

# 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**

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PLAYCENTRE AND CLUBS**

Due to staff training, on Thursday 21st March there will be **NO PLAYCENTRE AND NO CLUBS** after school.

Due to staff training, on Tuesday 7th May and Thursday 6th June there will be **NO CLUBS** after school, but Playcentre will be open as usual.

## **Pakeman Pound**

Well done to all the children who had 100% attendance last term. In total 128 children received a Pakeman Pound for this achievement, which they were then able to exchange for two prizes of their choice from a range of items. Each term children who have 100% attendance will be rewarded in this way.



## **School Council**

Last week the School Council, comprised of two representatives from each class, met to discuss matters of interest to the children. The meeting was led by the Chair, Heyzil (Red Class), and the Deputy Chair, Michael (Brown Class), under Emma's supervision. This meeting focused on playtimes and Emma fed back to the whole school at assembly on Monday morning. At the next meeting discussion will focus on school events.

**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.**

## **British Science Week**

We have had a wonderful week here at Pakeman celebrating British Science Week. There have been lots of exciting science experiments and investigations going on in the Lab and classrooms, and on Tuesday the children were especially excited by our 'Pakeman Science Extravaganza' with Sublime Science when they took part in hands-on experiments, including ones on sound, vibrations and making snow.



## **Book Sale**

We had a great sale of second hand books, suitable for all primary school age children this week. There are still some books available in the school office and you can buy any 4 of these books for £1. Please feel free to come and choose from what is left on Monday.



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **Online Safety Workshop for Parents/Carers**

Wed 27th March 9am

### **Parents' Evenings**

Thursday 28th March (until 7pm)

Tuesday 2nd April (until 5pm)

### **Nursery Consultation Day**

Monday 1st April

### **Reception Consultation Day**

Friday 5th April

### **Last day of Term**

Friday 5th April

### **First day of Summer Term**

Tuesday 23rd April

### **May Day Bank Holiday**

Monday 6th May

### **Half-term Holiday**

Monday 27th-Friday 31st May

**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:

**Does human life have more value than the life of animals or plants?**

## **BEST OF THE OSCARS**

**Yusra (Brown  
Class) for  
outstanding  
behaviour and  
effort in class**



### Last week's best classes for attendance and punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most improved Attendance	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Silver	Yellow	Crimson
KS2	Pink	Purple & Red	Orange

### Word of the week

#### Subtle

**Definition:** making use of clever and indirect methods to achieve something

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

It is always better to use a subtle approach to resolve an argument.

### EYFS Storytelling Workshop

On Wednesday, Nursery and Reception children took part in a story workshop with the Freshwater Theatre Company. They went on a story adventure that included Jack and the Beanstalk, The Gingerbread Man, The Ugly Duckling and Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The workshop included songs and dancing, and linked with their "Once upon a time" topic. The children had a fantastic time and are becoming proper story adventurers!



### 2+ Centre Learning

This term our tiny tots in the 2+ Centre are exploring traditional stories and rhymes. In addition to enjoying listening to and engaging with these stories and rhymes, these activities are enhancing the children's attention and listening skills during familiar stories and also starting to develop their recall and sequencing skills. The children have been focusing on the story of 'The Three Pigs', creating props such as the wolf and houses through art activities using a range of one-handed tools, such as pens, paintbrushes and scissors. They have also been role-playing the characters of 'the three pigs' and the 'big bad wolf' and constructing their houses using different materials, such as Lego, straw, wood and bricks. In addition, they have been looking at the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and enjoying imitating roaring bears.

The 2+ children were also delighted to have an exciting story read to them by a storytelling group from Islington about how we all come from different types of families. The children enjoyed being involved in the story and happily got into the role of artists when painting objects such as a 'red bus'. The children proudly took part in a friendly musical march around the nursery, waving their instruments and rainbow flags singing "We are proud".

