



ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

learning, sharing, achieving and respecting

January 2018

NEWSLETTER

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I have been pleased to see lots of learning taking place throughout January. Children at Elsley are enjoying school, and feeling challenged by their teachers to learn more. Thank you parents for helping your children to practice at home, complete their home learning and to get to school on time.

After half term we expect the new building to be completed creating additional facilities and opportunities for the children. It's a great time to be a student at Elsley!

We are committed to improving the local community and the environment. Through some work with Brent, I have arranged for more regular cleaning of the footpath to London Road, installation of CCTV and a direct email to report problems to: tony.martin@brent.gov.uk Please also let me have any feedback.

Finally, although summer is some time away, we are planning the final details of our overnight residential visits for Years 4, 5 and 6. These are exceptional opportunities creating positive memories and experiences for your children. At Elsley we value the experiences so much that we expect every child to participate. Please contact me or one of the team if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support, *Raphael Moss, Headteacher*

Attendance /Punctuality School starts 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, telephone 0208 902 8003 or contact us through our new app.

Persistent Absence is attendance below 90%. 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.

Parent Classes and Courses -

Details from Mrs Iqbal, Family Support Worker, or from the office .

English for beginners has now started and we have a free crèche - every Monday 9:00am - 11:15am

English Intermediate is on Thursday 9:00am - 11:15am with a free crèche

Working With Children is every Tuesday 9:00am - 11:15am with a free crèche

Triple P parenting is every Wednesday 9:00am - 11:15am with a free crèche

Free Yoga is every Friday 1:30 - 3:00 with free crèche.

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 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.

Safer Internet Day 2018



SAFER INTERNET DAY

Tuesday 6th Feb is Safer Internet Day. We are planning digital leader led assemblies, e-safety lessons and Year 5 & 6 are having poetry workshops led by Mr Owoo and

Mr Fraser. We are also running a parent e-safety workshop. (See below) This was well attended last year and parents who attended, recommended the workshop. For more info, please visit: www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/about-us/e-safety



Who is she texting??



What is he playing??



Who is he e-mailing??



What is she watching??



If you would like to find out more about E-Safety, we are running a workshop that will highlight up-to-date awareness of online issues and offer advice on how to keep your children safe when they are online or using social communication.

PARENT E-SAFETY WORKSHOP

Thursday 8th February

2:00pm – 3:00pm in the Learning Hub

Don't forget to download our App!



Download on the App Store



ANDROID APP ON Google play

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.

Parents - it is essential that you know how to keep your child safe online. There is information on our website to help, and we have organised an e-safety workshop (see left).

Remember, the internet can be accessed from most mobile phones, as well as PCs, laptops and tablets.

Find out more by going to the parent workshop!

Dates for your Diary

February

Thurs 8th

Mon 12th - Fri 16th

Parent workshop on 'e-safety' at 2pm

Half Term, school closed

March

Thurs 22nd

Thurs 29th

Parent: Teacher Consultations, school closes 1:30pm

End of term. School closes 1:30pm

April

Mon 16th

Start of Summer term

YEAR 4 CHEMBAKOLLI WORKSHOP

Year 4 had a great time taking part in a Chembakolli workshop run by Action Aid UK. They learnt about rural India, tried on traditional Indian clothes, carried water pots and had a tea party with tea from the Nagari Hills.



YEAR 6 BUILD ON POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

Tender UK delivered Healthy Relationship & Positive Friendship workshops with Year 6. Two facilitators led a series of discussion and role playing activities which the children found really helpful and engaging.



Brent has bid to become the London Borough of Culture for 2020



Brent has bid to become London Borough of Culture for 2020. The application was submitted to the Mayor of London, and the winner will be announced in February 2018.

Find out more at www.brentculture2020.co.uk

LIFE SKILL COURSES



Pictured are some parents who attended 2 short courses this month: 'Hassle-Free shopping' and 'Dealing with Disobedience.' Their feedback was really positive and they

said it was definitely worth attending to find ways of managing their child's behaviour.

Look out for more courses next term. Remember we provide free crèche and refreshments. All Brent residents are welcome!

MASTERING THEIR LANGUAGE SKILLS

Congratulations to some parents who successfully completed ESOL entry level last term. ESOL community language is taking place every Thursday 9.15-11.15am. If you wish to join the beginners course please pop into the Learning Hub on Tuesday morning to enrol. All courses are free and fully accredited.



NEW READING COURSE STARTS IN FEBRUARY



On 6th February at 9.15am in the Learning Hub, we have a new course starting called "Story Sacks". This is a creative

course where parents will get the opportunity to support their child's reading. The aim is to choose a favourite story and then create puppets, puzzles and games which are put into a sack. This is a chance to put your sewing, embroidery and art skills to full use! The sacks are then displayed for a short time in school and you will be taking them home at the end of the term. When you read the story you can use the various games and puppets to support the reading and make it fun! All materials are provided and you must be prepared to attend all 6 sessions weekly from 9:15 - 11:15am. Please express your interest by contacting the school office or Mrs Iqbal as places are limited. Free crèche.

REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

Developing Good Bedtime Routines workshop. March 8th 9:15-11:15am. Free crèche and refreshments. Learn how to create a good bedtime routine for your children.

Free Yoga is every Friday 1.30-3:00pm. There is also a free crèche. Come in and relax before the weekend. Collect your children after the session!

Please remember our Family Support Worker, Mrs Iqbal, is available Mondays to Thursdays to support you.

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.'