



# ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

learning, sharing, achieving and respecting

Oct / Nov 2023

## NEWSLETTER

As the autumn term continues, there has been so much learning and many extra activities and experiences, some of which is highlighted in this newsletter.

Thank you to parents and carers for all of your support and positive feedback. Here's a summary of the recent parent/ carer survey:

**98.5% agree** that our **school values are important** or very important and 0% disagree

**93.1% agree** that the **Elsley Farm is important** or very important.

(A further 5% think it is moderately important and just one parent didn't see any value at all.)

**92.7% agree** that **extended days and residentials** are important or very important.

(A further 5% say they are moderately important and less than 2% don't see any value)

*I wish you all an enjoyable few weeks ahead in December, including Elsley's celebrations for Christmas,* Raphael Moss, Headteacher



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**MEDICAL REQUEST:** If your child has suffered an injury that requires the school to make any special arrangements, please inform the school office of this before your child returns to school

### 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.

### CAREERS DAY

**Thank you to all our inspirational volunteers who visited Elsley for Careers Day.** The children loved learning about a whole range of vocations and jobs. We had solicitors, doctors, journalists, foster carers, fencers, bankers, dentists, zoologists, technicians, chefs and more!



### AUTHOR VISIT

**As part of Careers Day, we welcomed Banji Alexander - a successful author.**

Banji shared the inspiration for his book, *Lockdown Looms: Reggie's Birthday Party*, which helps children understand the Covid-19 pandemic and themselves. Banji engaged children in assemblies and signed copies of his book which children had purchased.



### 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 **8.30am and 9.30am** on all days (9am– 9:30am on Wednesdays).

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

For help with School Money please come on **FRIDAYS** between **8.45am - 9.30AM** 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** if your child is absent stating your **child's name , class and reason for absence or complete the absence form on the website or call 0208 902 8003 choosing option 1 .Thank you**

#### School Lunches

Thanks to the Mayor of London, this year **ALL children** will be entitled to a **Free School Meal**. Please can you complete the attached google form updating your child's lunch arrangements as this helps to ensure that the Catering provider has sufficient food available daily for pupils

<https://forms.gle/tELDM8fh6RyTVBJJ6>

We would still encourage parents to apply for Free School Meals, if they feel they are eligible. If you wish to apply for **Free School Meals** please do online at <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/> Bookings must be made in **advance** online at [www.schoolmoney.co.uk](http://www.schoolmoney.co.uk) .

#### December

#### Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 5th	Year 1 Extended Day until 5:05pm
Thursday 7th	Year 3 Stone Age Day until 4:30pm
Wednesday 13th	Year 1 Nativity Performance (9:30am)
Wednesday 13th	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
Friday 15th	Years 3 and 6 Music Performance (2:15pm)
Tuesday 19th	Christmas Party & Disco (EYFS & KS1 - 1:30pm)
Wednesday 20th	Years 4 and 5 Music Performance (9:30am)
Wednesday 20th	Christmas Party & Disco (KS2 - 1:35pm)
Thursday 21st	End of Term. <b>School finishes at 1:30pm.</b>

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The whole school celebrated Black History Month this year through the theme 'Saluting Our Sisters' which celebrates powerful and influential women from Black history. We celebrated a Cultural Day in October and invited everyone to come in wearing traditional and cultural clothing. There were Key Stage parades and performances as well as an array of interesting displays that can still be seen in the hall that celebrated women from a variety of historical periods.



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

On 11/11/23, 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 with their child's class teacher. We hope you found them useful and thank you for all the support you give your children at home.



## AT THE MOVIES

Year groups across the school have enjoyed visits to Cineworld this term. They've watched a variety of films including a Julie Donaldson double-bill of The Smeds and The Smoos and Superworm!



## DIWALI ASSEMBLY

Thank you to Year 4 for sharing their Diwali assembly this term. The children sang and acted wonderfully.



## ODD SOCKS DAY FOR ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

On 13th 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. Children also made special displays that are up outside classrooms. The theme this year was 'Make a noise about Bullying'. Even our animals got involved in wearing odd socks!



## 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 stick puppets and masks, designing a comic strip and taking part in a costume parade!



## YEAR 6 SAFETY WORKSHOPS

Year 6 went on a trip to Bridge Park Leisure Centre to learn about different aspects of citizenship in life. They enjoyed all the workshops that they took part in and had lots of great questions.



Have you checked out the latest flyers on our Family Support page?

Visit: [www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/information/family-support](http://www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/information/family-support)

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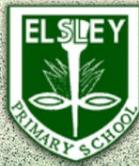
\*\*\* ONLINE SAFETY TOP TIP \*\*\*

> Take an interest in your children's online habits and talk to them about it. Remember adults and children use the internet in different ways.



NEW PARENT COURSES, FAMILY SUPPORT & KIDS CAMPS FLYER FOR AUTUMN 2023:

Name	Download
Brilliant Parents - Nov 23.pdf	<a href="#">Download</a>
ESOL poster 2023.pdf	<a href="#">Download</a>
Cost of Living Support info.pdf	<a href="#">Download</a>
Brent Family Support Poster - Nov 22.pdf	<a href="#">Download</a>



# CHRISTMAS DISCO

Early Years & Key Stage 1

Tuesday 19th December

1:30pm - 3:15pm

Key Stage 2

Wednesday 20th December

1:30pm - 3:15pm



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# Celebrate Christmas

Roast Turkey Served with;

Roast Potatoes

Stuffing

Chicken Sausage

Honey Glazed Parsnips

Brussel Sprouts

Parsley Carrots

Gravy

Or

Cranberry, Spinach & Sweet Potato Parcel with

Roast Potatoes

Stuffing

Honey Glazed Parsnips

Brussel Sprouts

Parsley Carrots

Gravy

Dessert

Ice Cream pot with Chocolate Freddo

Or

Iced Chocolate Tree Shortbread

