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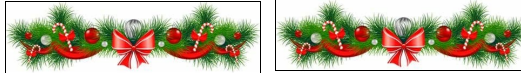
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Thank you for taking the time to read this weekly newsletter. We hope you will find its contents useful.

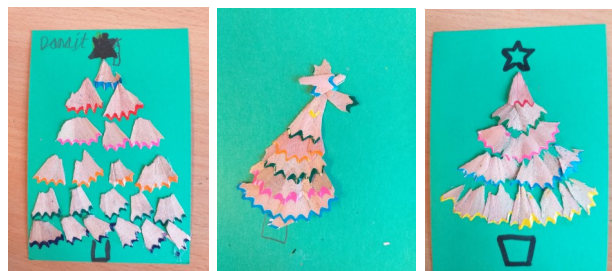
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Friday 11th December 2020

Pakemen Gets Festive



Pink Class have been using pencil shavings to produce some amazing fir trees. You could try this idea at home.



Purple Class have been making 3 tiered paper trees.



Some children in Red Class have been producing paper elves using butterfly clips. They have also been making beautiful paper snowflakes. If you'd like to make some paper snowflakes why not click here for instructions to follow: [How to make a paper snowflake](#)

Did you know?



Snowflakes are symmetrical. They are formed in the clouds. Water droplets freeze and then become ice particles.



The Pakeman Elf Brigade



Pakeman Elves are popping into classrooms in the next few days, if classes have been working hard. Don't forget - if you spot one in your class you get 15 minutes Golden Time.

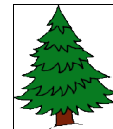
Home Time

Festive Fun



Story and Bake

Click on the link and enjoy listening to Nadiya Hussain as she reads this festive tale: [The Little Fir Tree](#)



[Gingerbread Fir Tree Biscuits](#)

Get baking - Why not click on the link above and try making Nadiya's fir tree biscuits? Take pictures of your fir tree biscuits and send them into class on Dojo so they can go onto our website.



P4C QUESTION

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

Would you rather be as big as a fir tree or as small as a pine cone?



STAR OF THE WEEK

Alexis
(Blue Class)



Attendance and Punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most Improved Attendance	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Yellow class	Crimson/Gold class	Gold/Green class
KS2	Orange class	Red class	Brown class



Who was the best class last week?



Word of the week

APPRECIATE

Definition:

- To enjoy the value of something
- To understand a situation

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



We show that we appreciate a performance by clapping at the end.

Lynne could appreciate that a mistake had been made when the two girls explained what had happened in the playground.

Christmas Lunch - Our Kitchen Team

A huge thank you to Sonia, Rosemary, Vida, Josephine and Lucy. These amazing people work really hard daily in our Pakeman kitchen to produce healthy, balanced lunches for our children. This week, on Wednesday, they produced a delicious Christmas lunch. A big thank you to all our kitchen staff from all the children and other staff at Pakeman.



Parent Support - A Message From Marcia

We'd love to see you before we wrap up for the holidays. Please pop into our last Zoom coffee morning of the term.

Friday, 11th December at 11am.



We would like to introduce our new **Outreach Support Worker, Teresa from Bright Start Islington**. We will be discussing various topics that you, as parents and carers, would like some expert advice on in the New Year. Topics will range from finances and housing to health and well-being. It would be great to hear from you so that we can offer sessions based on the topics that you feel are most useful to you.

Remember - you don't have to switch on the video, we would rather just hear your voice than not have you pop in at all!

Look forward to seeing you,
Marcia

Topic: Pakeman Coffee Morning
Date: Dec 11, 2020 - 11am
Meeting ID: 813 669 7753
Passcode: Pakeman

Christmas and Mental Health

Whether or not Christmas is part of your life, your mental health might be affected by festivities happening around you at this time of year. There are often many additional pressures on us and this can affect our mental health in lots of different ways. If you need support the link below might be helpful. **Mind** outlines ways that the period around Christmas and New Year might affect your mental health. They give tips on how to cope and ideas for helping others.

 **Contacts for support at Christmas.**

Mind Infoline [0300 123 3393](tel:03001233393)