

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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School Council

Exciting news...

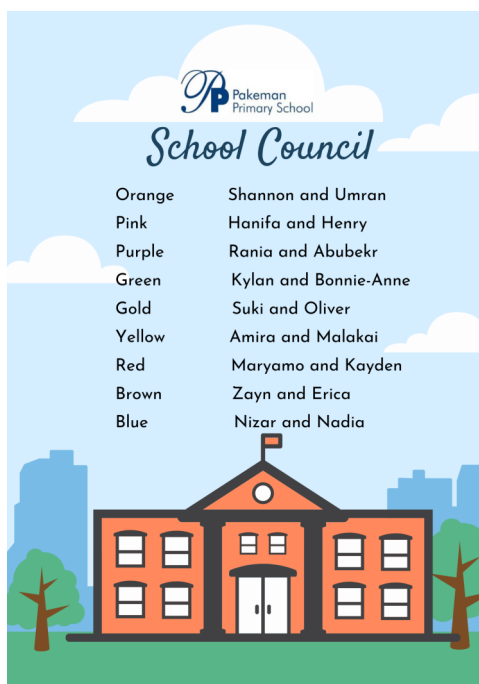
Pakeman pupils have voted for this year's School Council and the final results are in.

We believe that pupil voice is really important and children should have an active role in their education and schooling. Being a member of the Pakeman school council will give children a unique chance to learn many important skills relating to decision making and communication.

Participation is about more than just consultation, but provides an opportunity for them to express their views and have those views listened to and taken seriously. We know they will act as great ambassadors for their classes and year groups going forward.

Pakeman pupils - Look out for your school council reps! They will soon be wearing their bright yellow badges so you know who they are!

School council meetings will take place in school hours weekly in school phases. School council reps will report back to class things discussed in the meetings for further discussion. Issues discussed will occasionally appear in our newsletter so look out for those.



Orange	Shannon and Umran
Pink	Hanifa and Henry
Purple	Rania and Abubekr
Green	Kylan and Bonnie-Anne
Gold	Suki and Oliver
Yellow	Amira and Malakai
Red	Maryamo and Kayden
Brown	Zayn and Erica
Blue	Nizar and Nadia



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Half term:
Monday 26 Oct—Fri 30 Oct

Last Day of Term:
Friday 18th December

First day back at school for children:
Monday 4th January 2021

Islington Services

Would you like to improve your English !

Islington advice services are offering assessments, advice and places for learners on their **ESOL courses** (English to Speakers of Other Languages)

If you are interested and happy for Marcia to refer you, please contact her via the school office or catch her morning or afternoon in the playground.



Furry Friend Reading Companion



For some time now Pippa, our four legged friend, has been visiting Pakeman. However, from this week Pippa will be listening to some children read stories in the library.

Pippa is a very gentle, loving dog who really enjoys a peaceful time. So please remember to be quiet and sensible if you do see her around. We certainly do not want to disturb her when she's having fun listening to children read!



P4C QUESTION

Discuss this question at home, sharing your thoughts and ideas:

In what ways are children better than adults?

STARS OF THE WEEK

Amira (purple class)



Thomas (green class)



Attendance and Punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most Improved Attendance	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Silver class	Silver class	Yellow class
KS2	Blue class	Orange class	Orange, Brown, Red



Who was the best class last week?



Word of the week

SPECTACULAR

Definition:

- Beautiful in a dramatic and eye catching way

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

The fireworks looked spectacular as they lit up the night sky.



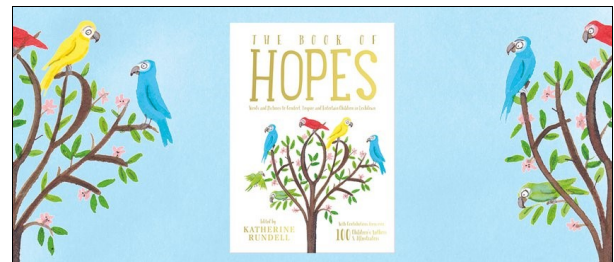
Year 1 and 2 Hope Topic

We are really enjoying our whole school topic on hope. In Years 1 and 2, we have learned that there is a hero inside all of us. We have looked at the heroes that help us such as the NHS workers who keep us safe. We all have superpowers including kindness, strength and resilience.

We read a poem called the '**The Hope-o-potamus**' where we learned what resilience means. In this poem the brave hippopotamus kept trying and he didn't give up. We thought of lots of examples where we can do the same in school. If you would like to read the poem, you can find it in **The Book of Hopes**, which is available to read for free online: <https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes/>

There's a Hero Inside All of Us

Our work was inspired by this hero illustrated by Laura Ellen Anderson.



Thought For The Day

What have you done recently that makes you a hero?

Art

We were inspired to create rainbows in our classrooms to represent Hope. We painted our hands and printed them on paper. Together they make wonderful rainbows. We have shared our hopes for each other and ourselves. This week we will be reading the story **Rain Before Rainbows** by Smriti Halls which is also available online if you would like to read along with us. <https://stayhome.walker.co.uk/rainbows/>



Pakeman Bear

Poor Pakeman Bear is really missing his outings and holidays. He is stuck in Lynne's office feeling bored and fed up. He would love to come to visit other classrooms now and again. Because of his fur Pakeman Bear can't use hand sanitiser or wash his hands like we can, so no one can touch him at the moment. However, he is prepared to visit classrooms to see how well children are working. Look out, he may just appear in yours! He also has some very special certificates to give out if he spots anyone doing amazing work.

