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

Dear Parents/Carers

IMPORTANT ADVANCE NOTICES

On the following days there will be NO PLAYCENTRE and NO CLUBS:

Tues 19th June (whole school trip to Walton on the Naze)

Friday 20th July (last day of Summer Term—school closes at 1.30pm)

Walton-on-the-Naze Whole School Trip

We are very excited about our trip to the seaside next Tuesday! There are a few important points to remember. Since all staff will be accompanying this trip, pupils not going on the trip should **not** come into school. Children attending the trip must wear their school uniform. Please pack sun cream, a hat and drinks (not fizzy), as well as a towel and change of clothes in case they get wet or sandy. Please be in school at 8.15am as we will leave school at 8.30am sharp and cannot wait for latecomers. Please note that we cannot refund the cost of the trip if you miss it for any reason. We will return to school by 5.00-5.30pm.



Enter a free prize draw for the school library

National Book Tokens are having a big prize draw in which one school will win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for their school library. If your entry is picked you will also get £100 of book tokens to spend yourself. Entering is completely free. All you have to do to is go online at nationalbooktokens.com/schools.

The more parents/carers, staff and friends who enter, the greater the chance we have of winning for our school!



Happy Eid

All our Pakeman families are invited to join us for our Eid Party on Thursday 21st June after school. Please bring along a dish to share.

We have been informed that it is Eid on Friday 15th June. Children can have one day of authorised leave for religious observance. But please note that any further time taken off would be unauthorised.

Spaces available in 2+ Centre

We have morning and afternoon places available in our fun, exciting and nurturing 2+ centre for children born between 1st April and 31st August 2016 to start in September 2018.

Places are allocated on a first come first served basis. If you would like to apply for one of these places for your child, then please firstly check your eligibility on the Islington Council website under Admissions. Once you have a letter confirming your eligibility, then please contact Ann in the school office on 020 7607 2575 or email her at adwyer@pakeman.islington.sch.uk

Cinema Night

Well done to the School Council and Marta for organising a fantastic cinema night last week! They raised £62 and provided a great evening of Paddington Bear fun complete with popcorn, honey sandwiches and ice-creams! At their next meeting the School Council will decide how best to use the money raised. A big thank you to Emma too for helping out.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 19th June

Whole school trip to Walton on the Naze

Thursday 21st June after school

Eid Party

Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th July

Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 4th July after school

Summer Fair

Tuesday 10th July

Sports Day

Friday 20th July

Last day of Summer Term
School closes at 1.30pm

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:

In what ways do you contribute to society?

BEST OF THE OSCARS

Amy (Blue Class) for being an outstanding role model



Last week's best classes for attendance and punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most improved Attendance	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Early newsletter	Attendance and punctuality	
KS2		news back next week	

Word of the week

Appropriate

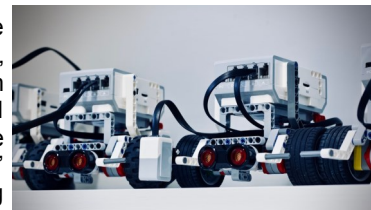
Definition: Suitable or proper in the circumstances

Example of a sentence using the word appropriate:

Wearing appropriate clothing will help you feel comfortable whatever the weather!

Pakeman Science Ambassadors Visit Cheltenham Science Festival

What a day our Science Ambassadors and Tom had last Tuesday when they attended the Cheltenham Science Festival. During the day, they played rock-paper-scissors with a robot, fixed pieces of DNA in a virtual reality world, painted with graphene, watched a river form before their eyes, listened to music through their jaw bones, earthquake tested a house and made a smoothie using the power of their legs. They were also able to drop in and see the science ambassadors from Gillespie Primary School showcasing their 'Mission Mosquito' project – an ongoing scientific study conducted by the year 5 and 6 students. Amazing stuff!!!



A huge thank you to Carole, scientist in residence at Gillespie Primary School, who made all of this happen, and to Tom for taking our children.

EYFS Learning in Literacy and Science

Early Years have started working on some exciting new topics this half-term! Nursery are looking at 'Traditional Tales' and have been reading and retelling their favourite stories such as The Three Little Pigs and Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children are becoming increasingly confident in taking on roles and retelling the stories. They will also be reading other favourite tales such as The Three Billy Goats Gruff and Little Red Riding Hood later in the term.

In Reception the topic is 'Moving'. This topic focuses on a range of different forms of moving from forces (pushes and pulls) to moving up to their new Year One classes later this term. This week they have been reading The Enormous Turnip and finding out how all the characters managed to work together to pull the turnip out of the ground! This is also a great way to learn about what can be achieved by working together with others cooperatively!

Cooking in Year 3/4

As part of our new cooking curriculum, this week Year 3/4 made Pea and Potato Curry. The children enjoyed cutting, grating, chopping, measuring and stirring all the ingredients and then when the dish was ready, sitting down to enjoy the fruits of their labour. The children also designed posters for their recipe and researched the country of origin, what plants the spices came from and how they look, as well as the nutritional value of the meal. This is the recipe they used — you may enjoy cooking it at home together.



Pea and Potato Curry



🕒 Prep: 20 minutes

🕒 Cook: 35-40 minutes

🍴 Serves: 6

Recipe Info

Ingredients
 300g potatoes
 2 cloves garlic
 1 tsp oil
 ½ tsp coriander seeds
 ½ tsp cumin seeds
 425g can tomatoes
 1 tsp turmeric
 1 inch root ginger
 1 tsp chilli powder
 ½ tsp ground cinnamon
 1 tsp dhanna jeera powder (half coriander powder / half cumin powder)
 300g frozen peas

Equipment

Weighing scales
 Chopping board
 Sharp knife
 Large saucepan with lid
 Fork
 Colander
 Measuring spoons
 Can opener
 Mixing spoon
 Measuring jug

Description

Everyone loves a curry and this is a great recipe for a simple curry.

Method / What to do

1. Clean the potatoes (they don't need peeling) and chop into cubes.
2. Place the chopped potatoes in a large saucepan and cover with water.
3. Boil the potatoes for 10 – 15 minutes. Try the potatoes with a fork to see if they are soft. Once cooked, drain and set aside.
4. Peel and chop the garlic.
5. Heat the oil in a large saucepan, add the coriander and cumin seeds and fry for a few minutes until they crack.
6. On a low heat add the tinned tomatoes and all the other remaining ingredients, stir to make a fairly smooth paste.
7. Add the peas and potatoes and 125ml of water and bring to the boil.
8. Cover and simmer for 10 – 12 minutes.

Teaching points

- A handful of washed, chopped coriander sprinkled over the curry makes it look attractive and tastes great.
- Serve with a dhal (lentils) or grilled skinless chicken.