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

## The Big Ask



Millions of children in England are to be given the chance to tell the government what their childhoods should look like through a national survey called 'The Big Ask'. The aim is to find out from children what life is like for them, including hopes they have and any challenges they face.

The aim is that 'The Big Ask' will be the biggest survey of children ever carried out in this country. The survey closes May 19th. If you would like to take part in this national survey then please click on the link: [The Big Ask](#)



## Eid Mubarak

Many of our Pakeman families and staff will celebrate Eid al-Fitr this week. So we take this opportunity to wish those families a happy Eid.

As we are unable to share this celebration in the usual way, at school with parents and carers, we very much look forward to hearing about them.



## 2+ Minibeasts Topic

2+ children have had a busy week. As part of their Minibeast topic they have been reading the *Superworm* story, singing *Herman the worm* song and creating spiders, caterpillars and worms. They have also been preparing for Eid celebrations through art activities and mark-making experiences such as drawing around their hands and decorating them.



## Thank you Lidl

It was Staff Appreciation Week last week and our new local Lidl store came up trumps by donating some mint chocolate boxes and chocolate bunnies for our Pakeman staff. We are really grateful to the Holloway branch store manager, Paul Jaggs, for making this happen and for helping us to show how much we really appreciate our staff. We very much hope we will be able to work with our local Lidl store again in the future for any local initiatives that take place. Thank you Paul!



## STARS OF THE WEEK



Eliakim	2 +
Robyn	Lilac
Adem	Silver
Levent	Crimson
Landa	Yellow
Shecor	Gold
Maria	Green
Rica	Pink
Ayoob	Purple
Tanzila	Orange
Anisa	Brown
Fadumo	Red
Izzah	Blue

Well done superstars!

## Pakeman Cooking Club

Marcia's after school cooking club got off to a tasty start last week. The group of years 5 and 6 children made some delicious looking pasta with fresh tomato and basil sauce.



Click this link if you would like a recipe for tomato and basil sauce.

[BBC Good Food](#)



## Year 5 and 6 - The Windrush Child

Years 5 and 6 created still life fruit art based on their new topic 'Windrush'. They have been learning about the migration of Caribbean people to Great Britain after World War Two. As part of their topic, they are reading a book called *Windrush Child* by Benjamin Zephaniah about a boy called Leonard who moves from Jamaica to England. In the story, one of the things that Leonard loved most about Jamaica was the amazing, tropical fresh fruit. The children drew and painted these amazing pictures of watermelon, papaya, pineapple and mango. Lucky for them, they even got to taste them too. [Benjamin Zephaniah's new book: Windrush Child - CBBC Newsround](#)



## Attendance and Punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most Improved Attendance	Best Punctuality
<b>EYFS &amp; KS1</b>	Gold Class	Gold Class	Crimson Class Yellow Class
<b>KS2</b>	Purple Class	Purple Class	Orange Class Purple Class



Who was the best class last week?



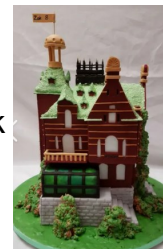
## Word of the Week

### PECULIAR

- Strange or unusual
- Belonging to a particular person, place or thing.

Use of the word *peculiar* in a sentence:

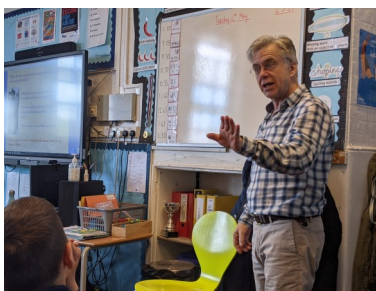
The cake was a peculiar to look at but it still tasted delicious.



## Phil the Story teller

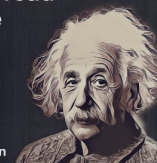
Last week Phil the story teller came to visit Pakeman and told some of his wonderful stories to all the children from Nursery to year 6.

Phil likes to help children learn by feeding their imaginations with great tales of wonder, excitement and adventure. The children certainly enjoyed Phil's story telling during his visit last week. Why not take a look at [The Story Emporium](#) if you'd like to hear more of Phil's stories.



If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales.

- Albert Einstein



## Free Social Media Awareness Training for Parents & Carers in Camden and Islington



Do you live in Camden or Islington and want to know what apps your kids are using and why?  
Are your children in year 6 or above?

Want to understand when it's ok to intervene in your child's online life and when to respect their privacy?

The **Social Switch Project**, in partnership with Camden and Islington Council and supported by the Mayor of London, is offering a **free interactive course delivered online** for parents, guardians and carers of **year 6 children** and upwards, living in the boroughs of Camden and Islington. It will hopefully give you the confidence to deal with the **challenges and opportunities of social media for young people** and give you a chance to **share your experiences** with other parents by learning together. You do not need to be an expert on social media to help your children use it positively and responsibly.

The training will run once per week over 4 weeks:

- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 (10-11:30am)
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (10-11:30am)
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (10-11:30am)
- Final Date and Time TBC

For more information or to book your place please contact Marcia via the office (020 7607 2595) or email her directly at [mharris@pakeman.islington.sch.uk](mailto:mharris@pakeman.islington.sch.uk)