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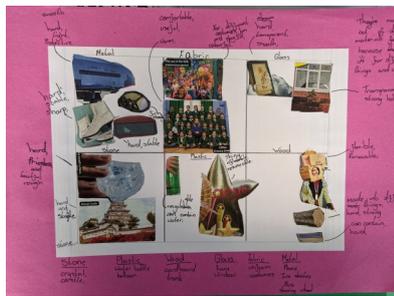
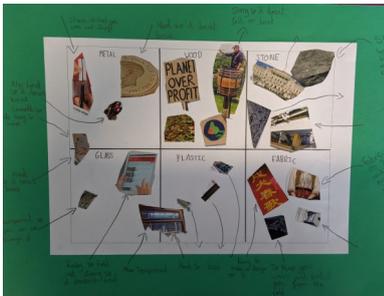
Friday 19th March 2021

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

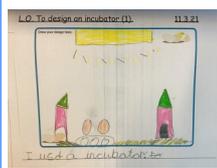
## Science Week

It was Science Week last week. Here at Pakeman the children had great fun carrying out a range of investigations.

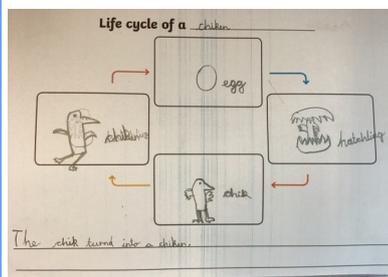
Years 5 and 6 investigated properties of materials. First they made a collage of the different materials they had learned about and listed their properties. Then they carried out experiments to test which materials were the best insulators, conductors of electricity and whether they were permeable or impermeable.



Years 3 and 4 performed some practical science experiments using simple materials. They used a clever technique to climb through a piece of paper, created an impossible 1-sided shape and even learned a couple of magic tricks.



Years 1 and 2 watched a short video clip which helped them to learn about the life cycle of a chicken. They also made bread.



EYFS did some science investigating through stories. They grew beans whilst reading Jack and the Beanstalk.



## Important Dates:

**Spring Term Ends**  
Wed 31st March

**Return To School**  
Tues 20th April

**STAFF INSET DAY**  
Mon 19th April  
(school closed)

**POLLING DAY**  
Thurs 6th May  
(school closed)

## Covid Vaccination

If you are over 50, a frontline health or social care worker or clinically extremely vulnerable you now have the option of [booking your vaccine online](#). Or you can call 119 for free. If you prefer to receive the vaccine at a GP surgery, you must still wait to be contacted.



## STARS OF THE WEEK



- |          |                 |
|----------|-----------------|
| Mia      | (Blue class)    |
| Anisa    | (Red class)     |
| Yusuf    | (Brown class)   |
| Mohamoud | (Pink class)    |
| Ayoub    | (Purple class)  |
| Grace    | (Orange class)  |
| Alisha   | (Gold class)    |
| Ismael   | (Green class)   |
| Melissa  | (Yellow class)  |
| Luis     | (Silver class)  |
| Aqeel    | (Crimson class) |
| Julia    | (Lilac class)   |
| Kaelan   | (2 Plus)        |



## Gussy The Ice Cream Man

Wednesday was our lucky day at Pakeman. Gussy the ice cream man made a surprise visit to our playground and rewarded all the children and staff for their hard work during lockdown. It was such a lovely treat and we are so grateful to Gussy for his kindness and generosity. These photos show just how much we enjoyed his visit. Thank you SO much Gussy! 



## Families for Life

Families for Life now produce a regular newsletter aimed at families with children aged 2 – 11 years old. This will be published three times a year and will include lots of tips and advice for families on how to live well and feel good. Please click on the link if you would like to access or subscribe to this newsletter: [Families for Life newsletter](#)

**Families for Life**  
*feeling good and living well*



The first newsletter provides some great ideas around physical activity to improve mental health. Items include parent and carer support groups and useful workshops about [sleep deprivation](#) in children. It also looks at [Stormbreaker](#), an online platform, which aims to improve children's mental health through movement.

## Free Music Lessons

Arco is an Islington based music charity that believes making music should be a possibility for every child. They are currently offering **free music lessons** for the coming 4 weeks, hoping to reach as many of Islington's young people as possible. If you're interested in accessing these lessons for your child please check the link for more details:

<https://www.arcomusicforall.org/>



### When?

13,20, 27 March &  
3 April 2021

12.15 - 13.00



### Where?

Virtually via Zoom.  
Details will be sent  
upon registration.

Register via  
[info@arcomusicforall.org](mailto:info@arcomusicforall.org)



## FREE MUSIC LESSONS

### What?

Introduction to the violin  
through songs, rhythms,  
music notation  
and crafts!

### Who?

Children aged 4 - 7

Parents/Carers are  
encouraged  
to join!



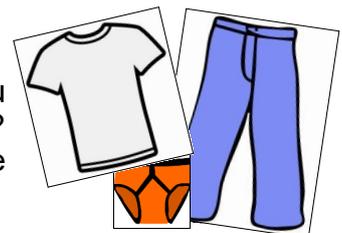
## Parent/Carer Governor

Our governing body has a vacancy for a parent/carers governor. Governors play a key role in the school and meet once or twice a term. Their role is to work closely with the headteacher making sure that all children thrive and the school provides a good standard of education. You are allowed to propose yourself but all nominations need to be seconded by another parent/carers at the school. If you are interested or want to nominate someone else, please let Emma know by Friday 26th March. She will arrange to talk to you informally and explain a bit more about what is involved. She can also answer any questions you have.



## Spare Clothing For Nursery

**A gentle reminder for our Nursery parents and carers** - Can you please ensure that your child has a spare set of clothes at school? Please provide a **top, underwear and bottoms**. This is just in case they need to be changed during the day.



**A plea to all our parents and carers** - we would be happy to receive under-five's clothing (especially bottoms) that your older children have grown out of. This will give us an additional supply of spare clothing for our Nursery children should they be needed. Please hand these in to the office or Marcia in the playground.

**Help On Your Doorstep** are offering a virtual coffee morning next Thursday, 25th March for any parents and carers interested.

# **VIRTUAL COFFEE BREAK**

## **THURSDAY 25TH MARCH**

**11:00 – 12:00**

**HELP ON YOUR DOORSTEP**

**We all need a bit of advice**



**Please join us for a zoom coffee break**

**Help on Your Doorstep aims to improve the health and wellbeing of people in Islington**

**Working with residents we seek to find solutions to the issues which make life difficult.**

**Employment and learning – Health and wellbeing**

**Housing (including disrepair) – Risk of homelessness**

**Home safety – fuel costs – Legal problems – Money including debt**

**Welfare benefits and financial hardship**

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**PASSCODE: COFFEE**

**Grab a cuppa and click the link**

