

# 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

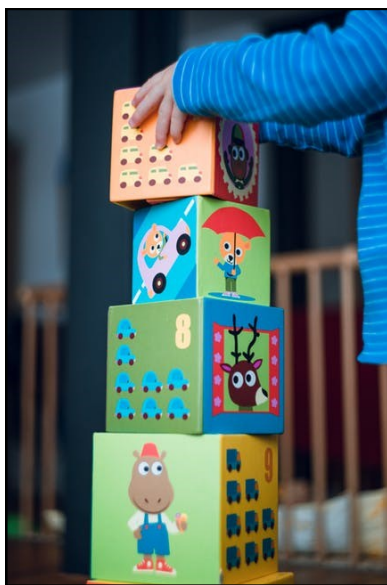
### **Learning Through Play—New Family Learning Course for EYFS parents/carers**

A new FREE Family Learning Course called 'Learning Through Play' is starting after half term. It will be on 5 consecutive Tuesdays (starting 9.00-9.15am; finishing 11.15am) beginning on Tuesday 30th October.

The course is suitable for parents/carers of children in Nursery and Reception and for parents interested in volunteering or working in Early Years settings.

This course will give you an understanding of how play supports your child's reading, writing and maths skills. You will also have the opportunity to make fun resources to support your child's learning at home.

Please speak to Elizabeth, our new School Home Support Worker, or the school office for more information or to book a place on the course.



We are very lucky that Families First are putting on these very useful and informative courses here at our school, as they benefit both you and your children. Please book a place and attend because if we don't have enough parents/carers attending, we are at risk of not being able to offer these courses any longer.

## SAFEGUARDING ISSUES

### **Collection of children from school**

If someone other than the usual person is collecting your child from school it is essential that you either inform the class teacher, or the school office so that they can let the class teacher know.

If someone other than the usual person is collecting your child from playcentre or clubs on any day it is essential that you inform the school office so that they can let playcentre or the club leader know.

### **Contact Numbers**

It is essential for us to be able to contact parents/carers, especially in case of emergency (for example, illness or accident). This is a safeguarding issue. So, if you or one of your emergency contacts changes their telephone number please inform the school office immediately. Please note that we need two emergency contact numbers in addition to telephone numbers for children's parents/carers.

### **Black History Month**

As well as individual class activities, this week the children had an interactive assembly about Black History Month, which included information and discussion on this celebration of all aspects of black history and culture.

We will continue this celebration with our **Black History Month 'Bring and Share' Event** after school on Tuesday 30th October. We would like to invite all our Pakeman families to join us for what is always a really fantastic occasion when families bring a food dish from their culture to share. Everyone then stays to enjoy food, conversation and fun together. We hope that as many of you as possible will come along. The more dishes and families we have the better!!!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### **Help Your Child with Maths KS1**

A course on Tuesdays 9.15-11.15am until half term for parents/carers of children in Year 1 and Year 2

### **Last day of half-term**

Friday 19th October

### **First day back after half-term**

Monday 29th October

### **Learning through Play**

A 5-week course for parents/carers of EYFS children on Tuesdays 9.00-11.15am starting Tuesday 30th October

### **Black History Month 'Bring a Dish and Share' Event**

Tuesday 30th October

### **School Photographer**

Monday 5th November

### **Cinema Night**

Tuesday 20th November

**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:

**What do you think is the best age to be and why?**

## BEST OF THE OSCARS

**Jessica (Blue Class) for being a brave mole when tunnelling!!**



### Last week's best classes for attendance and punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most improved Attendance	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Green	Green	Silver & Green
KS2	Brown	Orange	Blue

### Word of the week

## Cranky

**Definition:** bad-tempered; irritable

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

The baby had a bad cold and was very cranky.

### School Journey

Last week 34 children travelled with Emma, Harry, Rebecca and Ann for a week of excitement on our fun-packed school journey to Ullswater's Outward Bound Centre. Among other things, they climbed hills, did canoeing and rock climbing, had a camp-out and played team games. Thank you to everyone involved for giving the children such an amazing adventure-filled week.



### Fire Brigade visit EYFS

On Wednesday 10th October, the local fire brigade came to visit EYFS. The 2 + Centre, Nursery and both Reception classes got to meet the firefighters and see the fire engine. It was very exciting because the children had an opportunity to go inside the fire engine and spray the hose! The children also found out that the firefighters put out fires and rescue cats who are stuck in trees!



### Employment Workshops

Islington's Adult and Community Learning Service is offering 3 different employment workshops, as follows:

#### Searching for Jobs

13th November 9.30am-12.30pm

#### Application Forms

16th October and 27th November 9.30am-12.30pm

#### Preparing for Interview

30th October and 11th December 9.30am-12.30pm

All sessions are at North Library, Manor Gardens, London N7 6JX (Tel: 020 7527 7840)

The sessions are an opportunity to learn how to effectively look for and prepare for work, as well as to prepare for job interviews.

The sessions are FREE for Islington residents or parents with children in Islington schools. You must be aged 19 or over, unemployed or low waged, and receiving benefits.