013 and August 31st 2014, 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.



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Our new app already has over 120 users in it's first month and has been used over 7770 times! DOWNLOAD IT NOW FOR FREE!!!

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.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility

If you think that a child or young person in Brent is at risk of harm, neglect or other abuse you must:

Call 999 if they are in immediate danger
If you are worried that they have already been abused or may be harmed in the future call **The Brent Customer Services Contact Centre 0208 937 4300**

Then select the option for Children and Families Services. To raise your concern by email please contact customer.services@brent.gov.uk

British Summer Time (BST) ends on Sunday 29th October

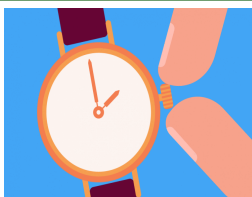
In the UK the clocks go back 1 hour at 2am on the last Sunday in October.

The period when clocks are 1 hour ahead is called British Summer Time (BST).

There's more daylight in the evenings and less in the mornings.

In the autumn and winter, time returns back to Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

Remember to move clocks back 1 hour on 29th October.



October

Monday 23rd

Sunday 29th

Monday 30th

Tuesday 31st

Dates for your Diary

School closed for Half Term

Clocks go back 1 hour

Autumn 2nd Half Term starts

Year 6 deadline for Secondary School applications

December

Wednesday 6th

Thursday 7th

Friday 15th

End-of-term music concert (KS2 parents invited)

Teacher-Parent Consultations. School closes 1:30pm

Last day of term. School closes 1:30pm



HUNT FOR BEEGU

Year 1 had a very exciting trip to the London Designer Outlet as they embarked on a treasure hunt. In their lessons, they have been reading stories about Beegu, an alien lost on Earth. The children had to find clues to his whereabouts and were so excited to find him by the playground. The work links to their current topic - Lost and Found.

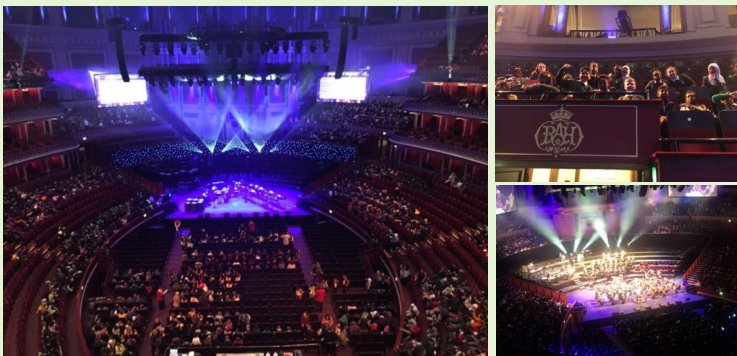


HOME OFFICE VISIT YEAR 1

As part of their Lost and Found topic, Year 1 also had an interesting talk from Joy Johnston who works at the Home Office. She spoke to the children about the importance of welcoming refugees.



A MORNING OF MARVELLOUS MUSIC



Year 4, 5 and 6 took their annual trip to the Royal Albert Hall again to enjoy a morning of live music. The Music for Youth Primary Prom presented dynamic, vibrant and eclectic performances by talented young musicians. The concert aims to inspire and motivate the next generation of music-makers.



HOLIDAY. CYCLING. FUN.

Half Term Bikeability Cycling Courses

WILLESDEN SPORTS CENTRE

BEGINNERS	23 October
LEVEL 1	27 October
LEVEL 2	24/25 October
LEVEL 3	26 October

To book, go to <http://bit.ly/brentocth17>

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COURSE FOR PARENTS These parents meet weekly and they are thoroughly enjoying supporting each other.



NEW PARENT COURSE

A group of parents have enrolled for our new Working With Children Course. They are studying the pre-entry level and we hope they will continue with level 1 as they aspire to improve their skills.

Record Attendance!

We were delighted to welcome over 40 parents to our recent phonics workshop. Parents benefited from two of our experienced teachers guiding them in how to support their children.



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



YEAR 6 TO HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION



Elsley hosted Headteachers from several high schools, for parents to ask questions from representatives from a wide range of schools. This was a successful initiative as part of our Elsley commitment to support children and their families through transition from Primary to Secondary school. Thanks to Alperton Community School, Convent of Jesus & Mary, Capital City Academy, Preston Manor and Ark Elvin Academy for showcasing their schools.

Remember: the application deadline is 31st October 2017

For more information, please visit our website:
www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/about-us/admission/highschools

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.'