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**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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Thank You

It has been such an extraordinary year for everyone this year and it is important to acknowledge the huge effort everyone has made at Pakeman. Our staff and governors have worked incredibly hard, together with our parents and carers, to ensure that all our children have been kept safe, continued to learn and have had fun. Staff have been wonderful in the way they have still managed to organise some lovely and memorable events for the children.

Despite the challenges presented by the restrictions, our children have continued to work hard and succeed. Learning at home, without the usual classroom resources and regular communication with friends has been difficult for our children. But they did it and we are so proud of their perseverance and achievements. In terms of navigating ourselves through the new world of Remote Learning and Zoom, we have all succeeded in a remarkable way.

As the year draws to a close, we are sad to say goodbye to our year 2 teacher, Stevie Barrow. We would like to thank Stevie for her work with Green Class this year and wish her well in her future career.

This will be the last newsletter this term, so we take this opportunity to thank you for your support and to wish everyone in our Pakeman community a very happy, restful and safe summer. Our newsletter this week hopefully highlights some of the many things on offer across the borough throughout the holiday period. Let's hope the sun shines and the virus lies low. We want our families to have the opportunity they deserve - which is to get out and about safely and enjoy some of these wonderful facilities, should they wish to.



Important Dates:

Last day of term

Wed 21st July - **1.45pm**

First day of term

Monday 6th Sept

STAFF INSET DAYS:

1st, 2nd, 3rd Sept

REMINDER

School closes for the summer holidays after lunch on Wednesday. **ALL CHILDREN ARE TO BE COLLECTED AT 1.45pm**

There is **NO** after school playcentre on Wednesday.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Maravilha	2+
All children	Lilac
All children	Silver
All children	Crimson
Harry	Yellow
All children	Gold
Nadira	Green
Mya	Pink
Ethan	Purple
Amelia	Orange
Xayaana	Brown
Ayub	Red
Faduma	Blue

Well done superstars!

Summer Activities

We've put together some things in this newsletter - many of which offer free or reduced cost places. If you need any help accessing any of the information on the various websites please let Marcia or Natalie know. You can contact them via the school office **020 7607 2575** or email mharris@pakeman.islington.sch.uk or nbroomes@pakeman.islington.sch.uk

Awesome Adventure Playgrounds

Awesome Adventure Playgrounds are **free to all 6 - 13 year olds living in Islington**. Children can be dropped off and are supervised by a team of play workers during daily play sessions. These play sessions are free. Where there are any costs for specific activities or events including trips, staff will provide information and details where this may apply.

All adventure playgrounds close between 1 – 2pm. However, Awesome Adventure do offer a Lunch Club option which runs during the playground lunch closure in the school holidays.

(There is a small cost and parents must provide the lunch). There are limited spaces and payments for Lunch Club needs to be made in advance and are non-refundable.

To take part in this playground scheme you must register in advance online. To register and to find out more details of the playgrounds and the fun timetables they offer visit the website:

<https://awesomeadventureplay.org/our-adventure-playgrounds/whats-on/>



Awesome Adventure Playgrounds include:

- ◇ **Waterside**
- ◇ **Three Corners**
- ◇ **Barnard**

Pakeman Pets Holiday Care

Reception teacher, Tegan, has set up a Go Fund Me page for our Pakeman pets. Our Reception children are aiming to raise a small pot of money to contribute towards the up keep and cost of Ducky, Fluffy and Rainbow's 'holiday care' over the summer at our local farm. If you would like to help, we would be so grateful.

Simply click on the link for more information:



https://www.gofundme.com/f/pakemans-pet-ducks?utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_source=customer

Thank you in advance for any support.

FREE Access to Sports Project - A reminder

The Access to Sports project is a community led sports development charity that works across the London boroughs of Islington, Haringey and Hackney.



They offer an amazing summer holiday coaching programme across a variety of sports. They have recently launched the new full timetable. The holiday activities are **FREE** and include:

Football	Basketball
Multi-sports	Mini Olympics
Tennis	Roller skating



For more timetable information and to book these activities please click on the link:

[Online Bookings – Access to Sports Project](#)

This Saturday, Access To Sport will be running a Community Football Competition. Any years 5 and 6 children who would like to take part can find out more information by clicking here: [Community Football Competition](#)

Hackney Tennis

Hackney Tennis Holiday Camps are back with five weeks of tennis action running during the Summer holidays.



Camps run from Monday 26th July to Friday 27th August 2021.

Book soon to take advantage of Early Bird discounts. Camps are running at Clissold Park, Hackney Downs, and London Fields.

<https://www.hackneytennis.co.uk/>



Islington Children's Holiday Bikeability

Children's school holiday Bikeability courses are back and running in the summer holidays.

Islington Council offers **free** Bikeability cycle training for children aged 9 -16 years old in the school holidays at **Rosemary Gardens (N1)** and **Tollington Place (N4)**.



