

ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

learning, sharing, achieving and respecting

This newsletter highlights some of the achievements of the children during the month of November. The girls football team performed brilliantly at their tournament, and made us all very proud.

Both Years 1 and 2 held their extended days - a taste of what the residential experience is like when they get to camp overnight in Year 4!

November also saw us commemorate Remembrance Day, and antibullying day helped us to strengthen our resolve to stop bullying.

It's been really rewarding seeing the initiatives to encourage children to read more - and to enjoy reading. This is one of the keys to success in life and I strongly recommend it to everyone! I look forward to seeing you at end-of-term events in December. Raphael Moss, Headteacher

For the safety and health of our school community, we are committed to being a:



We need your help to continue to make our school safe for those with a nut allergy.

Please DO NOT bring any foods containing nuts into our school.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT





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November 2019



School Lunches

Cooked <u>fresh on site every day</u>, by Chef Lucia and her Harrison Catering team.

HARRISON food with thought

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 <u>absence@elsley.brent.sch.uk</u> 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.**

SCHOOL CLOSED ON ELECTION DAY

Our school is being used as a polling station on Thursday, 12th December for the General Election. Due to the nature of this poll, our school will be



closed on that day to pupils. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Dates for your Diary

December
Tues 3rd EY and KS1 disco (older siblings will not be admitted)
Wed 4th Year 3 Extended Day
Thur 5th Year 6 trip to The London Eye
Mon 9th KS2 disco (older siblings will not be admitted)

Wed 11th Winter Warmer for neighbourhood residents
Wed 11th Year 1 Nativity & Whole School Christmas Lunch
Thurs 12th General Election. **School closed** (Polling Station)
Fri 13th BMS Music Concerts & Christmas Jumper Day

Wed 18th Reception Christmas Concert

Thurs 19th End of term. School closes at 1:30pm

January 2020

Mon 6th Staff training (school closed for pupils)
Tues 7th Spring Term starts



READING CHALLENGE

We are really proud of all the children who have taken part in our Reading Challenge. Over 500 books have been read in total & we aim to have 5000 books read by July! Well done to Autumn 1's winners:



This term's winners will be entered in a draw to win Amazon Fire tablet computers!





KS1 EXTENDED DAYS

Year 1 and Year 2 both had their extended days this month. Year 1 enjoyed

treasure hunts and firework pictures for their theme:

The Dark. Year 2 enjoyed dressing up, mask making & a camp fire for their superhero theme. Thank you to all the staff who helped out.





YEAR 6 WORKSHOPS

Year 6 have been busy taking part in various workshops including being Brent Junior Citizens where they had 8

different sessions about knife, dog, fire and bike safety, how to travel safely on buses and trains and the impact of too much alcohol, tobacco & sugar. They

also had a visit to The Guardian Newspaper Education Centre where they learnt how to be journalists and write engaging headline reports.



FOOTBALL SUCCESS FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS

Early on in the month, our boys football teams played Lyon Park. Both teams played incredibly well with our Year 5 team winning 5-2 and our Year 6 team winning 3-2! Well done to everyone who played and got on the scoresheet.



Following on from the boys' success, our incredible Year 3/4 girls football team were undefeated at a QPR Trust Football Festival.

They won 2-1 against Oliver Goldsmith. They won 1-0 against Mount Stewart. They drew 1-1 against Kensel Green with the equalising goal scored by Elsley in the last 10 second of the match and then won 3-0 against Uxendon Manor. The PE coaching team have been incredibly proud and impressed with both teams this month.



REMEMBRANCE DAY



On 11/11/19, Children and staff of Elsley Primary, stood in silence to remember those who had given their lives in war.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

From the littlest feet to the biggest - everyone took part in Odd Socks Day in recognition of bullying not being tolerated at our school. We have also introduced Playground Leaders who help children at break and lunch times with ideas for games.



* * * ONLINE SAFETY TOP TIP * * *

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Newsletter via email

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