



ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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We have had an excellent start to 2020. The atmosphere around school continues to be calm and focused. I'm constantly impressed - not just with the learning taking place but also with the positive relationships between children and adults alike.

The 31st January 2020 is the date when Britain departs from the European Union. As a school we pride ourselves on the diversity of our pupils and staff; we respect everyone and value the richness of people's backgrounds. If you're an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, you and your family can apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021. More information is available at gov.uk/eusettledstatus. If you have any worries, please ask our Family Support Worker or a school leader.

Raphael Moss, Headteacher

Attendance /Punctuality All year groups from Reception to Year 6 have the same start time of 8:55am. There is a '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 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.**



SAFER INTERNET DAY 2020



Tuesday 11th February is Safer Internet Day. We are planning Digital Leader led assemblies, online safety lessons and we are also running a free parent online safety presentation (See below). This was well attended last year and parents who came, recommended the session.

For more info, please speak to Mr Fraser or visit:

www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/about-us/online-safety



School Lunches

Cooked fresh on site every day, 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.

For KS2 children, the new daily price is just **£2.30 PER DAY.**

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.

MUSEUM TRIPS

Year 2 and 4 have enjoyed trips to the London Transport and Victoria & Albert Museums as part of their Spring term history topics. Year 2 have been learning about transport achievements while Year 4 have been studying the Anglo Saxons.



REMINDER FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Parents - Please remember to pay for school lunch, afterschool and breakfast clubs **promptly on receipt of the text request at www.schoolmoney.co.uk.** If payments are not kept up to date we will contact you and may consider withdrawing your child from these clubs. The office spend a lot of time sending messages and chasing payments from parents so please help us by paying on time. Thank you.



Keeping children safe online
FREE presentation for parents
of Elsley Primary School.



Keeping children safe online
Thursday, 13th February 2020
2pm - 3pm | Computing Suite
(Meet in School Office from 1:45)



Primarily aimed at KS2 parents, this presentation will highlight the latest online issues. Mr Fraser will offer advice on how to keep your children safe when they are online, using social media or playing games.

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February

Dates for your Diary

11th - Safer Internet Day

13th - Keeping Children Safe Online Presentation. 2:00pm—3:00pm

17th - 21st - Half Term

April

Thursday 2nd **School closes at 1:30pm** Parent-Teacher meetings

Friday 3rd **School closes at 1:30pm** End of Spring Term

ELSLEY FEATURE IN TATE BRITAIN EXHIBITION



Parents and carers of children in Year 4 have until 3rd May to visit Tate Britain to see their child's class photo at Steve McQueen's 'Year 3 Project' exhibition. The photographers took the photos last year along with hundreds of other children in Year 3 across London primary school. Parents should be aware that the four Elsley photos are high up on the top four rows of the exhibition. The gallery has magnifiers that you can request to use to see the photos more clearly.



SPRING TERM PARENT COURSES

CHILD CARE

Every Monday & Tuesday
9:00am - 11:45am

ENGLISH FOR BEGINNERS

Every Wednesday
9:00am - 11:15am



Enrolment/Induction for our **Job Club*** (Mondays) and **Healthy Eating** (Fridays) courses will take place on Thursday 13th February in the Learning Hub. These courses will run for half a term.

*Job Club will support adults with filling in job applications and personal statements etc.

For more information, please contact the school office or our family support worker, Mrs Elsayy-Butt.



LITTLE POP-UP BOOK HUT

Children across the whole school have been enjoying choosing books to borrow from the Little Pop-Up Book Hut. The mini library is on loan at Elsley from the Children's Book Project, a London wide charity that believes in the empowering impact of book ownership. Children have been visiting the book hut and then swapping books with each other before returning them for new ones. Children are allowed to take these and the Brent Library books home to read.

IT'S BEHIND YOU!

Children from Year 4 and Year 6 experienced a truly fantastic production of Treasure Island. It was performed by PWC, an accounting firm that perform pantomimes for inner-London schools. The children enjoyed travelling into Holborn for the show and the wonderful songs, dances and lively characters.



CHILDREN'S AUTHOR ONJALI RAUF VISITS ELSLEY

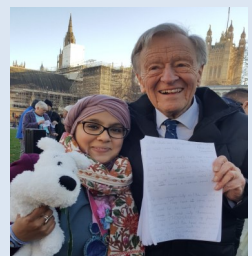


Key Stage 2 were treated to an incredibly inspiring morning on 20th January. They were visited by Onjali Rauf, author of 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'.

She began by delivering an engaging assembly where she talked about her childhood and what inspired her to write her books. She then spoke about the world's refugee crisis and what it means to be an activist. Year 5 were then privileged to attend a writing workshop run by Onjali. They wrote



letters to Boris Johnson and MPs asking for safe passage for child refugees. Before she left to travel into central London to deliver Year 5's letters, Onjali was kind enough to sign copies of her books to pupils and staff. We look forward to seeing Onjali return to Elsley in the future.



NEW FARM RESIDENTS

After saying farewell to our Golden Guernsey goats, we welcomed to the Elsley Farm, two Oxford Sandy and Black pigs. The pigs are on loan from Nightingale Farm in Wandsworth.



*** ONLINE SAFETY TOP TIP ***

> The focus for Safer Internet Day 2020 is 'Identity'. Encourage children to use avatars & usernames to protect their identities.

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 with your name and the title 'newsletter.'