



# ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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In many ways, it's hard to believe another year has flown by! On the other hand, when I look at each child, and at each year group, it's clear how much growth and developing has taken place. Beyond just academic studies, children have matured and developed their character in a way that as a school we strive to help them with.

As always, a newsletter can only give a taste of the activities that have taken place over the half term. There is so much that children should feel proud of, and I hope parents and families appreciate how much time, care and dedication the staff give of themselves to provide the best opportunities for our children.

Over the summer, children are encouraged to read regularly. Elsley pupils always do really well with the summer reading challenge - see details below.



Stay safe, enjoy the summer and see you in September. *Raphael Moss, Headteacher*

### 'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'

Parents and carers are reminded to be respectful to staff and the school community. Please be reminded that when collecting and dropping off children this is done in a safe and respectful manner.

Here at Elsley we are committed to keeping our children and school community safe. If you have a concern regarding a child or adult please contact: [safeguarding@elsley.brent.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@elsley.brent.sch.uk)

For urgent Child Protection matters, outside of school hours, please contact: Brent Family Front Door Tel: 020 8937 4300 or email: [brent.lscb@brent.gov.uk](mailto:brent.lscb@brent.gov.uk)  
Thank you for contributing to keeping our school community a safe place.



Miss Tyndale (Designated Safeguard Lead)

Visit your library and take part in the **Summer Reading Challenge 2023** over the holiday.

[www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)



### HELLOS AND GOODBYES

It's always sad when people leave and this year we bid farewell to the following members of staff. All the best to Ms Vassell, Ms Gordon, Ms Ali, Ms Starkey, Ms Phillpotts, Ms Qadri, Ms Haider and Mr Clarke as they move on to the next stage of their careers. We thank them for everything they have done for the children, parents and staff in their time at Elsley.



We are pleased to welcome Mrs Arab, Mrs Felix, Ms Choi, Ms Fenech, Mr Bradwell, Mrs Dane-Liebesny, Mrs Hossain, Mr Rafique, Mr Habib, Ms S Abdi and Ms I Abdi, all of whom have either joined Elsley this term or will be joining in September. You can find out more about them in our September newsletter.

YEAR GROUP 2023 / 2024	NEW CLASS TEACHER
Nursery	Mrs. Patel
Reception	Ms. Dahir
	Mrs. Lakha
	Ms. Rashid
Year 1	Ms. Ablitt
	Ms. Khan
	Mrs. Vasdev
Year 2	Mrs. Vernon
	Ms. Ahmed
	Mrs. Arab
Year 3	Mrs. Hamilton
	Mrs. Randhawa
	Mrs. Felix
Year 4	Mrs. Renata
	Ms Saler / Ms. Stewart
	Ms Shaheen
Year 5	Ms. Choi
	Mrs. Duncan-Solomons
	Ms. Fenech
Year 6	Ms. Rioux
	Mr. Bradwell
	Mrs. Dane-Liebesny
Year 6	Mrs. Hossain
	Ms. Owens
	Ms. Henry
Year 6	Mrs. Manga
	Mrs. Patel
	Mr. Rafique

### SUMMER FAYRE

Thank you to all of you who attended our Summer Fayre. This year we raised a fantastic £3,500! Huge thanks to Mrs Hersi and Mrs Butt for co-ordinating the event and to everyone who helped run a stall.



### September *Dates for your Diary*

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> & Tue 5<sup>th</sup> INSET Days for Staff

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Sept Term start for pupils. (8:45 Soft Start)

### GEOGRAPHY AND SCIENCE SUMMER TRIPS

There were some exciting trips during the Summer term. Linked to their Geography topic, Year 5 took a trip down the Thames to explore how London has changed through the years, Year 2 visited Welsh Harp nature reserve to go hunting for minibeasts and Year 3 visited Kew Gardens as part of their Plants and Flowers science topic.



### SWIMMING POOL SUCCESS

Our Year 5 and 6's loved having swimming lessons at Elsley's pop-up pool this term!



### SPORTS DAY SUCCESS

Children took part in two Sports Days which were held on the school field and, for the younger children, due to poor weather, in the school halls. Children had fun taking part in carousel activities and final races whilst parents and carers cheered from the sides. Thanks to Mr Cumming, Coach Anis, and Coach Emmanuel who returned especially for the Key Stage 2 events.



### YEAR 4 CAMPING

Year 4 experienced the great outdoors as they took part in their overnight stay at school. Children began by constructing their tents for the night, followed by a variety of fun activities including some nature challenges and a campfire. Thanks to the Year 4 staff team and all the extra adults who volunteered their support during the residential.

### YEAR 6'S ACTION PACKED SUMMER TERM

As we say farewell to our Year 6s before they set off to secondary school, we want to congratulate them on all their achievements in the Summer term. After completing their SATs, they went straight into auditions and rehearsals



for their end of year production. With 120 pupils, we decided again to perform one show with two casts. The children did a spectacular job

performing 'Revolting Children' based on the musical, Matilda. They performed on stage at Ark Elvin Academy, to children across the school and to their parents. Huge thanks to their class teachers and support staff; Mr Fraser for directing; Mrs Vernon for choreography and Mr Turner for supporting the singing.

A week later, they travelled to Condever Hall in Shewsbury for their residential, taking part in a wide range of exciting activities including climbing an aerial trek course, kayaking, camp fire songs, buggy building and racing, and a laser conquest.



During their last week, they graduated from primary school in two moving ceremonies with visiting guests including teachers and ex-pupils who imparted words of wisdom and guidance to the children. We also heard valedictory speeches including special memories from their happy time at Elsley.



In the afternoon, the children celebrated their graduation with a prom with party food, games and dancing.

### SUMMER MUSIC CONCERTS



Children in Key Stage 2 performed their Summer Music Concerts to parents. There were a range of instruments on show from African drums, ukuleles, violins, and keyboards. Huge thanks to our teachers from Brent Music Service for arranging the performances.

We are so proud of all our Year 6 pupils and we wish them all the best in their futures. Huge thanks to the Year 6 staff team for organising all of these highly enriching events.



### **\*\*\* ONLINE SAFETY TOP TIP \*\*\***

> Over the Summer holidays, balance the time your child/children have in front of a screen with other activities. It's good to set time limits and to not allow screen time too close to their bed time.

### **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](mailto:parents@elsley.brent.sch.uk) with your name and the title 'newsletter.'