



ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

learning, sharing, achieving and respecting

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NEWSLETTER

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This is always a busy time of year and this year it seems more so than ever! As we near the end of term, there are exciting activities and events crammed in to the children's experiences, alongside their daily lessons. Several year groups have extended day activities, giving them a wider and deeper learning experience. Earlier in the term Years 5 and 6 children extended their days into overnight experiences, helping them to learn and develop their independence.

We are proud that our school helps our children to learn to share with others. Some of our children recently wrote letters to our local care home, and other children packed winter bags for vulnerable families. We will host a Christmas jumper day on the last Wednesday of term, raising money for Save The Children. *With warmest wishes, Raphael Moss, Headteacher*

Attendance /Punctuality

School starts at 8:55am with soft start commencing at 8:45am.

If your child is late please bring them to the office and sign them in.

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.**

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Keeping our children safe

Ms Tyndale is the designated lead for safeguarding.

All of our assistant, deputy headteachers and the headteacher 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.

YEAR 2 SUPERHERO DAY



Year 2 had an incredible Superhero Day! They all dressed up as their favourite heroes and took part in fun activities, including making super lolly sticks and masks, designing a comic strip and taking part in a costume parade!



REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE



If there is any change in collection details, please contact the office **by 2pm at the latest** so that teachers can be notified.



Reminder - If your child has symptoms of COVID, book a PCR test online:

www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or call 119.

They should stay at home until you get the result.

School Office – Opening Hours

Open for general enquiries (except Weds)	8:30am - 9:30am
Open for enquiries - Wednesdays	9am - 9:30am
Office closes - Monday to Thursday	4:15pm
Office closes - Fridays	3:45pm
Help with School Money - Fridays	8:45am - 9:30am

YEAR 5 & 6 CAMPING EXPERIENCES

Years 5 & 6 had 2 wonderful experiences camping on the school's grounds. They learnt how to pitch their tents, enjoyed singing songs around a campfire and played some fun team building games during the night. Thank you to Mr Wilke for organising both events and all the staff who helped out and stayed overnight.



December

Wednesday 15th

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Friday 17th

January 2022

Tues 4th & Wed 5th

Thurs 6th

Dates for your Diary

Christmas lunch

Save The Children Xmas Jumper Day at Elsley

End of Term. **School finishes at 1:30pm.**

Staff INSET training days.

Spring Term starts for pupils

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The whole school celebrated Black History Month this year by creating Twitter profiles of famous black figures from the worlds of music, sport, movies, art, literature, activism and STEM. Children also created 'Proud To Be' posters celebrating their own achievements. Year 1 got to interview actor Lawrence Rowe about his profession, over Zoom. Thank you to our Wider Curriculum team for organising the projects.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

On 11/11/21, Children and staff of Elsley Primary, stood in silence to remember those who had lost their lives during war.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Thank you to all our parents who attended their meetings this year via Zoom or by telephone. We are very grateful for your continued support.



YEAR 6 HOLOCAUST WORKSHOP

Jan Ibberson from the UK Holocaust Centre delivered a virtual workshop to Year 6 about the Holocaust. The funding has been given as part of a larger project about Holocaust Education at primary level. The children found the workshop really interesting and asked lots of great questions.

HELPING OUR VULNERABLE COMMUNITY

Years 3, 4 and 5 packed 'winter warmer' bags designated for vulnerable people in the community as part of charity work with Hand on Heart.



*** ONLINE SAFETY TOP TIP ***

> Do you know the minimum age for these popular apps?
TikTok = 13 WhatsApp = 16 YouTube = 13

NEW FARM RESIDENTS



Have you met our new farm residents yet? We have new rabbits and a rooster. Elsley is also on the look out for more farmers. For information about volunteering, see our job vacancies page on the website for details.

HARVEST & DIWALI ASSEMBLIES



Thank you to Year 6 and Year 4 for sharing their Harvest and Diwali assemblies during this term.

ODD SOCKS DAY FOR ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

On 15th November, children wore odd socks for Anti-bullying week. This is to remind us that we are all different but should all be treated the same. The theme for this year was 'One Kind Word'.



WINNIE THE WITCH ILLUSTRATOR WORKSHOP

Year 1 had a fantastic virtual workshop with Winnie the Witch illustrator Korky Paul. We'd like to say a huge thank you to Brent Libraries for organising it. The children absolutely loved it.



EY & KS1 DENTAL WORKSHOP

Sharon from the health team at Brent Council visited Reception and Key Stage 1 to talk about healthy teeth and the importance of visiting the dentist.



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