



ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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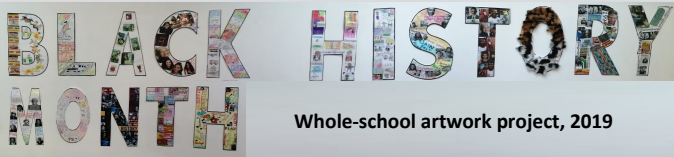


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Welcome - it has been wonderful to once again have our vibrant school filled with the sounds of children's laughter and learning.

The children have responded brilliantly to the new expectations for COVID-safety. Thank you to parents for adhering to the requirements. Opening up the school in a safe way has only been possible thanks to the enormous effort from staff who have also settled and reassured children and returned the children to high expectations and quality learning. These high expectations will continue, even if your child is required to self-isolate and accessing remote learning. We want all our children to excel in their learning!

Finally, I'm pleased that Elsley will be using October's Black History Month to look at contemporary and historical Black Britons and look at this year's Black Lives Matters events. *Raphael Moss, Headteacher*



Whole-school artwork project, 2019

WEBSITE CURRICULUM RESOURCES

Please take some time to look at the range of parent support resources available on our website. Each year group is listed under the 'Curriculum' menu.

Resources include:

Core Subjects: Targets for Writing, Maths, Reading and Science.

Reading & Spelling: Reading challenge, BOOKFLIX age-appropriate recommendations and Spelling Lists.

Wider Curriculum: Humanities & Science Knowledge Organisers.

"Diversity in the modern world is more than just skin colour - it's gender, age, disability, sexual orientation, social background - and most important of all as far as I'm concerned, diversity of thought."

Idris Elba



REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

We are here to help you with all your enquiries.

Due to COVID, the safest way to send a message to the office is by email: admin@elsley.brent.sch.uk or to notify us that your child is not at school to absence@elsley.brent.sch.uk

For COVID-safety, staff from the School Office are currently available **outside** for general enquiries between **8.45am and 9.15am** on all days
School Lunch Money

School Lunch Money is **£11.50 each week to be paid in advance** at www.schoolmoney.co.uk. If your child is absent, the credit will be carried forward. Please note **pupils must remain** on their chosen lunch arrangement for a complete half-term rather than changing weekly.

Some children will be **entitled to Free School Meals**. If you wish to check to see **if you are eligible please complete a form at the school office and they will check for you.**

APPLY ON TIME FOR SCHOOL

A guide for Brent parents to help you apply on time and online for a school place starting September 2021.

Full information for parents/carers of children starting school in September 2021 can be found via www.brent.gov.uk/admissions.

	Transferring to Secondary school	Starting Primary school and transferring to Junior school
Who should apply?	Apply for children born between 1 September 2009 and 31 August 2010	Primary: Apply for children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 Junior: If your child is in year 2 at an infant school and born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014, you must apply for a place at a junior school
Deadline	31 October 2020	15 January 2021
Offer Day	1 March 2021	16 April 2021
School Starts	September 2021	September 2021

Apply now at www.eadmissions.org.uk



Dates for your Diary

October

Black History Month

Thursday 22nd

Last day of Autumn I (school finishes at 3:15pm)

Friday 23rd[^]

School closed for Half Term

Half Term

Friday 23rd October - Monday 2nd November (inclusive)

November

Monday 2nd[^]

School closed for Half Term

Tuesday 3rd

First day of Autumn II (soft start from 8:45am)

Thursday 12th

Parent-teacher consultations. School closes at 1:30pm

[^]In the event of any enforced extended closure such as lockdown, these 2 additional closure dates will be taken later in the school year.



Mrs Hlaiyil is a new teacher in Nursery. After working at a local school in Harrow, she realised that she wanted to become a qualified teacher. She is passionate about helping all children to become enthusiastic and curious learners. She has a passion for learning about the Montessori philosophy of education and loves to create a variety of engaging resources for children. In her spare time she enjoys baking, cooking, and enjoying a swim.



