



ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

learning, sharing, achieving and respecting

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January

comes to a close and the children's learning is a joy to see. The children are living our school values and making excellent progress in their learning. This newsletter gives a taste of some of the wider opportunities available at Elsley before and after the winter holidays.

In this special 50th year since the school was founded, it was a huge pleasure to lead assemblies for all year groups, exploring the history of Wembley and Elsley Primary School. Thank you to all the children who entered the 50th logo competition - it will be exciting to see the winning designs that the judges will soon be choosing.

Parents should attend one of the online safety workshops - it's essential that you know how to keep your child safe.

With best wishes, Raphael Moss, Headteacher

NEWSLETTER

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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.

Attendance /Punctuality

School starts at **8:55am**

Gates open for soft start at 8:45am

If your child arrives after 8:55am, you will need to bring them to the office and sign them in late.

If your child is unwell, 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.**

REMINDER FROM THE OFFICE

Any parents enquiries (other than absence) should be emailed to parents@elsley.brent.sch.uk.

All absence messages should be emailed to absence@elsley.brent.sch.uk stating very CLEARLY the reason for absence and especially if Covid related the date of LFT/PCRs taken. Thank you.

COVID 19 ADVICE

While cases remain high in the UK, please test your child **twice a week** using Rapid Lateral Flow Tests.

Thank you for helping us in the fight against the spread of Coronavirus.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM SUPPORT

If you need support with using Google Classroom which most year groups are posting homework on, please visit:

www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/homelearning/googleclassroom where you will find 8 tutorial videos. If you need your child's login details, please speak to your child's class teacher or email us at googlesupport@elsley.brent.sch.uk

ELSLEY GOVERNOR NEWS

Thank you for voting in the parent governor elections.

Congratulations to **Joana Gjeta** who has been elected. We wish her all the best in her new role in our school community. We also want to congratulate **Cassie Lloyd Perrin** who has recently been elected as our Chair of Governors.

February

Dates for your Diary

- 4th - NSPCC Number Day
- 8th & 11th - Virtual Parent Online Safety Workshops on Zoom
- 11th - End of Spring 1 Term. School finishes at 3:15pm.
- 14th - 18 - **Half Term**
- 21st - Spring 2 Term begins. (8:45 soft start)



Who is she texting??



What is he playing??



Who is he e-mailing??



What is she watching??



It's essential that you know how to keep your child safe online. Parents should sign up to either the morning or evening virtual workshop where we will share up-to-date information about online safety issues and offer advice on how to keep your children safe when they are online or using technology.

VIRTUAL PARENT ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP

Tuesday 8th February 2022 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Friday 11th February 2022 9:30am – 11:00am

The workshops will take place on Zoom and is hosted by our Computing Leader, Mr Fraser.

To register for the workshop, please complete the Google Form that has been text to parents or scan the QR code.



Deadline: Friday 4th February.
Zoom link will be sent to those who have registered on Monday 7th February.

For more information, please visit the Online Safety page on our website www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/about-us/online-safety



NEW MEMBERS OF STAFF

We wish Miss Gordon our best wishes as she leaves on maternity leave. We'd like to welcome the new 2G teacher and our new sports coaches.



Coach Arijus is one of the new coaches who has joined our PE team. Having previous experiences with coaching and teaching, which includes working with secondary and primary age groups, Coach Arijus has decided to pursue his passion for sport at Elsley. In his free time he likes to play basketball, go to the gym and spending time with his friends.



Mrs Randhawa is a new teacher in Year 2. After living and working in Singapore for 13 years and travelling through Australia for a year, she has now decided to settle back in the UK with her family. Mrs Randhawa graduated with a degree in Special Education Needs and has gained extensive experience teaching in local, SEND and international/private schools. She is passionate about teaching in an inclusive environment and ensuring that all children achieve their potential. She is delighted to be working at Elsley Primary School with a shared philosophy where she can ensure all students in her care shine, thrive and are valued. When not at school, Mrs Randhawa enjoys being outdoors, travelling and exploring new countries.



ELSLEY'S BRAND NEW PODCAST

We have launched a brand new podcast called **Reading Stars**. It is about books that children and teachers have read for pleasure. The podcast is hosted by children from across the school and edited by Ms Khechini.

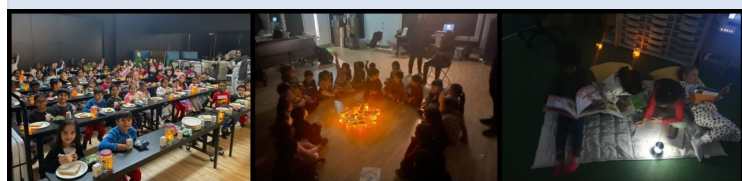
Episode 1 is now available on our website: www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/curriculum/podcast We hope you enjoy listening to it. Please leave a comment on the page telling us what you think of it. Episode 2 is currently being recorded and will feature a very special guest author interview so keep an eye on our twitter page [@ElsleyPrimary](https://twitter.com/ElsleyPrimary) where we will announce when it is has been released.



Coach Emmanuel is one of the new coaches who has joined our PE team. After years of coaching experience in football to kids, he began to take an interest in becoming a PE teacher and learning new sports outside of football. He is very keen in aiding the development of children's sporting needs whether it's football, hockey, or any other sport. In his spare time he continues to coach football, he is a high level gamer and creates digital music instrumentals.

YEAR 3 GO MAMMOTH HUNTING

Year 3 enjoyed their Stone Age theme day. Linking to their history topic, the children created cave tools, drew brilliant cave drawings, posed with some AR Stone Age people and animals and caught some fish for dinner! They also took part in some chores that included growing and picking vegetables, farming animals and collecting eggs. Later on, they hunted a giant mammoth that was on the loose and ended the day round a campfire.



YEAR 1 TURN OUT THE LIGHTS

In the last Autumn term, Year 1 enjoyed an exciting extended day themed around their English book, 'The Dark' by Lemony Snicket. The children enjoyed a variety of craft and story activities, singing in the dark, a treasure hunt and a hot chocolatey drink.

CHRISTMAS AT ELSLEY

We had a wonderful run up to Christmas at the end of term. Chef Lucia and her team cooked up a wonderful Christmas lunch for pupils and staff. We raised money for Save the Children by wearing Christmas Jumpers and enjoyed Nativity and musical performances from Nursery through to Year 6.



ELSLEY'S BIG 50

To launch our 50th Birthday this academic year, Mr Moss led an assembly all about Elsley's history. He talked about how Wembley has changed, how Elsley got its name, how the school building has changed over the years and launched a 50th logo competition which hundreds of children have entered. The winners will be announced soon and look out for more events that will be advertised through the year celebrating our golden anniversary.



*** ONLINE SAFETY TOP TIP ***

> It is essential you know how to keep your child safe online. Please sign up to our virtual online safety workshop on Page 1.

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.'