

# 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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## Pakemen Gets Festive

Children in 2+ and nursery have been very busy getting festive. They have been making lovely snowy pictures, stockings, twinkly stars, sparkly trees and lollipops to decorate classrooms for the festive season.



## Important Dates



Last Day of Term  
amended:

**Thursday 16th December**

First day back at school  
for children:

Wed 5th January 2022



## STARS OF THE WEEK



All the children and  
staff at Pakeman for  
working so hard this  
term.

Thank you and well  
done everyone.



## Seasons Greetings



Pakeman Bear would like to send the Pakeman school community his warmest wishes for the holiday season! He hopes everyone stays safe and well and looks forward to seeing the children in 2022. Let's hope the new year brings us all good health and happiness.



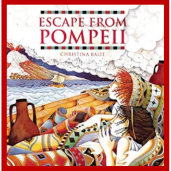
## Take A Peek Inside Our Classrooms

It has been very difficult to invite visitors into our classrooms in the usual way recently. So we thought it might be nice to bring some of our classroom display work into the newsletter this week.

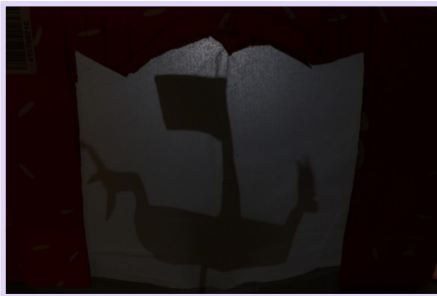
Reception children have been looking at art work by a Russian painter called Wassily Kandinsky. They used his idea of painted circles to create colourful paper rings and made them into round autumn leaves. These beautiful trees are the result.



In Years 1 and 2 children became fantastic weavers for the day and produced their own version of Kente cloth. In Ghana, Kente is worn by Ashanti royalty and the different patterns have special meanings.



Our Years 3 and 4 children have produced some great scenes through their own puppet shows. They combined their Roman topic work with their science light topic and produced clever scenes from the book *Escape From Pompeii*.



In Years 5 and 6 the children have created some very artistic scenes reflecting the Blitz in 1940. These pictures were part of their World War 2 topic. The results are very effective.



## Free Story Telling Event

Dani the storyteller is preparing to create a story telling winter wonderland at Caledonian Park. This sensory storytelling for under 5s will explore the frosty feel in the air, the snowy trees and the animals who make the park their home in winter.

Children will be invited to participate in an immersive storytelling experience which will help develop communication and language, physical, social and emotional development through play and imagination.



**Date:** Monday 20th December  
**Time:** 10am  
**Place:** Caledonian Park N7 9PL

## FREE FOOTBALL FOR GIRLS

**Venue: Tufnell Park Primary,  
31 Carleton Road, London N7 0HJ**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY** (excluding half terms)  
Ages: School years 5 & 6  
Start date: Wednesday 6th October,  
5-6.30pm

**EVERY SATURDAY MORNING**  
Ages: School years 3 & 4 – 9-10.15am  
followed by years 5 & 6 – 10.30am-12pm  
Start date: Saturday 9th October

**All sessions are FREE of charge.**

Training takes place outside on Astro turf.

**All participants must wear shin pads.**

Register via [www.playthearsenalway.com](http://www.playthearsenalway.com)

For more information please contact  
[jwarnock@arsenal.co.uk](mailto:jwarnock@arsenal.co.uk)



If you are finding it hard to get, or pay for essential supplies, you may be entitled to help over the holidays. Islington Council have a list of suppliers, which includes some local food shops, chemists and others that deliver to your home. Services include delivery of hot meals, food parcels, shopping and prescriptions. They also provide information and support with gas and electricity smart meters. For further information please click on the link:



[helponyourdoorstep.com/food-and-essential-supplies](http://helponyourdoorstep.com/food-and-essential-supplies)

## Christmas and Mental Health



There are often many additional pressures on us at this time of year which can affect our mental health in different ways. If you need support **Mind** outlines ways that the period around Christmas and New Year might affect your mental health. They give tips on how to cope and ideas for helping others.

[Support at Mind](#)

**Mind 0300 123 3393**

At Pakeman, we take mental health and well-being seriously. Our school website also highlights many links which may be useful:



[pakemanprimary.co.uk/news/emotional-well-being-and-mental-health-web-links/](http://pakemanprimary.co.uk/news/emotional-well-being-and-mental-health-web-links/)

## Food Bank News

This is a reminder that a pop-up food bank will set up for 3 days in Islington in December. No referral is needed. Families can just turn up and get food if they need it.

**Venue:** Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street N1 0QH

