



# ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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Last month the Government published reports confirming achievement levels in schools. We are proud of the progress our children make in all the tested subjects of reading, writing and mathematics and this places Elsley Primary in the **top 20% of all schools** in the country. For a summary of the figures: [www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/101519/elsley-primary-school/primary](http://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/101519/elsley-primary-school/primary)

As well as aiming for the highest progress and levels of achievement in the academic subjects, we are equally proud of the whole education which our children gain at Elsley, in and out of the classroom. Once again, this newsletter gives a glimpse of the broad range of learning and experiences. The best way to keep up-to-date with just how much our school offers is to view our twitter posts [twitter.com/elsleyprimary](https://twitter.com/elsleyprimary)

Best wishes for the second half of the Spring Term, *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](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.**

### TRANSPORT TRIPS

Children in Nursery have been getting up to lots of adventure and exploration on public transport through their topic 'Wheels, Wings & Other Things'. Our youngest children have been riding on the tube around Brent and explored the features of the school minibus. The children found it very exciting and enjoyed exploring all the different ways people travel around London.



### 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.**

A letter was sent to parents last week detailing the precautions which our school is taking regarding **coronavirus (Covid-19)**. We continue to monitor the news and official advice, and will act accordingly.

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks & sport activities



Before cooking & eating



On arrival at any childcare or educational setting



After using the toilet



Before leaving home

✓ Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands

✓ Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles

✓ If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels

### REMINDER FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Parents were sent an important letter regarding **allergies**. PLEASE return this update letter as soon as possible if your child has any allergies. If you do not have the letter, please come to the office.

Please remember to pay for lunches, after-school and breakfast clubs at [www.schoolmoney.co.uk](http://www.schoolmoney.co.uk) promptly on receipt of the text request. 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.



### Dates for your Diary

#### March

5th - World Book Day (Themed lunch and wear party clothes)

23rd - 26th - Year 6 Mock SATs Week

25th & 26th - Year 4 trip to Tate Britain (Year 3 project exhibition)

#### April

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

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

Monday 20th Start of Summer Term for Pupils and Staff

### YOUNG SCIENCE EXPLORERS

Our Reception has a brilliant trip to the Science Museum just before half term. Linked with their space topic, they explored lots of futuristic technology and studied some real life shuttles and rockets up close. They also took part in a fantastic workshop where they experienced walking like an astronaut, launched air rockets and investigated floating objects.





## YEAR 6 'NO BARRIERS' EVENT 2020



A group of our Year 6's travelled to Wembley Learning Zone to take part in a 'No Barriers' event. They had to create ideas that would support our local community and present them to other groups taking part. They then got a fantastic tour of Wembley Stadium.

## KURLING CHAMPIONS!

Massive congratulations go to our first ever Elsley Kurling team who were gold medal champions at a tournament held at Kingsbury High. This means they have now qualified for the London Youth Games.



## SPELLING BEE WINNERS

A huge well done to these brilliant Year 5 children who won the Spring Term inter-school Spelling Bee. Elsley played against Preston Manor who were thoroughly beaten with all three medallists going to Elsley children. We are extremely proud of them all.



## PLASTIC BOTTLE BIRD FEEDERS

Our Eco Club have been making good use of empty plastic bottles. Instead of throwing them away, they have been transforming them into bird feeders. This helps the environment, welcomes wildlife and helps us appreciate nature.

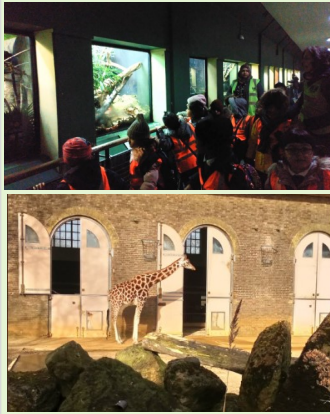


## ELSLEY ATHLETICS TEAM

Our first ever Sports Hall Athletics team competed at the end of January in Willesden at a Brent Borough competition. We are really proud of all of our athletes who took part and gave their best at the event.



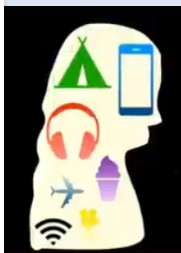
## YEAR 1 TRIP TO LONDON ZOO



Year 1 had a wonderful time at ZSL London Zoo as part of their science topic on 'Animals'. Some children were blown away as they saw lions, giraffes and penguins for the first time. The children wrote about their experience and the animals they discovered when they returned to school.

## SAFER INTERNET DAY

On Tuesday, 11th February, Elsley Primary recognised Safer Internet Day. It began with assemblies run by Mr Fraser and our 15 Digital Leaders. The focus for this year was on 'Identity' and learning about what parts of your identity can be shared online and what should be kept private.



During the week, children across the whole school took part in online safety activities including making an animated avatar that protects their identity but also expresses their interests. Mr Fraser also ran a parent online safety workshop. If you missed it, he will repeat it in the Summer Term. For more info, please visit:

[www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/about-us/online-safety](http://www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/about-us/online-safety)

## HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR

Children in Reception dazzled parents and older children with a fantastic assembly celebrating Chinese New Year. They read their lines, sang and danced brilliantly.



## READING VENDING MACHINE

We kicked off Spring 2 with the launch of our NEW book vending machine! Children will be entered into a raffle for showing good learning in class. The raffle winners will then receive a gold coin which they can use to win a book from the machine. Good luck everyone!



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

> Keep all devices that belong to children like phones & tablets in a family room or a parents' bedroom to charge overnight.

## **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.'