Miss Ablitt is a new teacher in Reception. She has worked in different schools over the past two years as a teaching assistant and learning support assistant and achieved early years teacher status in her PGCE. Miss Ablitt is passionate about building on the foundations of the early years and developing young minds. In her spare time, Miss Ablitt enjoys cooking, exercising and spending time with family and friends. She is looking forward to working with Elsley families and staff.



Miss Ahmed is a new teacher in Year 3. After obtaining her BSc in Psychology from Brunel University, she decided to pursue her calling as a teacher. Miss Ahmed has worked in different year groups and is passionate and dedicated about supporting all her pupils to achieve their aspirations. In her free time she enjoys baking, running and travelling. Miss Ahmed is incredibly excited to be working at Elsley.



Miss Ateih is a new teaching assistant in Year 1. After graduating with a BSc in politics and sociology, she worked in different fields until she finally found her love for teaching. Miss Ateih is excited to be part of the Elsley team and to be a part of the children's educational journey. She is planning to pursue a career in primary school teaching. In her spare time Miss Ateih enjoys journaling, reading and photography.



Miss Ashton is a new teaching assistant in Year 3. As a committed Elsley parent and governor, Miss Ashton also volunteered to read with children in school. After 26 years of working in an accounts environment, she decided that it was time to make a career change and do something that she had a real passion for, working with children. Miss Ashton wants to inspire and help them to achieve their full potential. In her spare time she enjoys eating out and spending time with family and friends.



Mr Theodoridis is a new teaching assistant in Year 4. He graduated with a degree in Conflict Resolution and has worked as a 1-to-1 for almost two years. He is excited to be working at Elsley and gain further experience in working with children and bringing out the best in them. Outside of school, Mr Theodoridis likes to spend time with his good friends, watching movies and reading history books.



Ms Muafey is a new teaching assistant in Year 6. After graduating with a degree in Architectural Technology, she began tutoring and enjoyed working with young children. Ms Muafey began volunteering at Elsley and hopes to use her TA role to help children reach their ambitions and create a positive environment. During her free time, she enjoys painting, baking and spending time with family. Ms Muafey also love travelling and discovering new places.



Meet Our New Members of Staff

Visit our website to view photos of our staff so you can always identify who's who in our ever growing school.

www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/about-us/staff



Miss Dahir is a new teacher in Reception. She graduated with a primary education degree and has a lot of previous teaching experience working in Brent schools. Miss Dahir is passionate about working with children in early years; helping them develop a strong foundation. Outside of school, she enjoys travelling, spending time with her family and friends and exploring technology. She is really excited for the year ahead and is glad to be part of the Elsley family!



Miss Muse is a new teacher in Year 1. Graduating with a degree in Education and Social Sciences, she decided to pursue her passion in teaching. She completed her PGCE at St Mary's University. Outside of school she enjoys travelling, reading and spending time with her family. Since returning from a month of teaching in Tanzania, Miss Muse is now really looking forward to starting her journey at Elsley.



Ms Jaffer is a new teaching assistant in Reception. She has worked in nurseries for 10 years and is excited to be working at Elsley. Miss Jaffer says the staff are lovely and helpful. She has a level 2 qualification in British Sign Language as well as a level 3 teaching assistant qualification. Miss Jaffer loves sports, especially table tennis and jogging.



Ms Macmillan is a new teaching assistant in Year 1. She discovered her passion for teaching whilst teaching her daughter and then trained as a teaching assistant. She came to Elsley to work as a TA and is inspired to work with SEN children. She is now committed to furthering her career in special educational needs. Outside of work, Ms Macmillan is an avid reader and loves to write.



Ms Ferdous is a new teaching assistant in Year 4. She graduated from university with a degree in History. During her gap year, she tutored children from 4 to 14 years and enjoyed it so much that she applied to join Elsley. In her spare time, Ms Ferdous enjoys reading and learning new languages. Currently she is studying Korean.



Miss Zainab is a new teaching assistant in Year 5. She graduated with a degree in Early Childhood Studies and has worked in various early years settings before becoming a teaching assistant in a previous school. She is excited to be working at Elsley Primary School and getting to know the children so she can support them in achieving their full potential. Outside of school, Miss Zainab enjoys reading and spending time with family and friends.

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