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NEWSLETTER

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As we finish the school year, I am so proud that Elsley overcame many COVID challenges to give our children so many amazing experiences. The Elsley Art exhibition went ahead, culminating in a whole school dance performance, filmed outside. Reception held their picnic; Year 1 had a ball; Year 2 had their Carnival; Year 6 performed brilliantly in their end-of-year show which included their parents in the audience of our outdoor theatre; Year 6 also had a week of trips including an overnight camp before graduating in style with their parents invited to an outside ceremony. The whole school came together outdoors to thank Mrs Sayed and wish her well as she leaves to become a Headteacher.

This year has not been easy for many children and families and as a school we tried our best to support each child and each family. I sincerely hope that we achieved that and hope for an easier year for everyone next year.

I would like to conclude by giving my thanks to each member of our wonderful staff, in all their various roles. I ask the community to recognise and appreciate them because the success of the school and the children's achievements are only possible because of them.

Wishing you all a restful summer break.

Raphael Moss, Headteacher

Keeping our children safe Mr Moss is the DSL (Designated Lead for Safeguarding). Our Family Support Worker, assistant and deputy headteachers are all trained to the same high standard as the DSL.

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Help for adults concerned about a child

0808 800 5000

**Help for children and young people
Call Childline on 0800 1111 - it's free**

STAFF FAREWELLS



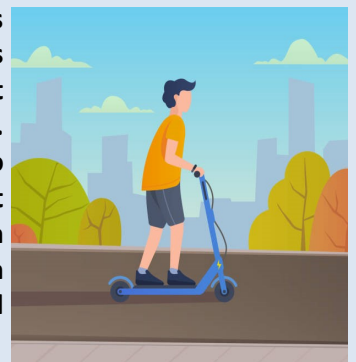
We are saying goodbye to Mrs Sayed, one of our deputy heads who is moving on to Chalkhill Primary School as headteacher. We thank her for all her years of service to Elsley's children, families and staff and wish her success in her new role. We are also saying farewell to class teachers, Mr Wimlett and Mrs Paton. We also thank them for everything they have done for the school and wish them well for the future.

YEAR GROUP 2020 / 2021	NEW CLASS TEACHER
Nursery	Mrs Patel
Reception	Ms Ablitt
	Ms Cristina
	Ms Dahir
Year 1	Ms Daniel & Ms Tavasoli
	Ms Muse
	Ms Rashid
	Mrs Vernon
Year 2	Ms Gordon & Ms Pattni
	Mrs Hamilton
	Mrs Smythe
	Ms Vassell
Year 3	Ms Ahmed
	Ms Buzuku
	Ms Khan
	Mrs Renata
Year 4	Mrs Duncan-Solomons
	Ms Owens
	Ms Rioux
	Mrs Vasdev
Year 5	Ms Henry
	Ms Kechini
	Mrs Manga & Ms Zainab
	Mrs Patel-Kiose
Year 6	Ms Ali
	Ms Qadri
	Ms Phillpots
	Ms Starkey



ELECTRIC SCOOTERS

The police have asked us to spread the message that electric scooters are illegal and are not allowed to be ridden on either roads or pavements. Tragically there have been stories of fatal accidents involving electric scooters. As a school we are concerned to see several Elsley children precariously balanced on parents' scooters with no helmet or other protection. Whilst we want to encourage less cars and promote healthy journeys to school, electric scooters are not allowed for children or adults. From September, in order to reinforce this message, we will not allow any electric scooters within the school site. Please find an alternative, active method of travel to keep everyone safe.



Dates for your Diary

September

Wednesday 1st

Teacher Training Day

Thursday 2nd

Autumn Term starts from pupils

October

Friday 22nd - Monday 1st Nov
(Inclusive)

Half Term

We will be welcoming Mrs Boamah as Deputy Headteacher and Ms Qadri, Ms Phillpots and Ms Ali who are joining the Year 6 teaching team.

YEAR 6'S SHREKTACULAR PERFORMANCE

Our Year 6's have certainly been busy this half term as they complete their last school term at Elsley before moving onto High School.



The children rehearsed and performed a show called 'Happily Ever After', based on the Shrek movies. Usually the Year 6 production is held at Ark Elvin Academy but due to restrictions, the performance was relocated to Elsley and led to the construction of our first Elsley outdoor theatre space in the Playground. Despite having to rearrange a few performances due to the rainy weather in early July, the children managed to perform to all the children in Years 1 to 5 and held two parent performances with socially-distanced seating for parents.



The show received high praise from all, with the children wowing their audiences with their singing, dancing and acting.

Huge thanks go to our incredible Year 6 staff; as well as Brent Music teacher, Mr Turner for helping the children learn the songs; Ms Vernon for her amazing choreography; and Mr Fraser for his overall direction. A private YouTube link of the production has been sent to Year 6 parents and carers.

***** ONLINE SAFETY TOP TIP *****

> A PEGI rating on a game will tell you the games age appropriate level and any content warnings.

ARTISTIC TALENTS

Our amazing Arts Exhibition opened in July in celebration of Arts Week. Well done to all the children to contributed to the gallery and to our amazing Arts Team for organising it. Everyone was so impressed with the artistic talent throughout the school that had gone into the Arts Exhibition. The week ended with a whole school performance of 'Wave Your Flag', which celebrated children's individual cultures and backgrounds.



ROYAL BALL

Year 1 celebrated the end of their Fairy Tales topic with a Royal Ball. They enjoyed dressing up and learning how to ballroom dance.



SPORTS DAY SUCCESS

Despite parents not being allowed to attend due to Covid restrictions, children from across the school had a super successful sports day, held over two days. Huge thanks to our PE Team for organising the events.



YEAR 6'S WEEK OF FUN

We overcame COVID challenges to offer Year 6 a whole week of fun, as an alternative to a residential.

This included trips to the beach at Southend, a cinema trip to see *Cruella*, an overnight camp at school and a day at Thorpe Park!



YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Congratulations to our Year 6 children who have graduated from primary school! Their successes were recognised in a ceremony where best wishes were given by staff and school leaders. We wish our graduates all the success in the future and they will be missed.



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