



# ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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The end of October means the school year is well underway and I'm proud of the achievements so far. This newsletter shares some of the many activities.

**Black History Month** was marked in different ways across the school and this will be brought together with a whole school project shortly. Look out for this on twitter! Many more of you are following us on twitter and this is the best place to see regular updates about the learning and experiences which children have at Elsley Primary.

As a school we will be marking **Diwali** celebrations with a themed lunch and Year 4's assembly at the end of next week.

Finally, we have a **vacancy for a parent governor** and I hope you will consider volunteering for this important role. More details will be available at parents evening.  
*Raphael Moss, Headteacher*

### AUTUMN TERM ADULT EDUCATION & PARENT COURSES

#### Triple P Workshops

##### Developing Good Bedtime Routines

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. 9.15am to 11.15am

##### Managing Fighting and Aggression

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November. 9.15am to 11.15am

##### Nutrition and Healthy Eating Course

Every Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September - 13<sup>th</sup> December. 9.00am to 12.00pm

##### Play and Learn with Phonics

Every Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> November - 12<sup>th</sup> December. 9.15am to 11.15am

**Maths and English classes** will be confirmed after assessments have taken place. A text will be sent to parents for assessment day.

For more information, please speak to the School office or our new Family Support Worker, Mrs Elsayy-Butt.



#### School Lunches

**Cooked fresh on site every day, by Chef Lucia and her Harrison Catering team.**



The meals are excellent. They meet all the healthy standards as well as being very tasty. All Infant children receive a Free School Meal. You still need to complete an application form if you have not already done so - please visit the school office for a form.

**Attendance /Punctuality** 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 school, please email [absence@elsley.brent.sch.uk](mailto:absence@elsley.brent.sch.uk) or telephone 0208 902 8003.

**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.**



#### UPDATE FROM THE FARM

Members of our Eco Team had a lovely day meeting Alan Titchmarsh at the London Children Flower Society. He presented our Eco Team with a trophy award for 'Best Garden For Wildlife'.

We also have some new residents on our farm. Next time you're walking through, say hello to our three goats, five chickens, two rabbits and three guinea pigs. For more information about our animals, please speak to Ms Codner or Ms Paton.



# 2019

#### STAY SAFE WITH SPARKLERS

**Please be safe with fireworks.** Every year hundreds of children are seriously injured because of fireworks. Only adults should light fireworks.

**Even sparklers are dangerous.** They get five times hotter than cooking oil. If children use sparklers, they must have adult supervision, wear gloves, keep them at arms-length and put them into water afterwards. They are not toys and should never be given to a child under five.

For more information, please visit [www.fireservice.co.uk/safety/firework-safety](http://www.fireservice.co.uk/safety/firework-safety)

#### Dates for your Diary

##### November

Thurs 7th  
Wed 20th  
Mon 25th  
Tues 26th

Parent-teacher meetings; school closes at 1:30pm  
School Photographs  
Open Evening for prospective parents  
Open Morning for prospective parents

##### December

Tues 3rd  
Mon 9th  
Thurs 12th  
Thurs 19th

EY and KS1 disco (older siblings will not be admitted)  
KS2 disco (older siblings will not be admitted)  
General Election. **School closed** (Polling Station)  
End of term. School closes at 1:30pm

##### January 2020

Mon 6th  
Tues 7th

Staff training (school closed for pupils)  
Spring Term starts



### YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL

Our Year 5 children had a very successful residential which this year was held at the end of September, rather than in the Summer. Children had a wonderful time setting up their tents, taking part in team building games and conquering fears through new experiences. Children played human table football, learnt archery skills and scaled new heights by experiencing rock climbing and abseiling. The residential promotes independence and adventure and we aim for all children in Years 4, 5 and 6 to participate as part of the Elsley curriculum.



### EGYPTIAN EXPLORERS

Year 4 visited the British Museum in search of Ancient Egyptian artefacts. They had a wonderful time exploring the museum and taking part in a workshop. The children said they found it fascinating looking at real life sarcophagi.



### FUN WITH FOSSILS

Year 3 had a fantastic trip to the Natural History Museum to learn all about fossils. The children enjoyed a brilliant workshop and had fun exploring the museum.



### TEAM GB RUNNER VISITS ELSLEY

We welcomed GB 400m runner, Luke Lennon-Ford to Elsley during October. Luke delivered whole school assemblies followed by a full day of training sessions with every child in the school. Thanks again to Sports For Champions for making it happen and all of the children who collected sponsorship money for the visit.



### ILL HEALTH PREVENTS AUTHOR VISIT



We were due to have a visit from children's author, Onjali Rauf, just before the half term break. Unfortunately, Onjali had lost her voice to a virus and was unable to attend. Together with The Mayor of Brent, who had come to also welcome Onjali, children of Elsley sent her messages to wish her well. We are currently in touch with Onjali to arrange a new date for her to visit. We will inform you when this has been confirmed.

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This October, children have been celebrating important figures and events for Black History Month. This included our Nursery children who looked at traditional items from African and Caribbean backgrounds, reading Anansi stories, learning African songs and taking part in cooking plantain.



### BUMPING INTO BEEGU



Year 1 had a fun-packed trip to the London Designer Outlet where they explored the playground and had a surprise visit from Beegu, a character who they have been reading about in class.

### CROSS COUNTRY STARS

Well done to a group of Year 5 & 6 girls and boys who took part in their very first Cross Country race against other schools in Harrow and Brent. Children learnt a lot from the experience and a couple of them had a strong finish.



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

> Currently, the minimum age to open an account on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Tik Tok and Snapchat is 13.

### **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.'