

THE PAKEMAN PRESS



**Pakeman
Primary
School**

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

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Friday 19th October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

REMINDER: HALF TERM NEXT WEEK

It is half term next week. We return to school on Monday 29th October. Wishing everyone a restful and happy break.

Learning Through Play—New Family Learning Course for EYFS parents/carers

Don't forget the new FREE Family Learning Course called 'Learning Through Play', starting on Tuesday 30th October for 5 consecutive Tuesdays (starting at 9.00—9.15am; and finishing at 11.15am). The course is suitable for parents/carers of children in Nursery and Reception and parents interested in volunteering or working in Early Years settings. It will give you an understanding of how play supports your child's reading, writing and maths skills. You will also have the opportunity to make fun resources to support your child's learning at home.

Please speak to Elizabeth, or the school office for more information or to book a place on the course.

Places available to learn a Musical Instrument

At Pakeman we offer children the chance to learn a musical instrument in individual lessons with a very experienced teacher who comes into the school once a week on a Thursday.

Your child can learn either piano or recorder. These lessons are chargeable to cover the cost of the tutor. Piano lessons cost £12 per half-hour lesson and recorder lessons cost £5 per half-hour lesson. All lessons are either during the afternoon session or after school.

If you and your child are interested in them learning an instrument, then please let us know in the school office and the teacher will contact you.



Black History Month 'Bring and Share Event

We would like to invite all our Pakeman families to join us after school on Tuesday 30th October for this fantastic occasion when families bring a food dish from their culture to share and then everyone enjoys food, conversation and fun together. The more dishes and families we have the better!!!



SAFEGUARDING ISSUE

Collection of Children from Clubs

When collecting your child from a club, please do not leave with them until you have let the Club Leader know that you are there.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Last day of half-term
Friday 19th October

First day back after half-term
Monday 29th October

Learning through Play
A 5-week course for parents/carers of EYFS children on Tuesdays 9.00-11.15am starting Tuesday 30th October

Black History Month 'Bring a Dish and Share' Event
Tuesday 30th October

School Photographer
Monday 5th November

Cinema Night
Tuesday 20th November

Parents' Evenings
Thursday 22nd November
Tuesday 27th November

Christmas Fair
Tuesday 4th December after school

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:

What do you think it would be like to live on the moon?

BEST OF THE OSCARS

Tay and the play team for doing such a good job!



Last week's best classes for attendance and punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most improved Attendance	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Yellow	Silver	Green
KS2	Brown	All -	Pink and Blue

Word of the week

Mutter

Definition: say something in a low voice, especially when dissatisfied or irritated

Use of the word **mutter** in a sentence:

When you **mutter** I can't hear you!

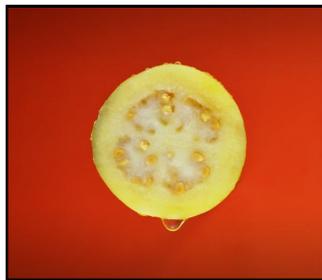
Musical Glove Making

Last week a group of children in Years 5 and 6 had a wonderful opportunity to take part in a musical glove-making workshop at Gillespie School. It was run by Helen Leigh, an inventor who has worked with musicians such as Ariana Grande and Imogen Heap. The children used sewing and coding of Micro:bits to create a gesture-controlled pair of musical gloves. It was a fantastic experience for the children and they thoroughly enjoyed learning about coding, how it is used by musicians and also meeting Helen Leigh. Mya said 'It was great using Scratch to code music and it was a lot of fun'.



Literacy in Early Years

As part of Black History Month, the children in EYFS have been reading the story 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Browne. They have had lots of fun learning the names of different animals, including a gazelle and ostrich, and the names of fruit, including guava and passion fruit. They have also taken part in exciting activities that link to the story. These include colourful artwork, pattern making, fruit tasting, story-telling and writing. The children have been making great progress in their learning during the course of this learning. Well done to everyone!



Heroes Exhibition

The children have really enjoyed their Heroes topic this half term and to celebrate their work, we had an exhibition this week in the Bottom Hall of some of their work. Well done to everyone to everyone whose work was displayed and to the staff who did such a great job of displaying it.

