



# ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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### 'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'

Parents and carers are reminded to be respectful to staff and the school community. Please be reminded that when collecting and dropping off children this is done in a safe and respectful manner.

Here at Elsley we are committed to keeping our children and school community safe. If you have a concern regarding a child or adult please contact: [safeguarding@elsley.brent.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@elsley.brent.sch.uk)

For urgent Child Protection matters, outside of school hours, please contact: Brent Family Front Door Tel: 020 8937 4300 or email: [brent.lscb@brent.gov.uk](mailto:brent.lscb@brent.gov.uk)  
Thank you for contributing to keeping our school community a safe place.



Miss Tyndale (Designated safeguard lead)

As we approach the Easter holidays, there is so much to be proud of. It was a delight to welcome parents for a year group assembly and I look forward to many more opportunities. Parent-teacher conversations (whether online or in-person) were brilliant opportunities to strengthen relationships. Feedback from parents and carers has been brilliant, including responses to the survey which also gives us areas for further improvements. We're proud to launch our 50<sup>th</sup> celebratory logo, and to look forward to celebrations in the summer term. Finally, we're proud that our approach to learning also includes actively contributing to the world. Children learnt about some amazing charities whilst also having the opportunity to raise money. As a school we raised money for NSPCC, Comic Relief and most recently, over £1600 for the DEC Ukraine appeal with more still expected. Thank you for all your support! Wishing you a good break and for those who celebrate, Happy Easter! *Raphael Moss, Headteacher*

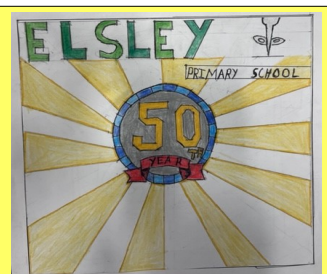


### ELSLEY'S 50th ANNIVERSARY LOGO

To celebrate the school's 50th year, we launched a logo completion just before Christmas. We had hundreds of entries from across the school and we thank each

child who took part. Two winners were chosen and presented with certificates and deluxe art sets. The two designs were then amalgamated into a final design by governor and creative brand consultant, Davina. [www.lemons.me](http://www.lemons.me).

We thank Davina for her great work which will be used on our official paper work this year. Look out for more 50th celebrations throughout the remainder of the year including a celebratory book project.



**Aspiring Artists:** The two winning entries for the 50th logo competition.

### FARM UPDATE



Throughout the Spring term, we have been very fortunate to have new residents on our farm. It has been exciting to welcome sheep and lambs back to Elsley and we were very excited to see 6 chicks hatch on the farm. We also welcome Miss Patel who works on the farm.

### April

### Dates for your Diary

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> - Spring Term ends at 1:30pm  
4<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> - Easter Holidays  
Tues 19<sup>th</sup> - Summer 1. Pupils start. (8:45 Soft Start)  
Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> May - Bank Holiday  
Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> May - Polling Day. School closed (apart from Yr 6)





### YEAR 3 EASTER ASSEMBLY

**Well done to Year 3 on their Easter assembly this term. It was our first assembly in 2 years that was performed live to parents.**



**Mr Clarke is a new teaching assistant in Year 5.** He joins us having spent many years working in local authority and charity sector physical activity, health and well-being services. He is a keen runner and enjoys Parkrun. He is excited about this career change opportunity and also brings with him a love for writing. As a published author, Mr Clarke hopes to share his passion for writing with all at Elsley to perhaps help uncover the next JK Rowling or Julia Donaldson. Please do share your writing ideas with him!



### WORLD BOOK DAY 2022

**We celebrated a wonderful World Book Day this year which included our first combined Key Stage 2 assembly in 2 years.** Our brilliant Reading Team organised a hunt for Golden Tickets around the school, a live 'Masked Reader' competition and a parade of all the children who dressed up as a character from their class book. All children received a free WBD book and a book token to take home. Please also check out episodes 2 & 3 of the Elsley Reading Podcast which are available on our website.



### EDUCATIONAL VISITS

**It has been very special to be able to allow educational visits to happen again.** There have been a range of exciting trips across the school including Year 1's trip to London Zoo and Year 3's trip to Brent Library.



### RED NOSE DAY 2022

**On Friday 18th March, children and Staff across the school dressed up as superheroes or in red to raise money for Comic Relief. Altogether we raised a fantastic £484.91.**



### GOODBYE TO MR WILKE

**We are sad to be saying farewell to Mr Wilke who will be leaving us at the end of this term.** Mr Wilke has been at Elsley for over 6 years, teaching hundreds of children their weekly PE lessons. He also led on the school's residential experiences as well as being a support teacher for different year groups. As well as supporting the children, Mr Wilke also mentored many trainee teachers and TA's in their journey to becoming fully qualified class teachers. We will all miss Mr Wilke but wish him well in his new role as a Learning and Development Advisor for Mencap's education department.



### REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

**Lunch arrangements** – Please give advance notice of 1 week when changing your child's lunch arrangements. There is a form on the school website under [information - forms](#). You can request a paper form from the School Office or by email at: [parents@elsley.brent.sch.uk](mailto:parents@elsley.brent.sch.uk). Don't advise your child to have school lunch without confirming first.

### Absence during term time:

A reminder to parents that absence is not permitted during term time without prior consent from the Headteacher. For special circumstances 'Leave of Absence' request forms are on the school website under [information - forms](#) or from the office. **Travel tickets should not be booked before being granted leave.**

### Medical/Dental/Passport/Immigration appointments:

All parents are reminded to make these types of appointments outside the school day (8.45am – 3.15pm) when possible. Advance notice of these appointments are required and evidence of the appointment should be given into the office or copies of messages/letters should be sent to [absence@elsley.brent.sch.uk](mailto:absence@elsley.brent.sch.uk).

### Punctuality

Reminder that school starts at 8:55am with gates open at 8:45am for soft start. You should arrive before 8:55am to avoid being late. Arriving even a minute or two late causes congestion in the school office with delays signing in pupils, getting them to class and they then miss valuable learning.

**Arrive on time to help your child achieve at school!**

### RECOGNISING FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

**Children in Year 5 and 6 presented an assembly to the school on what Fairtrade is and how important it is in the world.**



### NUMBER DAY

We wore digits and teamed up with Times Tables Rockstars to raise £356.58 for NSPCC on Number Day.



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

**> We had over 50 parents attend our Virtual Online Safety training in February which is amazing! Please spread the word and encourage other parents to attend future workshops.**

### 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.'

***We will provide an update later in the year about how we have responded to the feedback.***