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Thank you for taking the time to read this weekly newsletter. We hope you will find its contents useful.

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Return To School

We are very much looking forward to all the children returning to school and can't wait to welcome them back. We have put together some ideas to help you to prepare your child for their return to school. We appreciate that parents, carers and children will have different emotions about returning to school and want this experience to be a positive one for everyone. The links that follow have been put together from the Schools Wellbeing Service. We hope you will find them useful.



This [video](#) has five useful and practical tips for parents and carers to help children feel confident to return to school after lockdown.

Practical ideas are included in this [poster](#) to help you prepare for the first day back.

[Letting go and future plans activity](#) allows children to acknowledge what they have missed out on and also encourages them to think about what they are looking forward to in the future.

[Ollee, the free online virtual friend](#) is an online facility that can help you support your child with any worries and concerns they have about returning to school and other things. Ollee asks a few questions to understand the problem and then gives supportive advice and ideas to help.



You can also check Childline for some useful ideas about returning to school. [Going back to school Childline](#)

If your child is particularly anxious please do let school know. You can message your class teacher through Class Dojo. Alternatively, you can ring the school office and ask to speak to Marcia or email her directly on mharris@pakeman.islington.sch.uk



Important Dates:

Back in school
Mon 8th March

Spring Term Ends
Wed 31st March

Return To School
Tues 20th April

STAFF INSET DAY
Mon 19th April

POLLING DAY
Thurs 6th May
(School Closed)

Science Week

Next week is Science Week. Why not do some research this weekend? Start by taking a look at some famous scientists: [Famous Scientists List For Kids | DK Find Out](#)



STARS OF THE WEEK



Mustafa	(Blue class)
Natalie	(Red class)
Sidrit	(Brown class)
Samarah	(Pink class)
Asma	(Purple class)
Nora	(Orange class)
Zeriga	(Gold class)
Alisha	(Green class)
Adem	(Yellow class)
Adem	(Silver class)
Skylah-Rae	(Crimson class)

Nursery & 2 Plus – ALL the children for settling back into school so well this week!

Spring Daffodils

The daffodil is the national flower of Wales. As 1st March was St David's day children in years 1 and 2 decided to get crafty and make some beautiful card daffodils of their own.



Did you know?...

- * The bulbs and flowers of daffodils contain an alkaloid called galantamine which helps to treat people with Alzheimer's Disease.
- * There are at least 25 different daffodil species.
- * The daffodil has a Latin name – Narcissus and many believe that this was inspired by the Greek myth of Narcissus.

If you want to listen to the Greek myth about Narcissus click here: ['Narcissus' \(animation\) - KS2 English - BBC Bitesize](#)



Make a paper daffodil

Why don't you try making your own paper daffodil this weekend? You can use these instructions: [St David's Day - Paper Daffodil - CBeebies - BBC](#)

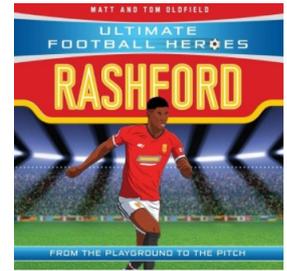
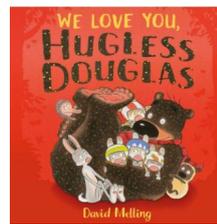
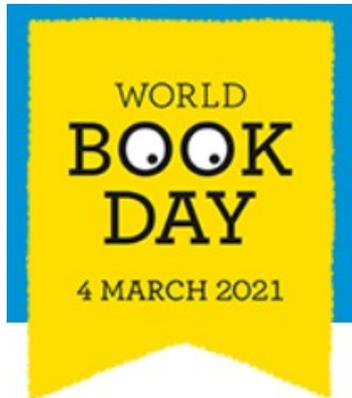


WORLD BOOK DAY - FREE STORIES AND BOOKS

World Book Day's World of Stories allows you to enjoy many new, **FREE audiobooks** for World Book Day 2021! There is a great selection for all age groups.

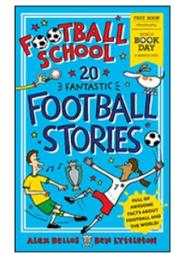
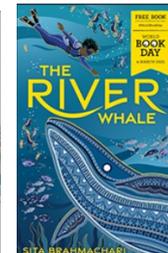
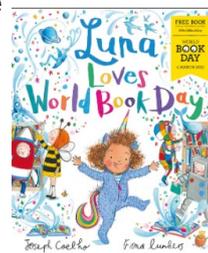
Click here to choose one of many wonderful story books:

[World Book Day Audiobooks](#)



Thanks to National Book Tokens and many book publishers and booksellers, World Book Day, in partnership with schools, distribute **£1 World Book Day book tokens** to children. These £1 book tokens can then be swapped for an exclusive, new and completely **FREE World Book Day book**. These books are available from many booksellers. The tokens can also be used to get **£1 off** any full price book instead.

Book tokens will be given to children next week, on their return to school but must be used before 28th March. If this date alters, due to lockdown restrictions, we will let you know.



Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month, and International Women's Day, 8th March, is also a part of the celebration each year. International Women's Day is an annual event that celebrates all the amazing things women have achieved, as well as celebrating some brilliant women.



COMPETITION TIME

If you like doing extra topics at home then this is the competition for you! We would like you to do some research about a famous woman and bring it into school. You must bring work into class by next **Wednesday, 10th March**. Your class teacher will send your work to Emma's office. Your work could be a fact file, a piece of art, some sort of information text or even a topic book. It is up to you. Make your work colourful and well presented. The lucky winner will get a prize. **GOOD LUCK!**

For ideas you might like to look on the following website: [Famous people from history - BBC Teach](#)

World Book Day - Dressing Up Fun

Many children dressed up as book characters to celebrate World Book Day. Take a look at some of their fantastic outfits.

