

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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Friday 18th January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

This is the first newsletter since the holidays and we hope you had a restful and enjoyable break. The children have had a very positive start to the Spring term. They are working hard, enjoying their play and we are looking forward to a happy and successful Spring Term.

Reception project with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment

On Tuesday the children in Reception were thrilled by a visit from two musicians from The Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment (OAE). The musicians played their double bass and cello and taught the children songs from 'The World Around Us', which is the theme of this year's project. The children really enjoyed the session and joined in enthusiastically with singing and using percussion instruments.

The children will continue to learn the songs and we are delighted to let you know that they will go to a follow up concert on the morning of Friday 8th March at Kings Cross Academy. At this concert there will be children from other schools and a full orchestra. Parents/Carers of Reception children are welcome to attend. Please see Reception staff if you wish to volunteer to accompany the trip.



Please can we remind parents/carers that while they can take photographs and record videos of their children during our assemblies, school productions, nativity and other school events, they MUST NOT post any images or video content onto any form of social media.

2+ Centre places available for April 2019 intake



We have morning and afternoon places currently available in our fun, exciting and nurturing 2+ centre for children born between:

1st January and 31st March 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

Playtimes

We are delighted with the progress we've made in improving playtimes. The children are very engaged in their play and describe playtimes as 'much better than before'. The greatly increased range and type of activities on offer is encouraging children to communicate and develop their language, and to cooperate well with each other, such as in turn-taking. An added bonus is that the children's greater satisfaction at playtime has led to faster settling down to learning once they are back in their classes.

Safeguarding

Pakeman Primary School is committed to safeguarding, child protection and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The full Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy is on our website at:

www.pakemanprimary.co.uk/school-info/school-policies/

A hard copy of the policy may also be obtained from the school office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Bring a parent and coffee morning

Year 1/2

Mon 28th January 9-11am

Year 3/4

Tuesday 29th January 9-11am

Bring a parent Year 5/6

Friday 1st February 9-10am

Last day of Half-Term

Friday 15th February

First day back at school

Monday 25th February

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March

Parents Evening

Thursday 28th March (until 7pm)

Tuesday 2nd April (until 5pm)

Nursery Consultation Day

Monday 1st April

Reception Consultation Day

Friday 5th April

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:

If you can't see anything does that mean nothing is there?

BEST OF THE OSCARS

Mya R (Yellow Class) for fantastic writing in literacy



Last week's best classes for attendance and punctuality

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

Word of the week

Dialogue

Definition: a written or spoken conversational exchange between two or more people

Use of the word *dialogue* in a sentence:

Global *dialogue* helps bring about better understanding between countries.

FREE Family Learning ESOL Classes at Pakeman Primary School

Do you want to improve your English? Family Learning are going to run a course at our school on Tuesdays (9.15-11.15am) from Tuesday 29 January to Tuesday 26 March. You will improve your reading and writing skills, and develop your speaking and listening skills.

If you would like to join this course, you **MUST** come to the Taster Session on **Tuesday 22 January (9.15-11.5am)**. At the Taster Session you will complete an initial assessment, find out if Family ESOL is the right course for you, say what you would like to learn about, join the main course and find out about other courses. Please note that you must bring photographic ID to register for the course. To book your place on the Taster Session, please contact the school office.

Preparing for work and personal development

Islington is offering a variety of courses and sessions to help parents/carers get into work, including programmes to help you prepare for jobs in a range of different vocational areas, such as Administration, Care and Catering.

Courses are continually added and updated. For the latest information about the courses on offer, please visit: www.adultlearning.islington.gov.uk.

Courses are free for Islington residents or parents with children in Islington schools. You must be 19 or over, unemployed or low-waged and receiving benefits to be eligible for their free courses.



Information, advice and guidance (IAG)

You can also call to book a 1:1 appointment with an IAG advisor to discuss your learning options. Please contact Arsenal Learning Centre on 020 7704 4500 or Finsbury Library on 020 7527 5083 to book your place. Alternatively, you can email: acl@islington.gov.uk

Employment Support and Information Advice and Guidance with Adult and Community Learning

Employment Support Drop-ins

Islington is also offering you the opportunity to attend friendly sessions to get support with online application forms, searching for jobs, writing your CV and much more. The drop-in sessions are held at First Steps Learning Centre, Islington Central Library, 2 Fieldway Crescent, Holloway Road, N5 1PF (020 7527 7002) at the following times:

Every Monday
21 Jan—25 March 2019
9.30am-12.30pm

Every Wednesday
18 Jan—27 March 2019
1.30-4.30pm

Employment Workshops

Another option is to attend the following employment workshops:

Searching for Jobs

26 February 9.30am-12.30pm

Application Forms

29 January and 12 March 9.30am-12.30pm

Preparing for Interview

12 February and 26 March 9.30am-12.30pm



The venue for these Employment Workshops is North Library, Manor Gardens, London N7 6JX (Tel: 020 7527 7840)

These sessions are an opportunity for you to learn how to effectively look for job opportunities, apply for jobs and prepare for job interviews.