

THE PAKEMAN PRESS



**Pakeman
Primary
School**

Thank you once again for taking the time to read this weekly newsletter. We hope that you will find its contents useful.

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Dear Parents/Carers

Next week is half term and we hope that you have a lovely break! We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 22nd February.

Important Information for Nursery and Reception Parents/Carers

For safety reasons, parents/carers of Nursery and Reception children must stay with their children in the playground before school starts, unless they go to Breakfast Club.

Family Learning

Congratulations to Fatima, Mariam, Malgorzata, Maryam, Nafido and Rismauli, the Pakeman parents/carers who attended the Learning through Play workshop last term. All of them have received a certificate of attendance.

Tag Rugby

Yesterday our Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Team took part in the annual Islington Tag Rugby competition against all Islington primary schools. They did exceptionally well, reaching the semi-finals. Well done to everyone.



Haka Dance Off

Yesterday saw the culmination of the children's work in PE this half term during which they have been learning the Haka. They all really enjoyed this topic and impressed us by putting on a fantastic display of their skills in assembly. Tay said, 'all the classes did exceptionally well'. The winners were Green Class, Orange Class and Brown Class.



The PE topic for the next half-term is called Outdoor and Adventure, which will focus on orienteering.

Year 5/6 Science Museum Trip

Last week our Year 5/6 classes joined 400,000 other children around the world for a 'Cosmic Classroom' lesson about science in space, presented by Tim Peake from the International Space Station (ISS). Building on this fantastic lesson, this on Monday, Blue, Red and Brown classes explored space at the Science Museum. They saw some amazing space vehicles, such as the Apollo 10 module, a Black Arrow satellite launcher and the Mars exploration robot, Beagle 2. Some of the group even tried performing tasks wearing an astronaut's gloves, which they found pretty tricky!. After lunch, the children visited the 'Cosmonauts' exhibition to study the 'Space Race' between Russia and the USA. This race put the first dog, man and woman into space and the first man on the moon. More recently, it led to international cooperation on the ISS. The exhibition included early spacecraft, special spacesuits, and videos of cosmonauts training for take-off. Following a 'Space Race' quiz, the three classes learnt some very interesting facts, eg that British astronaut Helen Sharman lost 2 litres of sweat flying to the Mir space station! Thank you to the Year 5/6 team, Anna and Joanne.



Fantastic Helpers!

Thank you to Jadon, Jaden-Lee, Shoime, Julianne and Hamse who did a fantastic job helping in the office with our homeless project.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Half-term

Monday 15th—Friday 19th
February

First day back at school

Monday 22nd February

Blue Class visit Sky Studios

Monday 22nd February

Family Learning—Help your Child with Maths in Yrs 3/4

5 week course, each
Wednesday, from 24th
February 9.15-11.15am

Year 3/4 Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Theatre Visit

Wednesday 16th March

Please note that holidays are not authorised during term time. Unauthorised holidays could result in a penalty charge being issued to each parent with parental responsibility.

P4C QUESTION

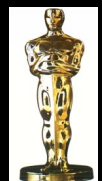
Discuss this question at home, sharing your thoughts and ideas:

If we had no free will would we be like robots?

BEST OF THE OSCARS

The proud winners of a collective Oscar this week are:

Afrani (Yellow) for her Haka performance



Last week's best classes for attendance and punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most improved Attendance	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Silver	EYFS, Gold and Green	< 95%
KS2	Orange	Blue	Red

Incredibly Amazing Facts

- There is the same amount of calcium in 200ml of milk, 680g of broccoli, 990g of spinach and 63 Brussel sprouts.
- A cow produces nearly 200,000 glasses of milk in her lifetime.
- It takes 10 litres of milk to make 1kg of cheddar cheese.
- Almost 2/3 of British adults eat yogurt at least once a week and one in five consume it on a daily basis.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday it was Safer Internet Day 2016. We talked about how to stay safe when using technology and the internet. There is also a poster competition to teach people how to protect themselves when they are using computers. There will be prizes for the winning poster from KS2 and KS1. Why not design a poster during the half-term holiday? The competition closes on Monday 22nd February and the children should take their entries to Ben in Green Class.



Playground Leaders

We have a strong team of playground leaders in years 3-6 who do a great job of solving problems in the playground, making sure children have someone to play with, organising games and activities and helping children to follow the "It's Good to be Green" rules.



Mathathon

Maths was in the spotlight on Wednesday when the exciting Mathathon competition took to the stage in the Bottom Hall. All the classes from Reception up to Year 6 took part and they all gave each other encouragement and cheered loudly for the winners. Well done to everyone who took part, both for your performance and for being so supportive to your peers.

Congratulations to the winners: **Reception:** Joshua (Silver), **Year 1:** Yunis S. (Yellow), **Year 2:** Zakariya (Green), **Year 3:** Adam (Purple), **Year 4:** Zahid (Orange), **Year 5:** Hamza (Brown) and Abdulrahman (Red), **Year 6:** Sami (Red)



Playcentre— Valentine's Day Activity

Playcentre have been showing their creative skills off this week, making some beautiful items for Valentine's Day, as you can see in the photographs.

If you would like your child to attend playcentre or breakfast club, please complete an out of school provision registration form, which you can obtain from the office.



Are you interested in the future of music education in Islington?

Two roundtable discussions have been organised, hosted by Sound Connections, that will offer anyone who is interested in the future of music education in Islington to contribute knowledge, ideas and suggestions in an open forum.

Monday 22 February, 4-6.30pm, Elizabeth Garrett Anderson school – <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/islington-music-education-strategy-roundtables-tickets-21005080762>

Thursday 17 March, 4-6.30pm, Arts & Media School, Islington - : <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/islington-music-education-strategy-roundtables-tickets-21005098816>

Both discussions will follow the same structure and topics, so you need only book to attend one of the two dates