

# 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 5th April 2019

**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.

### **Easter Holiday**

This is the last newsletter of the Spring Term. We break up today for the Easter holidays today and return to school on Tuesday 23rd April. We hope everyone has a very happy and restful break and look forward to seeing you in a couple of weeks' time. There are several playschemes available in Islington during the holidays and you can find out about these on our website at:

<https://www.pakemanprimary.co.uk/news/easter-holiday-playschemes-in-islington/>

Lunch Bunch is also available during the holidays for children aged 6-12 from low income families. All the details are available on our website at:

<https://www.pakemanprimary.co.uk/news/lunch-bunch/>

### **Street Dance**

Well done to Estelle and all her Street Dance Club Children. They performed brilliantly at AMSI on Tuesday afternoon. Estelle said: 'I'm so proud of all of them for working really hard on their dance piece'. Each child has received an Islington Dance Festival certificate which was presented to them at assembly today after they performed for the school. Thank you to all the parents/carers who came along to see their children perform at both 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.**

## **Special Children's Day at ZSL London Zoo—a date for your diary!**



Special Children's Day is a unique annual event at ZSL London Zoo, welcoming children with special needs and their families and friends. With increased specialist facilities and staff, as well as interactive events and discounted entry, this is an exciting event not to be missed. This year's Special Children's Day will take place on **Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 May 2019**. All Special Children's Day activities are free and all Zoo visitors are welcome to join in the fun!

### **Highlights of the day at the Zoo**

**A Very Special Welcome:** A dedicated Special Children's Day entrance where staff and volunteers will be ready to greet you. Pick up your Special Children's Day planner and meet the friendly animal-costumed characters!

**Singing Hands:** Meet Suzanne and Tracy in person as they introduce you to the amazing world of animals through Makaton themed signs, songs, rhymes, stories and games. Shows are free and run throughout the day.

**Wildlife Gardening:** Plant a seed to take back with you and grow at home or build a bug hotel to attract wildlife to your garden.

**Sensory Storytelling:** Immersive and interactive stories about the natural world. Shows are free and run throughout the day.

**Hands on Habitats:** Investigate the natural world through the hands-on activities.

**LIVE! talks:** Many of the Zoo's amazing animal talks will be accompanied by British Sign Language interpreters throughout the weekend.

**Animal Adventure:** Meet some of the zoo's fantastic animals and keepers and get close up and hands on in the 'Touch Paddock'.

**Art Zone:** Get creative with fun family art activities.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **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:

**Is it true that no act of kindness is wasted?**

## **BEST OF THE OSCARS**

**Reece (Blue  
Class) for being  
very hardworking**



Last week's best classes for attendance and punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most improved Attendance	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Silver	Silver	> 3 Lates
KS2	Orange	Orange	Pink & Red

Word of the week

Artefact

**Definition:** an object made by a someone, that is typically of cultural or historical interest

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

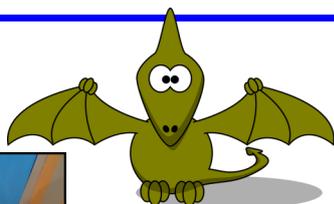
On Monday during History Day the children made a range of historical **artefacts**, including spears, shields and crowns, relating to different periods of time.

**History Day at Pakeman**

History Day on Monday was lots of fun for everyone! The children really loved the event, dressing up in costumes related to different periods of history and making artefacts in school from cardboard boxes, card, paper and paints. With Early Years focusing on dinosaurs, Years 1 and 2 on Knights and Castles, Years 5 and 6 on Romans and Years 3 and 4 on Vikings, we spanned several centuries of history. During the day the governors visited the classrooms and saw the children fully engaged in interactive learning. Then, on Tuesday, at parents' evening, parents/carers had the opportunity to see the children's creations in our very own 'Pakeman Museum' on the stage in the Bottom Hall. Well done to everyone involved in the day, especially Harry, who coordinated the event and a wrote a history quiz for the children to enjoy.



**EYFS—Dinosaurs**



**Years 1 and 2—Knights and Castles**



**Years 5 and 6—Romans**



**Years 3 and 4—Vikings**

