

# 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 11th October 2019

**Dear Parents/Carers**

### **Uniform Update**

We have decided to allow children from all year groups to wear tracksuit bottoms and leggings (girls) in grey or black as part of the school uniform. However, they have to be completely plain and non-branded.

### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR PARENTS/ CARERS**

#### **Open Play Event**

Don't forget our Open Play Event on **Monday (14th October)**. KS1 parents/carers (Gold, Yellow and Green classes) are invited to their children's playtime from 10.15-10.45. KS2 parents (Pink, Purple, Orange, Brown, Red and Blue classes) are invited to their children's playtime from 10.45-11.15. The children are very excited about having their parents/carers joining them, so please come along and join in the fun.

#### **End of Topic Exhibition**

Parents/carers are invited to come along to our end of topic Britain time travelling exhibition on **Wednesday 15th October after school** in the Bottom Hall. This will showcase some of the work the children have been doing this half term. They love having their work on display so we look forward to seeing you there!

#### **Online Safety Presentation**

Unfortunately, because school had to be closed on Tuesday due to a burst water main, the E-Safety presentation had to be cancelled. However, there is now another opportunity for you to attend this presentation. It will be on **Thursday 16th October at 9am**. Please join us to find out how best to protect your children when they are online at home.

#### **PHSE, Sex and Relationships Curriculum Meeting**

Parents/carers are invited to a meeting about the PHSE, sex and relationships curriculum on **Monday 18th November at 9am**.

#### **Cinema Night**

Make a note in your diary of this exciting event, which the children absolutely love. We are having a Cinema night on **Tuesday 17th December from 6-8pm**. We will let you know which children's film will be shown once that has been decided!

#### **Year 3/4 Girls Football**

Congratulations to our fantastic team of girls—Aleya, Ana Luisa, Anisa, Ella, Jet, Kayla, Muntaha, Nevaeh, Sofia, Xayaana and Zuleka—who excelled in the Islington girls' football competition. By winning five matches and drawing one in spectacular fashion they have reached the finals of the competition. Here they are after their triumph on the pitch!! Well done to all of them and a special mention for Jet who scored 12 goals! We wish them the best of luck for the finals.



#### **Islington Girls' Football**

Football training opportunities are available for girls, which are provided by Islington Council in partnership with Arsenal in the Community and Better. These are held at Whittington Park Football Pitch, Holloway Road, London N19 4RS.

For girls aged 5-11, the sessions are on Wednesdays from 5-6pm.

For girls in school years 4-10 there are youth teams, which involve Saturday morning matches.

#### **Back History Month**

To round off our Black History Month celebrations, the kitchen staff are providing a special lunch menu for children and staff on Wednesday 30th October. This will be comprised of:

Jerk chicken, rice and peas  
Vegetarian Jollof rice  
Sweetcorn and peppers

.... and a really exciting dessert of:  
Banana cake with spicy custard  
We can't wait!!!!

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **Open Play Event for Parents**

Monday 14th October

KS1 10.15-10.45

KS2 10.45-11.15

#### **Last day of half-term**

Friday 18th October

#### **First day back after half-term**

Monday 28th October

#### **Bring a Parent to School**

All events 9.00—10.00am

Yr 1/2 Mon 11th November

EYFS Tues 12th November

Yr 5/6 Wed 13th November

Yr 3/4 Thurs 14th November

#### **PHSE, Sex and Relationships Curriculum Meeting**

Monday 18th November 9am

#### **Christmas Fair**

10th December after school

#### **Last Day of Term**

Thursday 19th December

**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:

**What are you most determined to do in your life?**

### **BEST OF THE OSCARS**

**Zayna (Purple Class) and Zara (Red Class)**

**receive a joint Oscar for showing excellent initiative**



### Last week's best classes for attendance and punctuality

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

### Word of the week

## Celebrate

**Definition:** to take part in special enjoyable activities to show that a particular occasion is important

**Use of the word *celebrate* in a sentence:**  
This month we have really enjoyed celebrating Black History Month.

### Black History Month Celebrations

We have been having a fantastic time celebrating Black History Month. Last Thursday we had a very special Coffee Morning that was filled with Reggae and Soul Music, as well as dishes from Africa and the Caribbean. The celebrations were further complemented by poet Priscilla who recited heart-warming anecdotes and messages of self love, progress and self-empowerment. Those present enjoyed the occasion hugely as well as being deeply moved by our guest's contribution to the event.



Then, on Friday, we had a truly amazing Black History Month Assembly, which also embodied positive messages, including facts on famous and important figures, both present-day and historical, in Black British History. In addition, we were wowed by wonderful live performances: Natalie and Sara sang Sam Cooke's *Change Gonna Come* with Harry on guitar; and Natalie, Sara and Lisa sang Sounds of Blackness's *Optimistic*, with Samuel on keyboards.

### Fantastic Achievement

We were delighted at our Friday whole-school assembly to present Jaden with a certificate recognising his fantastic achievements on the Chance UK programme. For all the activities he did with his mentor Sean, Jaden received high praise. Among the very positive feedback he received, Jaden was described as 'an absolute wizard when it comes to technology'. He also showed a natural talent for the sport of Parkour (which uses movement alone to get from one point to another in a complex environment, in the fastest, most efficient way possible). Not only that, he collaborated in creating a comic book and conquered a water park course. Well done to Jaden!



### Last week in Reception the children had to be detectives!

Reception have been learning the rhyme 'The Queen of Hearts' and so planned to have jam tarts as a golden time treat, but on Monday, can you believe it? Somebody stole the jam tarts!! Because the children weren't sure who it could have been they had to call Police Officer Smith to help. He told them to look for evidence, fill in a crime report and make some 'Wanted posters' to see if they could work out who had taken them.



**The evidence found:** footprints, empty wrappers and crumbs.

**The suspects:** The Knave of Hearts, The King, The Cookie Monster, The Grinch and Bigfoot.

On Thursday, the Reception classes received an email from Police Officer Smith to say that he had caught the culprit: It was The Knave of Hearts! He also told them that he had found the jam tarts and sent them back to school for them to enjoy on Friday. Hip-hip-hooray—that was today and they all enjoyed their jam tarts treat!