



ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

learning, sharing, achieving and respecting

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NEWSLETTER



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As we wrap up this busy and rewarding autumn term, I want to thank our incredible Elsley community for your continued support and dedication. It has been wonderful to witness the children's progress in academic learning, paired with the joy and creativity displayed in other areas of school life.

Before the end of term, the Year 1 Nativity was a delight, showcasing talent and effort, as were the equally impressive Early Years and Key Stage 2 concerts. Our Christmas lunch is always a highlight, and this year was no exception, with a delicious meal expertly prepared by Chef Lucia and the Harrison catering team.

These achievements, along with many additional opportunities, including extended days and the high-quality education delivered every day, are only possible thanks to the incredible commitment and hard work of our staff. Their dedication ensures each child thrives in and out of the classroom.

As we finish for the winter holidays, this marks the successful completion of the first term of our Additionally Resourced Provision (ARP). We are immensely proud to be an inclusive school, ensuring that every child feels valued and supported to succeed.

For those celebrating Christmas, I hope it is a joyous and meaningful time for you. To everyone in our school community, may the new year bring peace, happiness, good health, and plenty of reasons to smile.



I look forward to welcoming you back in 2025! *Raphael Moss, Headteacher*

Keeping our children safe



During the holidays, if you have concerns about the safety of a child, you should refer directly to Brent by calling 020 8937 4300.

If you think a child in Brent has been harmed or may be harmed call:

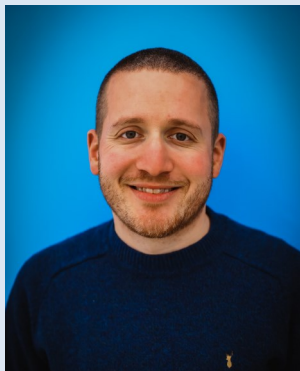
Tel: 020 8937 4300

At Elsley Ms Tyndale is the designated lead for safeguarding (DSL). Our headteacher, assistant and deputy headteachers are trained to the same high standard as the DSL. All staff have regular safeguarding training to ensure our children are safe and well-cared for. Please raise any concerns with a member of staff.



FAREWELL TO MR. FRASER

We say goodbye to Mr. Fraser, our incredible computing teacher, who has been a vital part of our school for the past eight years. From the moment he joined us, Mr. Fraser's passion and creativity have transformed computing lessons, bringing the subject to life



with everything from robot heads to virtual adventures. His ability to make learning fun and accessible has inspired countless students, and his enthusiasm has left a lasting impact on our school community.

Beyond the classroom, Mr. Fraser has contributed in so many ways - from directing unforgettable drama performances to supporting staff and students during the transition to remote learning during COVID. Now, as he moves on to a full-time role as a consultant, he will be helping other schools achieve the same innovation, creativity, and success he brought to Elsley.

We will miss Mr. Fraser greatly, but we are excited for this new chapter in his career. On behalf of everyone in our Elsley school community, we thank him for everything he has done for us and wish him every success in the future.

Are all your contact details up to date?

If you change your home phone / email / mobile number please let the school know so that we have the most up to date contact details. Please let the school know by calling in or emailing at admin@elsley.brent.sch.uk

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

If you have concerns about a child or an immediate concern about a child then please call 999

Alternatively contact Brent family front door 020 8937 4300 (option 1)

Staying safe over the festive holiday-Be Safe, be seen

As we end the autumn term and the days are short, please ensure you keep yourself safe by staying with your adult when out and about and listening to instructions at all times. When out during the evening, please wear reflective colours to be seen.

Family support

To support our families with the cost of living crisis, please see details of support from Brent Council:

<https://www.brent.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help-and-advice>

Useful websites

Brilliant parents- <https://www.brilliantparents.org/>

NSPCC- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

Dates for your Diary

January 2025

Mon 6th

Staff INSET training day.

Tues 7th

Spring Term starts for pupils (8:45 Soft Start)





YEAR 1 NATIVITY

Children in Year 1 performed a superb Nativity for parents and children across the school. They retold the story of Christmas beautifully and everyone was so impressed by their acting, singing and dancing.



CHRISTMAS DISCOS

Children across the school enjoyed their Christmas parties and discos as part of our festive celebrations.

Thank you to everyone who voluntarily donated towards these events. The children have enjoyed them all immensely.

AUTUMN TERM EXTENDED DAYS

Year 1 enjoyed an exciting extended day inspired around **The Dark!** They started with a picnic before creating some dark art and venturing on a mysterious treasure hunt around the school. They ate marshmallows around a campfire and listened to stories in the dark, all whilst wearing their pyjamas!



Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic superhero themed day. The children made superhero puppets, designed masks and their own superpower! They also took part in a quiz about real superheroes from history and fictional superheroes from stories. Through the day they ate super snacks and played some exciting games!



Year 3 also took part in an exciting Stone Age themed extended day. They made their own bread, milked a cow, took part in a stone knapping activity and hunted a woolly mammoth!



WINTER MUSIC CONCERTS

Christmas is truly on its way when the Winter Music Concerts begin! Well done to all the children involved who sang, rapped and played instruments for parents. Huge thanks go to the teachers at Brent Music Service for all their brilliant support.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We had a wonderful run up to Christmas at the end of term. Chef Lucia and her team cooked up a wonderful Christmas lunch for pupils and staff and everyone looked wonderful in their festive Christmas jumpers.



YEAR 6 SAFETY WORKSHOPS

Year 6 went on a trip to Bridge Park Leisure Centre to learn about different aspects of citizenship in life. They enjoyed all the workshops that they took part in and had lots of great questions.



***** ONLINE SAFETY TOP TIP *****

> Monitor your child's screen time over the Christmas holidays. Recommended screen time for 5 - 11 year olds is 2 hours per day.