

# 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

### Street Dance

Estelle's Street Dance Club is buzzing with news! They are having a great time working on a performance of dance through the decades, which promises to be very special! They will perform this piece twice later in the year, first at a school assembly to which their parents/carers will be invited and second, at a dance festival at Arts and Media Islington School (AMSI). To raise money for costumes for the children to wear, they will hold a cake sale. We will provide details of all these events in advance. Finally, to get inspiration for their performances, the Street Dance Club children are going to watch a performance called 'The Red Shoe' on Wednesday 13th February at AMSI.

### 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:

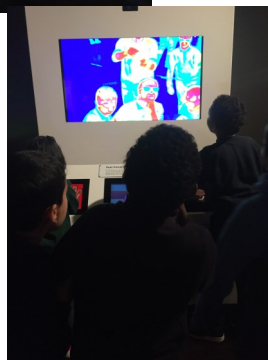
1st January and 31st March 2017

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](mailto:adwyer@pakeman.islington.sch.uk)

**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.**

### Year 5/6 Science Museum Trip

The Year 5/6 children had a fun and informative day at the Science Museum on Wednesday. They began with an exciting time in the 'Wonderlab' which was filled with 'hands on' activities including thermal imaging cameras, pulleys, slides, static electricity, magnets and listening to music from vibrations through their teeth! After lunch they went into the Imax cinema with its huge screen to watch the 3D film 'A beautiful planet.' This amazing film followed the lives of astronauts on board the International Space Station. They discovered what they do on board the station, but the highlight was seeing their film of Earth taken from the station. They even saw evidence of the effects that global warming is having on the Earth – part of the Y5/6 topic this term. Sara (Blue class) described the day as 'the best learning trip ever.' Anayah (Brown class) said, 'there was so much to touch and do and the explainers were really nice to us. The Imax was really cool.' Amin (Red class) said, 'we had so many things to do. My favourite part of the Wonderlab was watching the frozen carbon dioxide show. It motivated me to like science more and it made my day!'



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### 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

### Last day of Term

Friday 5th April

### First day of Summer Term

Tuesday 23rd April

### May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May

**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 are you most thankful for?**

## BEST OF THE OSCARS

**Daisy (Blue Class)**  
for always having  
an excellent attitude  
to learning



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

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most improved Attendance	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	All < 95%	All < 95%	Yellow & Green
KS2	Brown & Red	Red	Purple

**Word of the week**

**Encourage**

**Definition:** persuade someone to do or continue to do something by giving support and advice

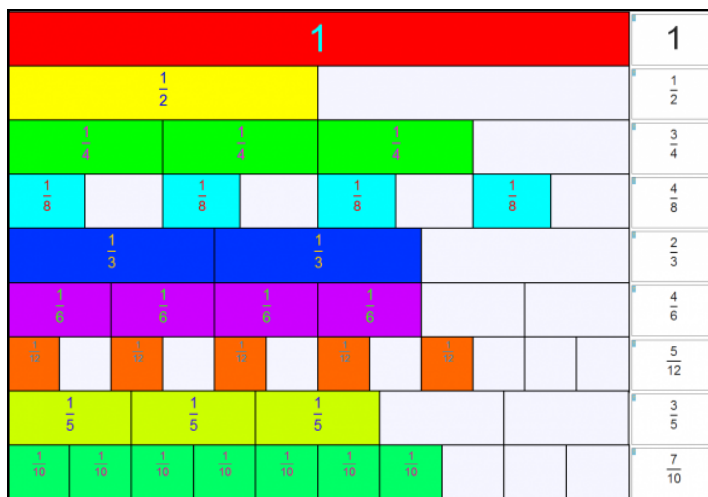
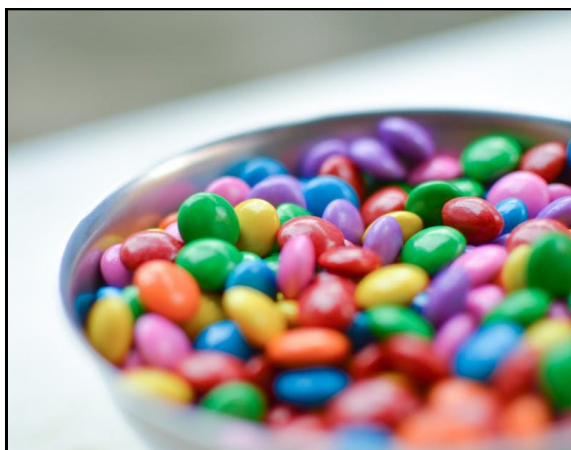
**Use of the word *encourage* in a sentence:**

Children and adults are encouraged to walk for exercise and enjoyment.

**Bring a Parent to School**

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have joined us this week at our 'Bring a parent to school' events.

On Tuesday, Years 3 and 4 invited their parents/carers to share their maths lesson, which focused on fractions. Pink, Purple and Orange classes had a great time using Smarties to learn about fractions of amounts by working out how many of each colour they had. They then used this knowledge of parts of a whole to create artwork in the form of a fraction mosaic with a hundred squares, testing to see if they could simplify their fractions. It was really useful to get feedback from all of the adults who attended the curriculum meeting afterwards too. We look forward to having lots of parents and carers joining us for our next event in the summer term.



**Walking**

Walking is a fantastic activity for both children and adults, and for families it can be a really enjoyable way to spend quality time together. Among its many benefits, walking is one of the simplest ways to be physically active as no special clothing or equipment is required. All that's needed is a comfortable pair of shoes. You can walk almost anywhere you want and when young children get into the habit of walking, it is a great way for them to learn safety lessons and develop road awareness. What is more, children, find walking fun and interesting, as they notice things around them. It is a sociable activity, with children enjoying walking with their friends, especially going to school. The benefits also extend to making children calmer and happier, and it improves their concentration in school. Walking increases children's independence, as they can choose to stop and look at things and start to make decisions about road safety, while for older children, walking independently gives them some time to themselves. And that's not all—there are fantastic health benefits to walking in that it helps both children and adults to be both physically and mentally healthy, boosting both mood and self-esteem. Walking is also kind to the planet and it is estimated that if everyone did one less car journey a week that would reduce car traffic levels by at least 10% ([www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk)).

**Open spaces locally and further afield**

Apart from street walks, there are many interesting open spaces where you can walk locally, including Finsbury Park, Highbury Fields, Whittington Park, Waterloo Park and Barnard Park. In addition, Kinlock Park has recently had a makeover and has now reopened. You can also walk in Gillespie Park Nature Reserve (see Pakeman Press Issue 12 Summer Term 19th July 2018) or along the beautiful Parkland Walk, which follows what was once a railway line that ran between Finsbury Park and Alexandra Palace. It is four and a half miles long and is London's longest Local Nature Reserve, supporting a huge range of habitats and wildlife. Over two hundred species of wild flower have been recorded there. Other great walks can be found online, including Capital Ring walks and London Loop walks, which will take you beyond Islington and Haringey into other beautiful areas and open spaces.

