



ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

learning, sharing, achieving and respecting

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NEWSLETTER

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As February ends and March begins, the weather may still be freezing cold but we are all really excited as we have finally moved into the new school building, the Berkhamsted Block. Years 2, 5 and 6 have their classrooms there and other years will benefit from the excellent new facilities.

I am really proud of how the children have moved so calmly into their new classrooms. They were well supported by Elsley staff and I expect that their learning will now be even better!

Once we have had the opportunity to settle in, we will arrange for opportunities for parents and the wider community to come and see the school. This will be in the summer term.

Raphael Moss, Headteacher

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.

Attendance /Punctuality Since last September, all year groups from Reception to Year 6 have the same start time of **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, telephone 0208 902 8003 or through our new app.

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.**

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 crèche

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

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

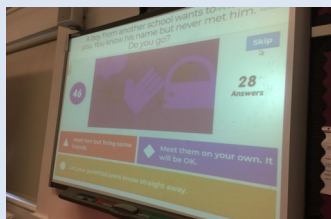
Free Yoga is every Friday 1:30 - 3:00 with free crèche.

CREATING, CONNECTING AND SHARING RESPECT

Tuesday 6th Feb was Safer Internet Day. Children, parents and staff recognised the important day with a week of activities and training workshops.



Mr Fraser and our 12 digital leaders began the week with whole school assemblies. Reception to Year 4 had e-safety lessons which included poster competitions stories and quizzes.



Year 5 & 6 had poetry workshops led by Mr Owoo and Mr Fraser where they described how it feels to receive hurtful texts so people can understand the affect it can have and encourage them to make respectful choices when connecting and sharing with others. Check out some of the best on our twitter feed.

We are also ran a staff and parent e-safety workshop. The parent workshop was mostly attended by KS1 parents. We will be repeating this workshop in the Summer and encourage more KS2 parents to attend it.

For more info, please visit:

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



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.



Don't forget to download our App!



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

Dates for your Diary

March

Thurs 1st
19th - 23rd
Thurs 22nd
Thurs 29th

World Book Day - Children to wear pyjamas

Arts Week

Parent: teacher consultations. School closes at 1:30pm

Spring Term Ends. School closes at 1:30pm

April

Monday 16th

Summer Term starts

May

Thursday 3rd

Local elections. School is only open for Year 6 children

Monday 7th

Bank Holiday

Mon 28th - Fri 1st

Half Term

RECEPTION BOLDLY GO...



Reception children had an 'out of this world' experience at the Science Museum as they explored all things 'Space'. Everyone had a wonderful time and the children said they loved seeing real rockets!

NEW BUILDING IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Our new building was officially handed over to us during the February half term. In the last week, years 2, 5 and 6 have been preparing to move out of their temporary classrooms and into the new building, which we are calling the **Berkhamsted Block**. As well as housing 16 new classrooms, the new building has a library, computing suite, cooking room, music room, group rooms and offices.

Keep an eye out for news of the official opening where we will be inviting our whole community to view the next big chapter at Elsley Primary.



HIGH FLYERS



Year 2 had a brilliant time exploring planes, past and present at the RAF Museum. Children enjoyed climbing in the cockpits and learnt lots of interesting flying facts about plane engines, plane symbols and aircraft design. This was all connected to their topic 'On the Move'.

CAKE SALE BAKES A PROFIT

Well done to Year 4 who raised over £120 at their after school cake sale!!! The money raised will go towards future trips and visits.



ASTHMA EDUCATION



Thank you to medical students from UCL who delivered a workshop on asthma to Year 4.

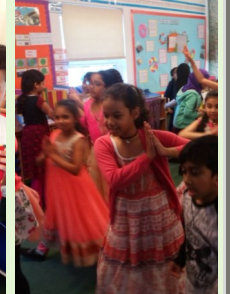
HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR

We wish all of our families who celebrated, a happy Chinese New Year. At school, we were treated to a wonderful assembly performed by our Reception children and we were lucky enough to have one of our Year 1 parents deliver a talk to KS1 and KS2 about Chinese New Year.



EXPERIENCING INDIA

Year 4 had a wonderful India experience day. They dressed up in traditional clothes, made barfi, created their own henna & Rangoli designs, wrote stories and poems based on characters from Indian stories and listened to traditional tales. They also had a go at Bhangra dancing!



FOOTBALLERS IN ACTION

Our boys and girls football teams both had away games this month. Although there were no wins, both teams played valiantly.



ECO CLUB KEEPING GREAT BRITAIN TIDY



Elsley Eco Club members have been signed up for the Keep Britain Tidy 'GB Spring Clean' campaign. They have also been building a bonfire independently and toasting marshmallows and crumpets!

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.'