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**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 15th February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Half-term Holiday

Next week is the Spring half-term holiday. We wish everyone a lovely, restful time. Enjoy every minute of the break! We look forward to seeing all the children back at school on Monday 25th February.

Art Project

We are really excited to be taking part in a very special learning project, led by the Turner prize winner and Oscar-nominated director, Steve McQueen, in partnership with the Tate Gallery, Artangel and the educational charity, A New Direction. Every Year 3 class in London has been invited to take part in what will be one of the largest group portraits ever made, and to see their class photograph among thousands of others in a huge free exhibition at Tate Britain from November 2019 to May 2020. As part of this project, a Tate Britain photographer came into school on Tuesday and took a photograph of Pink class and a photograph of Purple class. Once the exhibition is over, the photographs will be given to the school.

Street Dance Trip

On Wednesday, Estelle's Street Dance Club children watched a dance performance by pupils at Arts and Media Islington Secondary School (AMSI). Gaining inspiration from several fairy tales these secondary school students produced a dance piece called 'The Red Shoe'. The message of the dance was 'be careful what you wish for!' The Street Dance group thoroughly enjoyed the event and got a lot of ideas to help them produce their own dance piece with their own message. Further information will follow about a Street Dance cake sale and a performance for parents/carers of the club's children. Thank you to Estelle for running this club and to Estelle and Vicky for taking the children to AMSI.

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.

Attendance and Punctuality

For children to achieve the best possible educational outcomes it is essential for them to attend school regularly and on time. As a school we introduced Soft Start in September to ease children into the school day and this has been very successful. However, there are still some persistent cases of lateness in the mornings. It is very disruptive for children already settled in class when a child comes into the classroom late and it is also upsetting for the child who is coming in late because they feel self-conscious and have also missed out on important learning. In addition, we are also seeing increasing numbers of children being collected late at the end of the school day. We keep a record of late pick-ups and are monitoring this regularly. In cases of persistent absenteeism and lateness in the mornings and/or afternoons, parents/carers will be called into school for formal meetings regarding this matter.

Local Job Opportunity as a Music Services Assistant



A music therapy charity based in Kentish Town is looking for a Music Services Assistant to work 2 or 2.5 days a week in a 12-month fixed term contract (maternity cover). The work is varied, including reception duties and carrying out various administrative tasks.

For more information and to apply for this job, please visit www.nordoff-robbins.org.uk/careers Please note that the closing date for applications is Wednesday 27th February 2019.

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' Evenings

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:

Is human life more valuable than animal life?

BEST OF THE OSCARS

Hannah (Red Class) for outstanding participation in the Reachout Project



Last week's best classes for attendance and punctuality

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

Word of the week

Powerful

Definition: having great power or strength

Use of the word in a sentence:

A country does not necessarily have to be powerful to be great!

2+ Centre Learning

EYFS, including the 2+ Centre, have been learning about animals from around the world - where they live and what they like eating. They have been developing their communication and language skills to enhance their vocabulary by identifying farm animals, safari animals and domestic pets, and the sounds they make. The children have enjoyed exploring a range of animals through a variety of stories and rhymes in English and their home languages. They have read 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear', 'Listen, listen', 'Walking through the jungle' and 'Elmer the patchwork elephant'. They have also been exploring colours through arts and craft activities, such as making their own Elmer and friends and singing Elmer the patchwork elephant's 'Colour song' and 'I can sing a rainbow'. The children have also been developing their listening attention skills through physical games such as throwing and playing with skittles along with active songs and rhymes like 'Walking through the jungle' and 'Duck, duck goose'.

The 2+ centre have enjoyed going to the supermarket to buy food from other cultures, including noodles, prawn crackers and fortune cookies, and eating noodles with chopsticks. They also created their own lucky red envelopes and coins to share with friends for the Chinese new year celebrations.

The 2+ Centre staff would like to thank the parents who have supported them on their weekly trips to the library. Last week there were more volunteers joining them than ever before. The children loved sharing their learning experiences with their parents/carers and everyone had a great time.

