



ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

learning, sharing, achieving and respecting

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NEWSLETTER

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The Spring Term has been very busy and seen big changes to our school. The children (and staff!) are so excited to finally be able to use our new part of the school - the Berkhamsted Block. Some parents have already been into the new part for parents evening or for adult education classes. Looking forward to the summer term, we are planning exciting events for the children and we expect more parents to be able to see the new building in action.

Next term will also see the **residential experiences for Years 4, 5 and 6**. These are amazing opportunities for the children to learn and develop in different ways. Make sure you have signed up online!

Our recent art exhibition was a huge success and every child in the school contributed to the artwork. We were all very proud of this achievement.

I wish you all a restful break and **Happy Easter** to those children and families who will be celebrating. We will see all children back on Monday, April 16th.

Raphael Moss, Headteacher

RESIDENTIALS

At Elsley we offer amazing experiences to help our children develop and grow as independent young people. Our residentials are an important part of this.

Children in younger years stay for an extended day. The older children have:

- Year 4** 1 night camping at school
- Year 5** 2 nights camping away from school
- Year 6** 4 day (3 night) trip to Devon and Cornwall.

The school subsidises the cost of these experiences and we expect all pupils to attend.

Parents of Year 5 and 6 - please logon to school money and confirm your child will attend.

AUTHOR WORKSHOPS

Year 2 had a visit from Kate Cunningham, author of Vlad and the Great Fire of London, the book they are reading in class. Children took part in an interactive story reading, re-enacting what it was like to be a firefighter in



1666, they also met Vlad and Boxtan and looked at some 17th Century historical artefacts.



Year 4 enjoyed a trip to the library where they took part in a reading workshop with 'Dragon Detective Agency'

author, Gareth P Jones. The children also got a chance to ask him lots of questions about what it is like to be a famous author.



Nursery had an exciting visit to Brent Civic Centre Library where they had a reading workshop themed around 'weather' books.



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 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.

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.



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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

April
16th

Summer Term starts

May

Thurs 3rd

School closed - polling station. YEAR 6 children to attend

14th - 18th

Year 6 SATs week

28th - 1st June

Half term

June

Mon - Wed, 4th - 6th

Year 5 residential (2 nights)

Thurs 21st

Year 4 residential (overnight)

July

17th - 20th

Year 6 residential to Devon & Cornwall

Mon 23rd

Year 6 graduation

Tues 24th

End of term. School closes at 1:30pm

AMAZING ARTISTIC TALENT

We were so proud of every child from Nursery to Year 6 who contributed to this year's Arts Week. The well known painting 'Bathers at



Asnières' by Georges Seurat was chosen as the focus work that each year group would base their work from. Each year group took an aspect of the painting and created a variety of work using a range of materials. Nursery linked the weather in the picture with their 'weather' topic and created collages of the sun using a variety of yellow materials. Reception's focus was on the trees in the painting and



they created an array of trees using different, green paints. Year 1 linked the hats in the picture with their 'Amazing Africa' topic and printed colourful patterns on to calico fabric to make traditional, African hats. Year 2's aspect was water and each of the four classes created a different water picture using different mediums such as sponge painting, finger painting and marble ink. Year 3 created a beautiful skyline using crumpled up tissue paper. Year 4 constructed a life size boat along with a life size figure of a man rowing the boat for his female passenger. The



also made model boats out of different materials like clay and origami. Year 5 visited the National Gallery to see the painting for themselves. They sketched the painting and then back at school, coloured them using different tools. Year 6 had a wire and silvering workshop with sculpture, Darcy Turner. They created three of the figures posing in the picture and the dog. The work was then displayed in the front hall for three days with many parents, residents and community supporters visiting the exhibition. It received really positive compliments and it was wonderful to see everyone's work celebrated in one place. Special thanks go to Mrs Rushe and Mrs Sayed for organising the event.



BIG SMILES

Year 4 enjoyed a visit from the dentist, learning all about how to look after their teeth.



LEARNING NEW EMBROIDERY SKILLS

These parents have made story sacks to encourage their children to read.



They have learned different embroidery to create these beautiful sacks which were on display at parents evening as part of our Arts Week! The course will next take place in June so please come along!

INCREDIBLE ITALY

Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their extended day experience based on their topic 'Italy'.



They made Italian food, danced, played games and learnt about Italian language and culture.

AMAZING AFRICA

Year 1 had a brilliant African experience day. Children came dressed in colourful



and traditional outfits. Activities included hearing an African story, studying African artefacts, making colourful necklaces, an energetic drumming session and cooking 'Lohoo', authentic Somali pancakes.



OUTDOOR OPPOTUNITIES

Check out our brand new outdoor classroom! Huge thanks go to Gristwood Toms for providing us with the free logs! Keep your eye out more exciting developments to our outdoor areas around the school this year...



LONDON CALLING

Year 6 went on an exciting trip to The London Eye and the Tate Modern. This linked to their 'London' topic.



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