

# THE PAKEMAN PRESS



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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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## World Book Day

Next Thursday (4th March) is **WORLD BOOK DAY!** Although we won't all be together in school, we are still going to celebrate the day at home. Please dress up as your favourite book character and post a photo of you in your costume in your Class Dojo portfolio. You can be as creative as you like, so why not try making a costume this week?

### Please Note:

For all those children who are **IN school** next Thursday, please come into school dressed in your costumes!

On World Book Day we will be sharing lots of fun activities and quizzes in our classes based on our favourite books. We can't wait to celebrate with you next week.



## Important Dates:

**Back in school**  
Mon 8th March

**Spring Term Ends**  
Wed 31st March

**Return To School**  
Tues 20th April

**STAFF INSET DAY**  
Mon 19th April



This weekend invent a special award for a person you know who is important to you. Draw the award and write the reason they are receiving it. Hand it to them or post it if they don't live in your household. Make someone smile!

## Art Competition



As part of our celebrations for next week's World Book Day we are organising a **Pakeman Art Competition.**

We would like you to recreate one of your favourite book covers. You can then post it on Class Dojo at the start of World Book Day, next Thursday. You can use anything to recreate your book cover image – pencils, paint, crayons, fabric or collage. We just want you to have some fun being imaginative and creative. If you don't have your favourite cover at home you could always search for it on the Internet. We have included some of our favourite book covers to get you thinking. Have fun!



## STARS OF THE WEEK



**Ann and Estelle**

For all the wonderful ways they help us all from the school office.

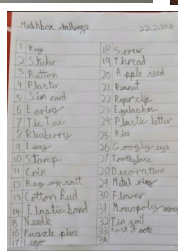
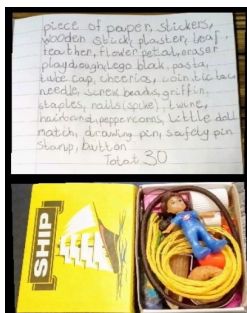
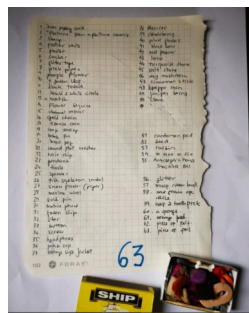
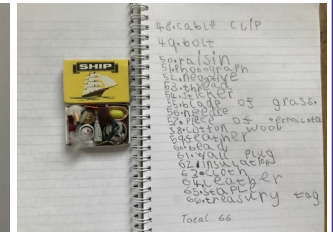
## MATCHBOX CHALLENGE



Thank you to all the children who took part in our holiday Matchbox Competition over half term. It was incredible to see just how many things you all managed to fit into a matchbox. Our winner with an amazing 92 items is Maria Moraru in Crimson class. Very well done Maria! We hope you enjoy your prize.

Staff were very impressed with the presentation of the matchboxes and lists that were posted on Class Dojo.

Here is a selection from some of the wonderful examples:



## Return to School

Islington Health and Well-being team have created a newsletter which you may like to read before coming back to school. The newsletter contains useful resources to prepare children for coming back to school after lockdown and ways to support their emotional wellbeing. Please click on the link: [Islington Newsletter](#)



Some children may well feel anxious about returning to school after such a long period of being at home. If your child is feeling this way please do let school know. We will do our very best to help. Also, we are posting this video link once more. You might like to take a look at this film which includes some useful tips: [Tips for Returning to School - Nip in the Bud](#)

## Fairtrade Fortnight

Fairtrade Fortnight takes place 22<sup>nd</sup> February – 7<sup>th</sup> March. At this time many people come together to learn about, and celebrate, the people who grow our food and drink and explore the topic of 'Climate, Fairtrade and You'. We have the opportunity to discover how our choices can make a difference to the lives of people around the world and the planet we share.



