

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PLAYCENTRE AND CLUBS

Due to staff training, on Tuesday 7th May and Thursday 6th June there will be **NO CLUBS** after school, but Playcentre will be open as usual.

Street Dance Cake Sale

Well done to Estelle and her Street Dance children for raising £117.40 from their cake sale last Friday to fund costumes and other items for their performance at AMSI next Tuesday. A big thank you to everyone who donated cakes, those who bought cakes, especially two who donated £10 each, and also the parents/carers who helped out. Parents/carers of the Street Dance children are invited to see them perform at next Friday morning's assembly.



Parents/Carers Join in Playtime with their Children

Thank you to all the parents/carers who joined us for morning play on Tuesday. It was a really fun occasion and the children were delighted to have their parents/carers joining in. There were lots of different items to play with, including space hoppers, crates, tyres bubbles, dolls, soft toys, dressing up clothes and musical instruments, which the children could choose from for imaginative play. One of the parents said: 'It's great to see the children choosing for themselves how they want to play and using the equipment and toys outside in imaginative ways that are not necessarily the intended use'.

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.

VERY IMPORTANT NEWS

If Ann has contacted you about Free School Meals (FSM) it is because it is of vital importance that all parents/carers apply for FSM for **ALL** of their children individually, whether or not they have school dinners, and whether or not you are FSM entitled. If you do not complete the application for your child, this has a negative impact on our school funding and this affects our provision for the children. Please contact Ann on Monday if you have not yet completed the FSM application for all of your children.

Year 6 Maths Competition Winners

Well done to our superstar Year 6 Maths competition winners below. We are so proud of them! Three of the team have written about their experience:

For the past three weeks the 8 of us have been going to AMSI for a Maths competition, competing against 5 other Islington primary schools. There were three rounds to the competition, which included different activities, including algebra, treasure hunt, code breaking, 24 game, problem solving and a bonus round of quick fire questions. A team captain was elected and everyone made a great effort and contributed really well to the team, answering questions and supporting each other. When all the scores were counted up, Pakeman won first place. It was a great experience, even though we were quite nervous during the competition. We are really happy that we did so well, winning the competition and bringing the trophy and a box of Celebration chocolates back to school!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parents' Evening
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

Half-term Holiday
Monday 27th May-Friday 31st May

Last Day of Term
Friday 19th July

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:

Should you worry about what other people think of you?

BEST OF THE OSCARS

A collective Oscar for our Year 6 Maths competition winners!



Last week's best classes for attendance and punctuality

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

Word of the week

Noble

Definition: having or showing fine personal qualities or high moral principles

Use of the word *noble* in a sentence:

It would be nice to be thought of as a **noble** person who is always willing to help others.

Lunch Bunch

Following last summer's Lunch Bunch pilot project, Islington Council is running a further pilot this Easter.

Lunch Bunch is a project to address holiday hunger in Islington children. It is open to children aged 6-12 years (year 1-7) who meet the national free school meals criteria, for families on benefits or low household incomes of less than £16,190 per year before tax.

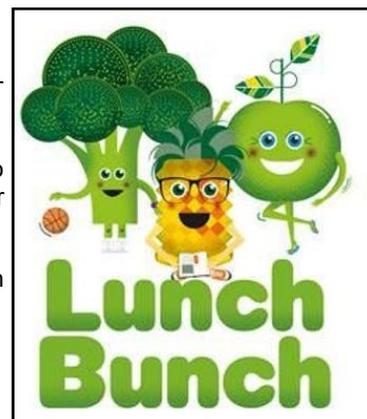
Children will have the opportunity to enjoy a free, healthy lunch while spending time with their peers having fun every day throughout the school Easter holidays.

Lunch Bunch is happening at a number of locations across Islington:

- Cornwallis Adventure Playground, Cornwallis Road, N19 4LP
- Central Library, 2 Fieldway Crescent, N5 1PF
- Finsbury Park Community Hub, Andover Estate Community Centre, 55 Corker Walk, Andover Estate, N7 7RY
- Hungerford Primary School, 249 Hungerford Road, N7 9LF
- Lumpy Hill Adventure Playground, 15 Market Road, N7 9PL
- Toffee Park Adventure Playground, 30 Ironmonger Row, EC1V 3QS
- Waterside Adventure Playground, 50 Dame Street, N1 7FR

Parents can book online via Eventbrite, at www.islingtonlunchbunch.eventbrite.com, for all locations except Finsbury Park Community Hub, which is a drop-in service.

The Family Information Service can assist with any parental enquiries about Lunch Bunch. If you have any questions about Lunch Bunch, please contact Victoria Horner, Lunch Bunch Project Manager, on 020 7527 6161 or at Victoria.horner@islington.gov.uk



History Day at Pakeman

On Monday 1st April we will be celebrating History Day, with fun learning all day revolving around different periods of history and civilisations around the world. Children are being asked to dress up as people from their class's chosen historical period—they will tell you what this is! If you can help your child with finding – or making – a costume, that would be fantastic. You can be as creative as you like! Also, we do not expect parents and carers to spend lots of money – making creative use of what you already have at home would be great. You could even make extra props - like a sword and shield, or a hat, to make them look more convincing. Having fun making things together is the key! Also, we would really appreciate it, if you have any cardboard boxes if you could bring them into school on Monday morning so the children can make models out of them during the day. There will be a 'Pakeman Museum' on the stage after school in the Bottom Hall on Tuesday 2nd April. Make sure you come along and see what the children make!



World Autism Awareness Week 1-7 April 2019

Next week is World Autism Awareness Week. Autism is a lifelong, developmental disability that affects how a person communicates with and relates to other people, and how they experience the world around them. There is lots of really interesting and useful information about this condition available on the National Autistic Society website, at <https://www.autism.org.uk/>. Next week the National Autistic Society is running several challenges and is organising a night walk with the aim of raising awareness and some much-needed money to help them do even more to help create a society that works for autistic people. Have a look at this link to find out more: <https://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/world-autism-awareness-week.aspx>

