



# ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

learning, sharing, achieving and respecting

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## NEWSLETTER

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This half term has flown by and been packed full of learning and activities. Our new library in the Berkhamsted Block opened and there was a host of experiences to make reading come alive - see photos on page 2 of our Book Day and some of the guests who came to inspire us.

We were delighted to welcome parents to celebrate with the children for our International Week which reflects the wonderful diversity within our community and the tremendous value we place on **respect** for everyone.

Earlier in the term we were proud to host the first Inter-school Spelling Bee and were proud of our excellent spellers!

More recently, our Year 2 and Year 6 children who took SATs tests did so calmly and confidently. After half term, there are some exciting events to look forward to including a Careers Week, residential trips for Years 4, 5 and 6, Sports Days, Year 6 production and graduation and the 'Meet Your New Teacher' and transition activities. See you in June! *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](mailto: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** every Wednesday 9:00am—11:15am-free crèche

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



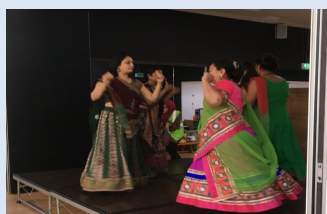
## INTERNATIONAL DAY

We had a fantastic turnout for our International Evening that celebrated the cultural diversity of our school. The hall was buzzing with excitement with a great range of food on offer. We then had singing, dancing, musical and spoken word performances from Elsley children and parents and other people in our community.

Earlier in the day, classes visited another year group to either deliver or listen to a presentation about the country they were learning about.

The evening was a huge success and raised over £700. We have also created a fantastic interactive map on our website to celebrate the school's diversity.

[www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/about-us/inclusion/eal-map](http://www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/about-us/inclusion/eal-map)



### 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](mailto:customer.services@brent.gov.uk)

### Dates for your Diary

#### June

Mon 4th  
Mon 4th - Wed 6th  
Thurs 21st  
Thurs 21st  
wc 25th June

Children return to school after half term  
Year 5 Residential  
Parent workshop: What are your children doing online?  
Year 4 Residential  
Careers Week

#### July

TBC  
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Wed 11th  
**Mon 16th**  
Mon 16th  
Tues 17th - Fri 20th  
Mon 23rd  
Tues 24th

Sports Days - dates To Be Confirmed  
Year 6 production - dates TBC  
Summer music concerts  
**Staff INSET. School finishes at 1:30pm**  
Pre-registration for Year 6 Residential  
Year 6 Residential  
Year 6 Graduation  
End of Term. School finishes at 1:30pm





### SPELLING-BEE

**We were honoured to host an Inter-school Spelling Bee.** Six children represented Elsley and battled hard against children from Brentfield Primary and Preston Manor. The exciting event was enjoyed by all with a pupil from Brentfield taking home the trophy.

### CONGRATS TO HARRY & MEGHAN

In celebration of the Royal Wedding, we had an outdoor picnic lunch complete with sandwiches and cake.



### ANOTHER POSITIVE PARENTING COURSE

Well done to these parents who attended a 'Managing fighting and aggression' course. All of them commented positively about the new strategies they learnt.



### KEW GARDENS VISIT

**Year 4 had great trip to Kew Gardens as part of their Rainforest topic.** The children were overwhelmed by the hot climate inside the Palm House that was needed to maintain the plant life.



**Ms Khechini is a new Year 1 Teaching Assistant.** She studied at the University of Hertfordshire graduating in Education Studies with Learning and Teaching. She has worked in different schools as an after school club leader and volunteer teaching assistant. She is glad to be part of the Elsley team. Outside of work, she enjoys cooking and spending time with family and friends.'



**Mrs Jutla is a new Year 4 Teaching Assistant.** She moved to London last year after living in the Welsh countryside. Whilst in Wales she volunteered with NSPCC as an online ChildLine counsellor for 5 years. After moving to London, she quickly realised her passion for working with children, working in a nursery and volunteering to work with children in hospitals. In her spare time Mrs Jutla enjoys travelling, reading, going to the gym and spending time with her friends and family. She is very excited and happy to have joined the Elsley family.

### STORYTELLING READING EVENTS

**With the imminent launch of our new library in the Berkhamsted Block, we have had a number of fantastic story and reading events this half term.**



We began by welcoming the immensely talented, Alim Kamara from Storie Storie. The hip-hop artist and storyteller delivered an incredibly engaging storytelling assembly followed by year group workshops and a staff training INSET after school.

We then welcomed back to Elsley, Rastamouse author, Michael De Souza, who delivered a hilarious poetry assembly and all day workshops. Children got the opportunity to act out Rastamouse stories and receive signed Rastamouse books.



### WORLD BOOK DAY

**Back in March, the Beast from the East snow forced us to close the school during World Book Day.** We postponed the event and held it in conjunction with our new library events. Each year group had fun dressing up as a book character from the book they were studying in class. We had a character catwalk and class reading activities.



### Newsletter via email

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