

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

Sobell Centre at Lunchtimes

We have been offered the opportunity to take 30 children (one class) every lunchtime from 12.30-1.30pm to play in the football pitches at the Sobell Centre (across the road from the school). We would really like to be able to use this facility every day as the children love going there. We are looking for a few parent/carer volunteers to help with this. If you are interested in doing this one or more days a week, please speak to Tay.

Easter (April) Holiday Playschemes

For information about all the playschemes in Islington during the April 2019 holiday please visit our website at: <https://www.pakemanprimary.co.uk/news/easter-holiday-playschemes-in-islington/> If you would like to see a paper copy of the playscheme booklet, please see Layla in the school office.



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.

Introduction to our new Chair of Governors

We are really happy to introduce our new Chair of Governors, Janet Convery, to you and would like to say a big thank you to all the governors for the time they give and the knowledge, skills and experience they bring to the school. Janet has kindly written the following piece for the newsletter as an introduction to our families:



'I am delighted to be appointed as Chair of Governors at Pakeman. When I first walked into the school last summer I was so impressed by the warm culture of the school, the caring dedicated staff and the eager young learners. Having lived on the Harvist Estate in the 1980s, it was also a return to the part of London where I started my career.

Throughout that career, the right of every child to a quality education has been a driving force. I began as a science teacher in Tottenham and Hackney and went on to help develop the curriculum in other areas working with local education authorities and the government. For many years I worked with the Global Campaign for Education. Backed by Nelson Mandela, the campaign helped to ensure access to education for primary school children in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Sometimes that access was very basic. I have worked with schools where there is no running water, very little equipment and where children sit on the ground and learn under the shade of a tree. Wherever children go to school they all have similar levels of curiosity, creativity and imagination. The future is theirs and they all deserve the opportunity to reach their potential. I'm looking forward to working with the governors and your excellent leadership team to ensure that this is the case for all children at Pakeman.'

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 May-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:

Can kindness change the world?

BEST OF THE OSCARS

Josiah (Brown Class) for his excellent contribution to the Science Workshop



Last week's best classes for attendance and punctuality

| Year Group | Best Attendance | Most improved Attendance | Best Punctuality |
|------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| EYFS & KS1 | Green | Gold | Crimson |
| KS2 | Brown | Brown | Brown |

Word of the week

Simulate

Definition: Imitate the appearance or character of something

Use of the word *simulate* in a sentence:

Do you think that margarine *simulates* the taste of butter?

Richard Reeve's Foundation

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Richard Reeve's Foundation which is funding a 3-year partnership project involving 10 Islington Primary Schools, including Pakeman. The benefits of this project to our children and the school as a whole are already being felt, with a delivery of brand new books for all the classrooms, 30 new Chrome laptops, Action Tutoring for Year 5/6 children, Maths online learning and practical maths resources, story workshops, including The Young Shakespeare company, and Shine on Saturday. We are delighted to be involved in this partnership with the Richard Reeve's Foundation and also to be working closely with other Islington schools. The children's excitement when the books arrived in their classrooms

was palpable and it is wonderful to see them enjoying the new books to the full. Here you can see some of them doing just that!



Science Workshop with Encounter Edu



Thank you to Megan and Maddy of Encounter Edu who came into school and ran a fantastic science workshop with a group of Year 5 children during science week. The children really enjoyed learning about Arctic animals, including how they keep warm in the very coldest of conditions on Earth, and how they use camouflage for protection too. Megan and Maddy did a really exciting experiment with the children about Polar Bears, which involved them using margarine around their hands to simulate blubber. Once they did this they plunged their hands into icy water to see how blubber works to stop Polar Bears freezing. One of the children said: 'That was so much fun and

now I understand how Polar Bears can live in freezing conditions'.

Encounter Edu designs and delivers STEM and global learning programmes inside and outside the classroom. One of their current projects is the Arctic live event, and you can find out all about this at: <https://encounteredu.com/live/arctic-live-2019>

