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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 1st March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Online Safety Workshop for Parents/Carers

Parents/Carers are invited to join us at school on **Wed 27th March at 9am** for an online safety workshop. This is a great opportunity for you to learn about what you can do to help protect your child when they are engaging in different types of online activity. You will get lots of tips and advice to help you take effective measures to ensure they are safe.

School Council

We have a thriving school council here at Pakeman, comprised of 2 elected representatives from each of the classes. The School Council meets every half term with a member of staff to discuss school events and changes. After each meeting, the class representatives pass on any news to their classes. Pupils can talk to any of the School Council representatives at any time if they have a worry or concern about something at school, or if they have a great idea that they would like to share. Children can get in touch with their representatives in a number of ways:

- Talking to the representatives when they see them around school
- Writing a letter and giving it to one of the representatives
- Asking questions when the representatives give feedback to the classes following their half-termly meetings.

The School Council also help around the school and are involved in regular events.



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.

World Book Day—Thursday 7th March

This year, Pakeman's theme for World Book Day will be 'Adventure'. As this is a very wide genre, EYFS/KS1 and KS2 will be focusing on different types of adventure stories, including pirates, explorers and magical adventures.

Your child can come to school dressed as their favourite book character, a book character from an adventure story or anything else related to the chosen themes. Feel free to use your imagination and creativity, as there will be some exciting prizes for the most interesting costumes on the day! It is really exciting for the children to dress up for the day, but please remember that **parents/carers are NOT expected to spend money buying costumes for this event.**

During the day, children will take part in lots of literacy activities based around adventure stories and they will also have the opportunity to share their learning with other classes.

We are really looking forward to seeing some amazing costumes and having a fun day reading and learning about different types of adventure stories.

British Science Week

British Science Week is just around the corner! On Tuesday 12th March we will be holding our next 'Pakeman Science Extravaganza' to celebrate. The day will be dedicated to all things science. Students will take part in hands-on experiments and investigations run by Sublime Science throughout the day. To cover the cost of Sublime Science and other resources, we are asking for each student to contribute £4, which should be given in to the children's classes.

For information about Sublime Science, please visit <https://www.sublimescience.com/school-science>



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

World Book Day
Thursday 7th March

British Science Week Event
Tuesday 12th March

Online Safety Workshop for Parents/Carers
Wed 27th March 9am

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:

Should you always forgive others?

BEST OF THE OSCARS

Farida (Red Class)
for excellent
attitude, effort and
behaviour



Last week's best classes for attendance and punctuality

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

Word of the week

Beaming

Definition: Smiling broadly, grinning

Use of the word *beaming* in a sentence:

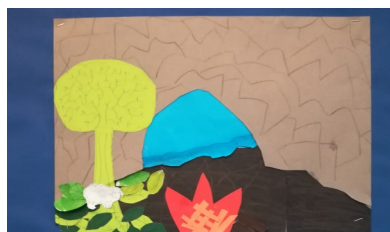
Alison was beaming with pleasure when she opened her exam results and found that she had achieved the grades she needed to get into her chosen university.

Computing in Years 1/2 and Years 5/6

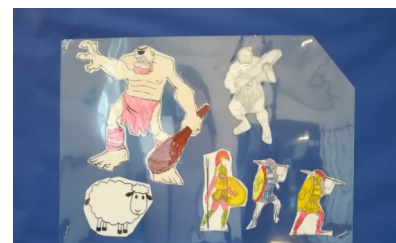
The children love using technology in school for learning. Here you can see the process used and some of the work done by Years 1/2 and Years 5/6 to create films, based on topic work they are doing in class, using **i-motion on the iPads**.

1. Create the background ...

2. Create characters and props ...



Year 5/6 classes made animated films about the Ancient Greek legend 'Odysseus and the Cyclops.'

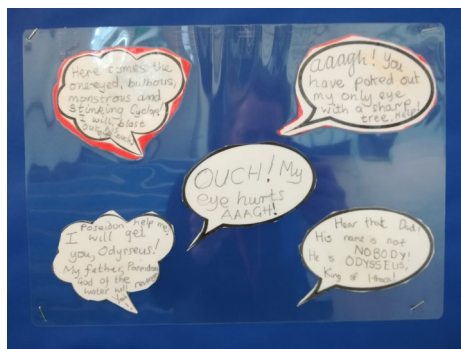


Year 1/2 classes made animated films about their class storybook 'The Runaway Wok'



3. Write speech and thought bubbles

4. Film the scene! Move the characters a small amount each time ... and take a photo after every move ...



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PLAYCENTRE AND CLUBS

Due to staff training, on Thursday 21st March there will be **NO PLAYCENTRE AND NO CLUBS** after school.

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

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 full colour version of this newsletter can be found on our school website at: www.pakemanprimary.co.uk