

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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Tuesday 2nd July 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE END OF TERM

We break up for the Summer holidays on Friday 19th July. This will be a half day and all children must be collected at 1.30pm.

There will be no clubs in the last week of term (Monday 15th to Friday 19th July).

Playcentre will be open as usual between Monday 15th and Thursday 18th July. There will no playcentre on Friday 19th July.

THE FIRST DAY BACK IN SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AFTER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS WILL BE THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER.

Bring a Parent to School

We had fantastic series of 'Bring a Parent to school' last week. It was great to see lots of parents/carers taking part in classroom activities and the children thoroughly enjoyed showing them what learning is like in their classrooms.

Bring a Parent Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who attended our 'Bring a Parent' Coffee Morning last Thursday. It was a good turnout and enabled us to hear your Coffee Morning ideas, including pamper days, adult classes and trips to museums. If anyone else has a suggestion Natalie would love to hear from you. You can usually find her at the school gate at the start and end of the school day, or in her office (Bottom Hall).

Upcoming Coffee Mornings

(1) Please join Natalie for our Gillespie Park Picnic Coffee Morning on Friday 5th July. Please meet at 9am in the Lodge to walk onwards to Gillespie Park, a lovely nature reserve close to school. (This would be an ideal place to take your children during the Summer Holidays.) It would be great if you could bring a dish from your culture to share. The group will leave Gillespie Park at 11am

(2) The School Asthma Nurse will be joining us at an Asthma Coffee Morning on Wednesday 10th July at 9am in the Lodge. She will be available to provide information and advice, and to answer any questions from parents/carers.

Learning about Plastics

This week, Pakeman hosted some guests from Yerbury Primary School as part of our collaboration with the Science for Life project. Pakeman and Yerbury students worked together to explore the impact of plastics in our oceans. They focused on microplastics in the form of fibres found in fabrics like fleece. They learned that lots of our clothing is made from synthetic materials and when we wash them, many of these non-degradable fibres end up being eaten by creatures in the oceans. It was a great experience having another school in to enjoy and learn in our Shine Lab.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Summer Fair

Tuesday 2nd July after school

Gillespie Park Picnic Coffee Morning

Friday 5th July 9am in the Lodge

Parents' Evening for all classes apart from Blue and Red)

Monday 8th July

Parents' Evening (Blue and Red Class)

Wednesday 10th July

Asthma Coffee Morning

Wednesday 10th July 9am

Last Day of Term

Friday 19th July—All children must be collected at 1.30pm

First day back at school for children

Thursday 5th September

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 single-use plastics be banned worldwide?

BEST OF THE OSCARS

Marika for her outstanding achievement



Last week's best classes for attendance and punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most improved Attendance	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Gold	All < 95%	Crimson
KS2	Brown	Blue	Brown

Word of the week

Gradient

Definition: A measure of how steep a slope is, often measured as a percentage

Use of the word *gradient* in a sentence:

Cycling up hills with gradients over 10% can be quite challenging, painful and tiring!

2+ CENTRE PLACES AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2019 INTAKE



We have morning and afternoon places available for the September 2019 intake in our fun, exciting and nurturing 2+ centre for children born between:

1st April and 31st August 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

NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2019 INTAKE

We have nursery places available for the September 2019 intake. If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 21st August 2016 you may be entitled to a full-time or part-time place. Please come into the school office for more details.

Marika's Adventure

Congratulations to Marika, our recorder and saxophone teacher, for an absolutely amazing achievement. This is an account of Marika's adventure in her own words:

When I entered the TransAtlantic Way Ride the furthest I had ridden was 500km over 3 days, and that was my idea of a huge achievement. That was at the end of last year. Then, suddenly, I got the opportunity to participate in a 2000km, non-supported, organised ultra-endurance cycling race. That means that the clock is always ticking and no one is going to help you roll out your sleeping bag in the woods. I spent the last 6 months training and researching bikepacking gear before getting to the starting line on the 6th June.

It was a terrifically hard route, following the whole, wiggly west coast of Ireland, with continuous impressive and dramatic scenery. It tested my physical and, to a larger degree, mental strength. I suffered a couple of repetitive use injuries and, knowing that they weren't going to go away, I still had 700km to go, which took an awful lot of willpower.

My favourite parts were when I was talking to locals over my third service station meal of the day, explaining what I'm doing and putting myself through. Without fail, they would say "Well, fair play to ya!". The other riders were what gave the race a soul, I learnt so much about Irish history from a few Irish competitors, riding around Achill Island and the Cliff of Moher.

I will never forget Donegal County's sudden gradients, or climbing Connor Pass to get to the Dingle Peninsula. I was tired and broken, but when I crossed into County Cork, the home stretch, I felt so happy just to still be on a bike and seeing each amazing stretch of coastline.

Here is a selection of photos of Marika's amazing journey, including one of the route she took around the coast of Ireland. Her next adventure will be cycling around the coast of Denmark later this month.