There are also three other courses available to suit your child's age and ability:

Beginners – learning to ride (age 5 and up, two day course)

Level 1 Bikeability – off-road control skills (5-9 years, two day course)

Level 2 Bikeability – on-road training for more confident riders (9-12 years, four day course)

For more information and to book visit the link: [Islington Children's Holiday Bikeability](#)

Islington Play Association Adventure Playgrounds

The Islington Play Association are looking forward to welcoming children throughout the summer holidays. Four Adventure Playgrounds are available and these are free to children aged 6 upwards. Children who use the playgrounds must be registered. To do this please click on the link:



<https://islingtonplay.org.uk/take-part/register-your-child/>

Dates: Monday 26th of July to Friday 27th of August

Opening times: 10.30am to 5.30pm



There will also be free lunches available for all children. These will be provided by Islington Council's Lunch Bunch and by The Mayor's Fund for London's Kitchen Social.

IPA Playgrounds include:

- ◇ **Crumbles Castle**
- ◇ **Toffee Park**
- ◇ **Timbuktu**
- ◇ **Lumpy Hill**

Summer Playschemes



Paradise Park Children's Centre in Islington currently still have a few places available for their playscheme. Costs vary from £19.52 - £23.00 per day including lunch. For more information and to book:

Tel: 020 7697 7341 Email info@islingtonplay.org.uk

For information about several other holiday playschemes across the borough please click on the link: [Islington Playscheme Directory](#)

Some of these playschemes have a limited number of **free places** that are available for children eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

Library services for families, children and young people

All Islington libraries have a children's area with books, music, story CDs, magazines, comics, games and toys to play with. Other children's resources include free computers, Wi-Fi, DVDs and PlayStation games to play in the library.

Children age 5 to 11 can use library computers to access the internet independently from the age of 8, as long as the child has a permission letter from a parent or carer. Children can also play video games by booking a session on the Playstation 3 consoles.

Toy libraries

Parents can borrow up to three toys for three weeks, free of charge. Borrowing times are:



Mildmay Library: Thursdays 11.30am-1pm

North Library: Tuesdays 11.30am-1pm

West Library: Fridays 11.30am-1pm

Finsbury Library: Thursdays 11.30am-1pm

To find out more - contact Geoff James at geoff.james@islington.gov.uk or on 020 7527 6997.

Trampoline Park at the Sobell Leisure Centre

If you are looking to entertain the children in the holidays and want to try something different then take a look at the Trampoline Park at Islington's Sobell Leisure Centre. The centre offers a huge main jump arena with unique features allowing you to pull off some crazy flips and burn off some energy. You can master acrobatic tricks and try out other cool things including a fidget ladder, slack line, foam pits and performance walls.



The Sobell Centre have very kindly donated to Pakeman **THREE FREE Trampoline Park ticket packages (each to include 1 adult and 2 children).**

On Monday every Pakeman child will have their name put in a very special Pakeman draw. If your name comes out of the draw then you will be the winners of these special Trampoline Park tickets. **Good luck everyone!**

Thanks to Lee Bland from the Sobell Leisure Centre for making this a possibility for our families.

Opening hours

Day	Times
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	2pm - 6:30pm
Wednesday	10am - 1pm
Thursday	10am - 1pm
Friday	3pm - 7pm
Saturday	9:30am - 5pm
Sunday	9:30am - 5pm

Pakeman Sunflowers

Hopefully, over the summer holidays, our Well-being Day sunflowers will continue to grow. Our Pakeman gardeners have been keeping a close eye on them and the seeds have got off to a very good start. Let's hope they continue to grow over the holidays when you're relaxing away from school.



ESOL Advice Service

The ESOL Advice Service will be closing over the Summer from next Friday 23 July. If language learners would like to join an ESOL course after this date, please contact colleges directly.

You can also visit [online ESOL activities](#) if you would like to continue learning English from home.



Webinar for Parents and Carers

Islington Council is hosting a webinar for parents and carers – **How to keep Young People Safe Online and in the Community**. This webinar is relevant for parents and carers living in Camden or Islington who look after a young person aged between 11 - 18 years.

The webinar will take place online over two sessions:

Date: Tuesday 3rd August and Thursday 5 August

Time: 6 – 8PM

You will be guided through these topics:

- Peer groups and gangs
- Grooming and exploitation/county lines
- Social media and empowerment

Parents can learn how to be more aware of the difficulties and dangers their children face and learn some tools and techniques to help young people stay out of trouble and cope with the difficulties they encounter.

Each session takes two hours and is a dynamic and interactive workshop facilitated by Marcel Campbell who has a wealth of experience of working with young people across boroughs.

According to Islington's Youth and Community Service, this is particularly significant this summer as London has seen a surge in cases of Serious Youth Violence. Their aim is to protect all of our children, whilst recognising that those children from Black, Asian and Ethnic backgrounds have been overrepresented as victims.

For further information and to book:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/islington-council-31039106401>



Lunch Bunch Summer 2021

This summer, Lunch Bunch have an exciting programme of free fun food activities for Islington parents and children aged 2-11. They aim to help everyone get active and to cook and eat healthy meals together! There will be no cost for ingredients.



Lunch Bunch will be running during the summer school holidays and will be offered as part of a variety of activities that are running across the borough.

Lunch Bunch provide:

- ◆ Recipe cards
- ◆ Recipe videos on Islington YouTube channel
- ◆ Virtual Family Kitchen cook along (single sessions)
- ◆ Virtual Family Kitchen cooking programme (4 sessions)



Some activities will need to be booked in advance. For further information please contact the Lunch Bunch team:

lunch.bunch@islington.gov.uk or call the Family Information Service on **020 7527 5959**.