

# 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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## Dear Parents/Carers

Here's something fun, educational and worthwhile doing with your children at the weekend. The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) is holding the Big Garden Birdwatch during the weekend of the 26th-28th January and all this information comes from their website. The Big Garden Birdwatch is the world's biggest bird survey. Nearly half a million people take part each year and the records from people counting birds in their gardens provide a vital snapshot of the UK's birds each winter.

**Choose a good place** to watch from for an hour between **26-28 January 2019**. Which window gives you the best view? Make sure you're comfy and have somewhere to note down what you see. If you don't have a garden you can pop down to your local park or green space and join in there.

**Relax** and watch the birds for an hour.

Count the **maximum** number of each species you see at any one time. For example, if you see a group of three house sparrows together and later another two, and after that another one, the number to submit is **three**. That way, it's less likely you'll double-count the same birds.

Go to the Big Garden Birdwatch page at [www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/](http://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/) and record what you've seen. Even if you didn't see anything, let them know, as it's still really useful information.



**Please can we remind parents/carers that while they can take photographs and record videos of their children during our assemblies, school productions, nativity and other school events, they MUST NOT post any images or video content onto any form of social media.**

## 2+ Centre places available for April 2019 intake



We have morning and afternoon places currently available in our fun, exciting and nurturing 2+ centre for children born between:

1st January and 31st March 2017

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](mailto:adwyer@pakeman.islington.sch.uk)

## Clothes labels

Please remember to label all your children's school clothes with their name so that they can be returned to them if they lose something and then it is subsequently found. If you want to buy iron-on or sew-on clothes labels, please see Layla in the office, who has information about where these may be bought.

## FREE Family Learning ESOL Classes at Pakeman Primary School

If you would like to attend this FREE course to improve your English, but were not able to attend last week's session, we are really happy that we have been able to arrange a second taster session on Tuesday 29th January (9.15-11.15am). So please come along to complete an initial assessment, find out if Family ESOL is the right course for you, say what you would like to learn about, join the main course and find out about other courses. Please note that you must bring photographic ID to register for the course.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Bring a parent and coffee morning

#### Year 1/2

Mon 28th January 9-11am

#### Year 3/4

Tuesday 29th January 9-11am

### Bring a parent Year 5/6

Friday 1st February 9-10am

### Last day of Half-Term

Friday 15th February

### First day back at school

Monday 25th February

### World Book Day

Thursday 7th March

### Parents Evening

Thursday 28th March (until 7pm)

Tuesday 2nd April (until 5pm)

### Nursery Consultation Day

Monday 1st April

### Reception Consultation Day

Friday 5th April

**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 you could travel a few years back in time, what advice would you give yourself?**

## BEST OF THE OSCARS

**Kian (Orange Class) for great reading with his reader**



Last week's best classes for attendance and punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most improved Attendance	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Yellow	—	Crimson
KS2	Brown	—	Pink

Word of the week

Reconsider

**Definition:** to consider something again, especially with a view to changing or reversing a decision about it

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

I reconsidered my decision not to go out when the rain stopped.

Whole-school Art Day

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January we had a whole school Art Day. The children learned about different artistic disciplines and then got creative in the classrooms, making their own art pieces. Years 5 & 6 made collages on Weather and Climate, Years 3 & 4 learned how to make their own comic books, Years 1 & 2 made vegetable prints for their own Runaway Woks and Early Years created sculptures of the animals they have been studying. It was a fantastic day and the children in all the year groups thoroughly enjoyed it. Here's a selection of their work. Isn't it fantastic?