To find out more about Fairtrade Fortnight please click: [Fairtrade Fortnight 2021 | Fairtrade Schools](#)

## Family Kitchen

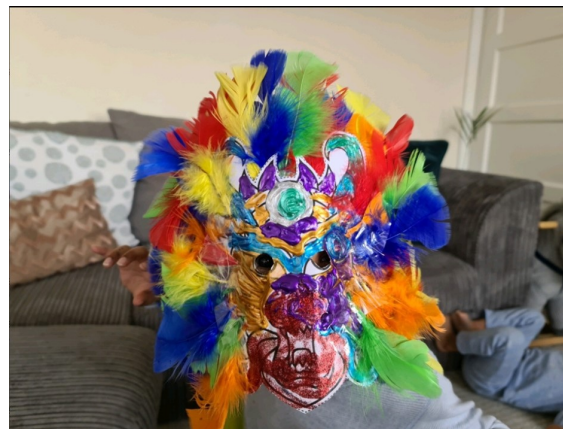
Family Kitchen had its last session this week. Marcia would like to thank all the families that took part and for the joy that they brought to the kitchen sessions. During half term some families made soda bread and celeriac soup. This week, in their final cooking session they made some delicious rainbow couscous and tasty coconut and date power balls. Marcia has really enjoyed guiding Pakeman families on their healthy eating journey, with the help of Islington Families for life.

Look out for more sessions coming soon! If you are interested in Family Kitchen please contact Marcia via the school office or email: [mharris@pakeman.islington.sch.uk](mailto:mharris@pakeman.islington.sch.uk)



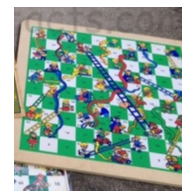
## A Special Effort

Zackariya in Crimson class made a huge effort with his mask for Chinese New Year, before half term. We felt it deserved a place in our newsletter this week.



## Did you know?.....

- Snakes and Ladders originated in India.
- The United States version is known as Chutes and Ladders.



## Free Games For Pakeman Families

We are really pleased that so many families came into school to collect their free game in time for half term. We hope you had lots of fun having something new to play. We know that these Reception children really enjoyed their new games.

Games and puzzles are a great way to relax and enjoy your spare time. Why don't you try either Kim's game or the Pangram game at home this weekend.



## Pangram Game

This game is tricky but great fun. A pangram is a sentence which uses EVERY letter of the alphabet at least once. Two players have to choose a topic and then try and come up with a sentence before one another. The sentence has to make sense.

Perhaps you could come up with a book or story related pangram for World Book Day. Challenge your teachers - maybe they could come up with one too!



## Kim's Game

1. Place some objects, letters, pictures or words on a tray.
2. Show them to someone in your family.
3. Ask them to look away and take one object away.
4. Ask them which one is missing.



## Spring Courses for Parents and Carers

Recovery College's online courses are open to anyone who lives or works in Camden and Islington, or anyone who has a professional, family or carer connection to these boroughs.



### Upcoming live courses include:

- Relationships and self-care, - 3rd 10th 17th March 2-3pm
- Tree of life, 4th March 2-3pm
- Living well with a long term condition - 1st 8th 15th March 2-3pm

For the spring time course guide and calendar, and to register for the live courses above, please click the link below.

<https://www.candi.nhs.uk/our-services/education-and-employment/recovery-college>

## Child Wellbeing Practitioner Team

The Child Wellbeing Practitioner Team will be running another two-part parent workshop on managing anxiety and building confidence in your child (age 5-11). It will run as an **evening workshop** in March.



Date: Wednesday 3rd March and Wednesday 10th March  
6.00pm-7.30pm  
Hosted on Zoom.

We advise that parents and carers attend both parts of the workshop. For further information or to book your place please send an email to [hannah.day9@nhs.net](mailto:hannah.day9@nhs.net)  
Emails must include:

\*child's name and date of birth    \*parent/carer's name    \*email address    \*contact number

Once this information has been received then a place on the workshop can be booked.

## Virtual After School Club

There are a few places remaining in this after school club on Thursdays for anyone interested.

**ARSENAL DOUBLE CLUB!**  
**A VIRTUAL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB FROM ARSENAL IN THE COMMUNITY**

Join us online!

- Online after-school club
- For 8-12 year olds
- 4:30-5:30pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays
- There will be football and wellbeing activities.
- 2 Arsenal in the Community coaches are on every session

To get involved or ask questions please email us at [communitydepartment@arsenal.co.uk](mailto:communitydepartment@arsenal.co.uk). Put 'Double Club' as the subject and we will send you all the details. We look forward to hearing from you!

**Arsenal COMMUNITY**