

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 7th June 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you enjoyed the half-term break. The children have settled back well into the last half term, which promises to be a busy one, with lots of exciting activities and events planned. Keep an eye on the 'Dates for your Diary', newsletter articles and text messages for information about what's happening.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PLAYCENTRE AND CLUBS

On Monday 10th June there will be **NO CLUBS** after school, but Playcentre will be open as usual.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR EYFS

Due to a clash, the date of the **EYFS 'Bring a Parent to School' event** has been changed. This event will now be on **Friday 28th June from 9-10am**.

Welcome back to Emma

Welcome back to Emma S. who returned to Pakeman this week following her maternity leave. For the rest of the term Emma will be working 3 days a week across EYFS before returning to class teaching in September.

SEN Coffee Morning

Please join us for our SEN coffee morning on **Thursday 13th June at 9.15am** for tea/coffee and biscuits. A Family Action representative will provide information and advice about supporting children with SEN and there will also be an opportunity for parents/carers to ask questions on this subject.



Healthy Eating Coffee Morning on Friday 14th June to be Rescheduled

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to cancel the Healthy Eating Coffee Morning next week. We will, however, set a new date for this and will let you know when it is.

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.

Happy Eid

All our Pakeman families are invited to join us for our Eid Party on **Tuesday 11th June after school**. Please bring along a dish to share.

NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2019 INTAKE

We have nursery places available for the September 2019 intake. If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 21st August 2016 you may be entitled to a full-time or part-time place. Please come into the school office for more details.

2+ CENTRE PLACES AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2019 INTAKE



We have morning and afternoon places available for the September 2019 intake in our fun, exciting and nurturing 2+ centre for children born between:

1st April and 31st August 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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Eid Party 'Bring a Dish to Share'
Tuesday 11th June 3.30pm

SEN Support and Advice Coffee Morning
Thursday 13th June 9.15am

Sports Day
Wednesday 19th June

Bring a Parent to School

Year 3/4
Tuesday 25th June 9-10am

Year 1/2
Thursday 27th June 9-10am

EYFS
Friday 28th June 9-10am

Summer Fair
Tuesday 2nd July after school

Parents' Evening
Monday 8th July

Last Day of Term
Friday 19th July

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:

Is curiosity a good or a bad thing?

BEST OF THE OSCARS

Isabel (Red Class) for her brilliant project work



Last week's best classes for attendance and punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most improved Attendance	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	No figures	this week	due to school
KS2	holiday		

Word of the week

Enthral

Definition:

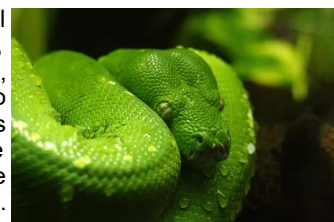
to keep someone completely interested

Use of the word *enthral* in a sentence:

The children were enthralled by Phil's fantastic storytelling

Bringing Stories to Life

Children love hearing stories for the magic and sense of wonder they create. But that is not all ... storytelling has enormous benefits: it teaches children about life, themselves and others, helps them to develop an understanding, respect and appreciation for other cultures, lands, races and religions; gives them insights; helps them to consider new ideas; and enables them to empathise with unfamiliar people, places and situations. Furthermore, hearing stories promotes children's feeling of well-being and relaxation; increases their willingness to communicate thoughts and feelings; encourages active participation, cooperation between children and the use of imagination and creativity. It also enhances listening skills and increases verbal skills. Stories are therefore crucial to children's learning and well-being and we would like to say a really big thank you to the Richard Reeve's Foundation for its support in helping us to bring stories to life for our children by funding a very special event this week.



During assembly on Wednesday, the children were treated to a really exciting storytelling session with Phil McDermott who was with us for the day. Standing on the stage, he told a very tall tale, about an African King's quest to find his daughter a perfect husband. It had everything you could possibly want from a story — a fast pace, action, surprise, suspense, humour, great characters and a whole lot more ... The children and staff were enthralled by the story. They were totally absorbed and entertained throughout, and were even involved in the narrative as it progressed! One of the children in Green Class said: 'It was so funny and it also showed us how different things can be for other people'. Thank you very much to Phil, who went on to do storytelling workshops for the rest of the day with the KS2 classes, which they absolutely loved. Every class heard different stories and the air was buzzing with excitement! Blue Class heard two alternative versions of 'Little Red Riding Hood' and afterwards, one of the children commented, "It was golden; the funniest thing I've ever heard in my life!".

You can listen to Phil telling stories on his YouTube channel, The Story Emporium Repair Shop, at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqTk1wwCu3Ijjo6x4PtNe9A/videos>

Where did that egg come from?

Returning to school on Monday after the half-term break, the children arrived in the playground to the very mysterious sight of a giant egg, which had been cordoned off with red and white tape! The children rapidly became investigators—where did the egg come from? How did it get into the playground? What was inside it? What caused the smoke that periodically engulfed it? The children watched intently for signs of change or movement during playtimes. They gathered evidence and excitedly reported back to their classes on their findings. Around the school the egg stimulated animated discussions, which are still ongoing and the children's learning opportunities were wide-ranging as they carried out related research, produced stories and drawings, took photographs and made films. The egg has now been taken to the Natural History Museum for further investigation and the mystery continues ...



Father's Day FREE Family Workshop for Parents and Children

For Father's Day, Islington's Adult Community Learning/Family Learning is offering a FREE family workshop for parents and children on Saturday 15th June (10am-1pm) at Hilldrop Community Centre Community Lane, Hilldrop Road N7 0JE.

- Make a table top football game—work together to make a game and have fun playing it
- Art and craft activities for all ages

To book your place Text Anna on 07769 235790 giving your name and the number of adults and children attending.