



ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

learning, sharing, achieving and respecting

December 2022

The Autumn Term finished with a flurry of performances and experiences, as well as a flurry of snow! We enjoyed music concerts from Years 5 & 6 and from Years 3 & 4; Year 1's Nativity; the choir visited and performed for our local care home; and several year groups held their extended day activities.

The newsletter shines a spotlight on some of these enriching activities, with many more showcased through our twitter feed, which is also featured on the homepage of our website: www.elsley.brent.sch.uk

I'd like to take this opportunity of praising and thanking our wonderful staff for making Elsley such a special place. Best wishes go to Ms Debbazi who is leaving us at the end of this term. And thank you to parents/ carers for all your continued support. For those of you who celebrate, I wish you a very merry Christmas, and best wishes to everyone for a happy and healthy 2023.



Raphael Moss, Headteacher

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.

NEWSLETTER

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Do you want to be first to see pictures of events at Elsley...?

There are so many events that take place every day and every week at Elsley.

To share these highlights, we often post pictures on twitter - visit:

<https://twitter.com/ElsleyPrimary>

so that you can be first to see the pictures!

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St Raphi's WINTER FAIR

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in partnership with St. Raphaels Family Wellbeing Centre

SATURDAY DECEMBER 17 | 11.00-16.00

St Raphael's Edible Garden,
162 Pitfield Way, NW10 0PW

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ARTS AND CRAFTS
FACEPAINTING
BISCUIT DECORATING

HENNA
FOREST SCHOOL
GARDEN MARKET
AND MORE!



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Are all your contact details up to date?

If you change your home phone / email / mobile number please let the school know so that we have the most up to date contact details. Please let the school know by calling in or emailing at admin@elsley.brent.sch.uk

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

If you have concerns about a child or an immediate concern about a child then please call 999

Alternatively contact Brent family front door 020 8937 4300 (option 1)

Staying safe over the festive holiday-Be Safe, be seen

As we draw near to the end of autumn term and the day is getting shorter, please ensure you keep yourself safe by staying with your adult when out and about and listening to instructions at all times. When out during the evening, please wear reflective colours to be seen.

Family support

We would like to support our families with the cost of living crisis, please see details on page 4 for Brent Council support;

Useful websites

Brilliant parents- <https://www.brilliantparents.org/>

NSPCC- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

Dates for your Diary

January 2023

Tues 3rd & Wed 4th

Staff INSET training days.

Thursday 5th

Spring Term starts for pupils (8:45 Soft Start)

AUTUMN TERM EXTENDED DAYS



Year 1 enjoyed an exciting extended day inspired around **The Dark!** They had a snack in the hall before creating some dark art and venturing on a mysterious treasure hunt around the school. They ate marshmallows around a campfire and created tea light jars, all whilst wearing pyjamas. Year 3 also took part in an exciting Stone Age themed extended day.



YEAR 1 NATIVITY

Children in **Year 1** performed a superb **Nativity** for parents and children in **Year 2**. They retold the story of Christmas beautifully and everyone was so impressed by their acting, singing and dancing.



ELSLEY PODCAST RETURNS

The **Elsley Reading Podcast** has returned with its **sixth episode**. Created by our children and teachers from our reading team, children discuss their favourite books and interview authors and illustrators. This episode, the special guest is children's illustrator and ex-Elsley teaching assistant, **Ishaa Lobo**. Listen here and leave us a comment: <https://www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/curriculum/podcast>

MUSIC CONCERTS

We enjoyed **Winter Music Concerts** from across the school over the last couple of weeks. Wonderful singing and instrument playing was seen in every show! Thanks to all the teachers at **Brent Music Service** for helping to organise them.



CHRISTMAS DISCOS

Children across the school enjoyed their **Christmas Discos** as part of our festive celebrations. Children enjoyed dancing



and enjoying the food and toys that were for sale. Well done to the children in **Key Stage 2** who won the raffle prizes. Children in **Early Years** and **Keys Stage 1** had the exciting opportunity to meet **Santa Claus** in our grotto. Huge thanks to all the staff involved in the discos and special thanks to **Mrs Hersi** and **Mrs Butt** for organising the events.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

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 over **£300** for **Save the Children** by wearing Christmas

Jumpers and enjoyed musical performances from **Nursery** through to **Year 6**. On the last Thursday of term, every class celebrated with a Christmas party.

ROBIN HOOD

Thank you to the wonderful **Wizard Theatre** who performed

their exciting tale of **Robin Hood** for **Years 1, 2 and 3**. The children really enjoyed the show and can't wait for them to return next year!



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

> **Monitor your child's screen time over the Christmas holidays.** Recommended screen time for **5 - 11 year olds** is **2 hours per day**.

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.'

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

We are here to help you with all your enquiries.



School Office – Opening Hours:

The School Office opens to parents for general enquiries between 8.45am – 9.15am (morning) and 2.45pm – 3.15pm (afternoon) on all days. Please do not visit the school office during the day unless you have an appointment or have been called to collect a sick child. Please ensure that your child has their water bottle, lunch box, PE kit, music instruments at the start of the day.

The office closes at 4.15pm Monday to Thursday and 3.45pm on Fridays.

If you have a non-urgent enquiry, please email on parents@elsley.brent.sch.uk



For help with School Money, please come on FRIDAYS between 8.45am – 9.15am or 2.30pm – 3.30pm.

Attendance: Email school by 9am if your child is going to be absent for any reason.

Please Email: absence@elsley.brent.sch.uk stating clearly your child's name, class and reason for absence or complete the absence form on the website.



Eduspot App

School Lunch Money:

We recommend that all parents download the Eduspot app onto their mobile phone. This is the easiest, most secure and most convenient way to pay for your child's School Lunch, Trips and other Expenses online with your debit card.

School Lunch Money is £11.50 each week which must be paid in advance on the Monday for that week. If your child is absent, credit will be carried forward. We ask that pupils remain on their chosen lunch arrangement for a complete half-term rather than changing week to week.

Any changes must be communicated to us at parents@elsley.brent.sch.uk.

Some children will be entitled to Free School Meals.

If you wish to apply please do online at <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk>.



After School Club Collection: All clubs have now finished for the Autumn Term.

Please remember for the Spring Term that Clubs finish at 4.15pm, prompt collection is required.

We expect our staff to be treated with respect and courtesy.





<https://www.brent.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help-and-advice>

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ROBLOX

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODER is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODERs. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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