



ELSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

learning, sharing, achieving and respecting

December 2023

Thank you to our wonderful Elsley community for a busy and productive autumn term!

As the term concludes, we have seen a dedicated commitment to children continuing to make progress and achieve in their core academic learning. Simultaneously, various performances and celebrations have spotlighted other dimensions of the children's development. The standard of performance at the Year 1 Nativity was particularly high, as were the musical concerts from Key Stage 2. The whole school was treated to a Christmas lunch, superbly prepared by Chef Lucia and the Harrison catering team. This is also a good opportunity to thank the catering team for the huge increase in meals prepared since September now that a hot freshly prepared daily meal is free for every child in school.

For Christians and those of you who celebrate, I wish you a wonderful Christmas. And for our whole school community, I hope the coming year brings peace, happiness, good health, success and countless moments contentedness. I look forward to welcoming you all back in 2024! *Raphael Moss, Headteacher*



NEWSLETTER



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FAREWELL TO MISS SINGER



Everyone at Elsley Primary wishes Miss Singer all the best as she starts her new, exciting role in January as Head of an international primary school.

We thank Miss Singer, who is one of our assistant headteachers and has been leading Year 3, for everything she has done at Elsley, especially with raising the profile of English.

Keeping our children safe

During the holidays, if you have concerns about the safety of a child, you should refer directly to Brent by calling 020 8937 4300.

At Elsley Ms Tyndale is the designated lead for safeguarding (DSL). Our headteacher, assistant and deputy headteachers are trained to the same high standard as the DSL. All staff have regular safeguarding training to ensure our children are safe and well-cared for. Please raise any concerns with a member of staff.



If you think a child in Brent has been harmed or may be harmed call:

Tel: 020 8937 4300



St Raphael's WINTER WONDERLAND

SATURDAY DECEMBER 16 2023
DETAILS AND LOCATIONS BELOW!

ST RAPHAEL'S EDIBLE GARDEN

12-3PM

MUSIC, HOT CHOCOLATES, INFO STALLS, WREATH MAKING, KIDS ACTIVITIES, FOOD AND MORE!

HENDERSON HOUSE

12-3PM

MAKE NEW FRIENDS OVER TEA AND CAKE

ST RAPHAEL'S VOICE COMMUNITY CENTRE

2-6PM

FACE PAINTING, HENNA, GAMES AND FOOD

FAMILY WELLBEING CENTRE

1-4PM

RAFFLE, SANTA'S GROTTO AND GAMES



REG CHARITY NO 1151911



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 end the autumn term and the days are short, 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

To support our families with the cost of living crisis, please see details of support from Brent Council:

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

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

Mon 8th

Staff INSET training day.

Tues 9th

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



YEAR 1 NATIVITY

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



CHRISTMAS DISCOS

Children across the school enjoyed their Christmas parties and discos as part of our festive celebrations. Thank you to everyone who voluntarily donated towards these events. The children have enjoyed them all immensely.

AUTUMN TERM EXTENDED DAYS

Year 1 enjoyed an exciting extended day inspired around **The Dark!** They had a picnic in the studio before creating some dark art and venturing on a mysterious treasure hunt around the school. They ate marshmallows around a campfire and created light flares, all whilst wearing their pyjamas!



Year 3 also took part in an exciting Stone Age themed extended day. Check out their amazing villages and art work they created through the term and the mammoth they tried to hunt!



WINTER MUSIC CONCERTS

Christmas is truly on its way when the Winter Music Concerts begin! Well done to all the children involved who sang, rapped and played instruments for parents. Huge thanks go to the teachers at Brent Music Service for all their brilliant support.



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 **£500** for Save the Children by wearing Christmas Jumpers.



Our Choir delighted the residents of Middlesex Manor Care Home with a selection of seasonal songs. Thanks to Mrs Davies for organising the visit which was very well received.

- Managing Fighting and Aggression Elsley.pdf
- family-mediation-leaflet.pdf
- APF letter to parents - Winter Holidays 2023-24 - Brent.pdf
- Church Lane FWC Autumn - September - December 2023.pdf
- Alperton Autumn.pdf
- Brilliant Parents - Nov 23.pdf
- ESOL poster 2023.pdf
- Cost of Living Support info.pdf
- Brent Family Support Poster - Nov 22.pdf

We have new parent courses as well as support available for families. Contact Mrs Elsawy-Butt or visit our Family support page on the website.

www.elsley.brent.sch.uk/information/family-support

***** 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.

Mrs Hamilton and Ms Inez, who run our Elsley Food Bank every week received this wonderful certificate this month from **Wembley Central Big Local**, in recognition of the incredible work they have done since Lockdown in 2020. They received the award at a special dinner event organised by the charity who support by providing donations to food banks across Brent.

CERTIFICATE

Of Appreciation

PROUDLY PRESENTED TO

Elsley Primary

Your commitment to WCBL Partnership has made an immeasurable impact to the projects and the Wembley Central community. Whether it was your willingness to lend a helping hand, your passion for our mission, or the boundless energy you brought to every task, your efforts did not go unnoticed.

Giselle Francis

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WCBL Chair

16.12.23

Date

