

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 THE END OF TERM

We break up for the Summer holidays on Friday 19th July. This will be a half day and all children must be collected at 1.30pm.

There will be no clubs in the last week of term (Monday 15th to Friday 19th July).

Playcentre will be open as usual between Monday 15th and Thursday 18th July. There will no playcentre on Friday 19th July.

THE FIRST DAY BACK IN SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AFTER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS WILL BE THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER.

Sports Day

It was such a pity that we had to cancel sports day due to the forecast torrential rain. However, the children have lots to look forward to in the next few weeks when they will be having extra sports activities to make up for this.

Late collection of children from Playcentre

There have been a number of late collections of children from playcentre in recent weeks. Children must be collected before 6pm. When parents/carers are late not only can this upset children, it also delays staff leaving work. Therefore, lateness may result in the loss of a child's place in playcentre.

Year 6 at Chessington

As one of their end of primary school treats, Year 6 went to Chessington last Tuesday and a fun day had was had by all on the trip. In addition to the fun, fast and exciting rides, the children explored the zoo, had an eye-opening safari ride and watched the informative and playful sea lion show.



Reception enjoy Softplay at the Sobell Centre

Last Thursday week both Reception classes were very excited to go on a trip to the Sobell Centre where they went to the Soft play centre. The children had a fantastic time climbing, jumping, swinging, bouncing and sliding! It was an opportunity to release some energy and play with their friends. Many thanks to the parents/carers who helped out on the trip.

Islington Play Streets

Islington council are hoping that as many roads as possible across the borough will hold a Play Street on Sunday 22nd September for Car Free Day, allowing children to play out on their street safely with no cars or pollution to ruin the fun!

September might seem like a long way away but residents need to apply for permission to hold a Play Street. Why not get involved in this fun, free day, making the Car Free Day a success and building a cleaner, healthier future for London's children?

You can find out more information about how to sign up and what a Play Street is by visiting the following website:

<https://islingtonlife.london/carfreeday>

Minibeasts Topic Work in Gold Class

As part of their learning about minibeasts each child in Gold class has had the practical experience of creating their very own paper mache model of a bee. The picture below shows the absolutely fantastic work they have done. Aren't they amazing? Not only did they make the models, they painted on the yellow and black stripes and then made and attached wings to their bees.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

PTA Meeting re Summer Fair

Friday 28th June 9am

Summer Fair

Tuesday 2nd July after school

Parents' Evening

Monday 8th July

Last Day of Term

Friday 19th July—All children must be collected at 1.30pm

First day back at school for children

Thursday 5th September

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:

Do you think there is such a thing as telepathy?

BEST OF THE OSCARS

Mya R (Yellow Class) for great behaviour in Playcentre



Last week's best classes for attendance and punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most improved Attendance	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Gold & Green	< 95%	Crimson
KS2	Orange	Purple	Pink

Word of the week

Telepathy

Definition: the ability to transmit information from one person's mind to another person's mind

Use of the word *telepathy* in a sentence:

Some people dream about having the ability to transfer their thoughts to others using telepathy.

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

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.

Play at Pakeman

Playtime from the Children's Perspective

As part of our play programme, a group of children have taken on the role of Play Detectives and they love reporting on what is happening at playtime. Two of them, Nadia (Orange Class) and Izzah (Orange Class) have written this piece specially for this week's newsletter:

'Fun is everywhere in our playground. Come and join in if you can because there is enough to go around. Happiness fills the air! We love our playground and we are sure all people do. Just look at this photo. We love this outstanding photo because it shows a lot of happiness in the school and it shows that we are kind and anything is possible. It shows that everyone is having a great time in Pakeman!!!'



PTA Meeting about our Summer Fair

All Pakeman parents/carers are invited to join us for a PTA meeting with Emma next Friday 28th June at 9am in the Lodge. This is to organise our Summer Fair, which is on Tuesday 2nd July after school. We would love to have lots of you involved, so please come along.

Rewarding five fantastic play role models

Last Friday week during assembly we were absolutely delighted to recognise the achievements of five fantastic role models who, without being asked, always help tidy up after playtime and put equipment away. All five have a fantastic attitude and show great skills of cooperation and teamwork. Well done to Michael (Brown Class), Muntaha (Purple Class), Gabrielle (Red Class), Isha (Purple Class) and Heyzil (Red Class) who each received a prize for their contribution to our play programme.

Playtime Questionnaires

Last week we collected the views of the children about playtime at Pakeman through a questionnaire survey. We have also sent a questionnaire home for parents/carers to complete. If you could return this by the end of this week that would be fantastic. We are keen to evaluate our play programme and to find ways of making it even better.

Bikeability Certificates

Well done to all the children who took part in the recent Bikeability courses here at school. They were all presented with their Level 1 or Level 2 certificates at assembly last Friday to recognise their level of proficiency riding a bike. Well done to all of them.

