

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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Friday 11th February 2022

It's Okay To Be Different

This term, Emma encouraged all the classes at Pakeman to read "It's Okay To Be Different" by Todd Parr. This wonderful book talks about how we are all different. It helps children learn to embrace the differences in the world around them and to be proud of themselves and their families. We wanted to share some of the work produced in school by children and staff. More will appear on our school website.

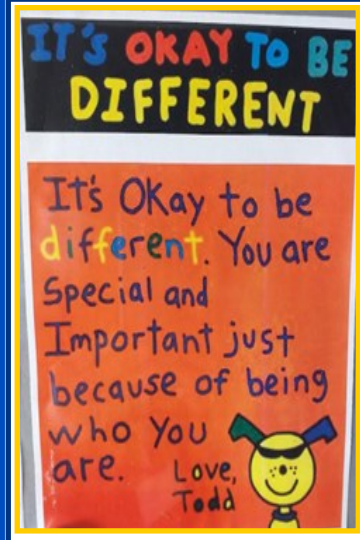


DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Half term:

Monday 14th February

Friday 18th February



STARS OF THE WEEK



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| Indigo | Aribah |
| Lilac | Maryam |
| Silver | Xion |
| Crimson | Adel |
| Yellow | Nasim |
| Gold | Luis |
| Green | lauren |
| Pink | Abdirahman |
| Purple | Tiger Lily |
| Orange | Hanifa |
| Brown | Ismael |
| Red | Riley |
| Blue | Kinga |

Well done superstars!



Attendance and Punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most Improved Attendance	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Yellow Class	Yellow Class	Yellow Class Green Class
KS2	Under 96%	Under 96%	Blue Class



Imagine Children's Festival

The largest festival of its kind in the UK, *Imagine Children's Festival*, will take place during half term at the South Bank. The festival is dedicated to families wanting to experience all kinds of art and culture together. Many of the half term events are **free**. For details of all events please visit: [Imagine Children's Festival](#)



February Half Term Activities

Islington Playschemes

A number of reduced cost playschemes are available across Islington this half term. Parents and carers can enquire about fees and availability for childcare places through this link: [Islington Playschemes](#)



INTENSIVE HALF TERM LESSONS IN ISLINGTON 14TH-18TH FEB

Book children swim lessons this half term at our pools
Cally - 9-11am Archway 8.30-10.30am
Highbury 8.30-10.30am Ironmonger Row 1-3pm

For more information please speak to a member of staff or visit

<https://www.betterlessons.org.uk/onlinejoining>



Discovering Birds

Why not get some binoculars and try to spot some of the many fabulous feathered friends you can find in Hyde Park? Activities also include bird feeder making, discovery trails, arts and craft activities and bird box making. Activities are free and take place in the Look Out at Hyde Park. All children must be accompanied by an adult. For details: <http://www.royalparks.org.uk/parks/hydepark>



Museum of the Home

This recently reopened museum is a great place for children. This half term, a special free activity will take place. **'Welcome Home Friend'** uses both story telling and an artist-led workshop to celebrate how we can make people feel welcome. All activities are inspired by a book called *'The Doll'* by Nhung N.

For details please visit:

www.museumofthehome.org.uk or call 020 7739 9893



Islington Beat The Street

Islington will soon be setting up Beat the Street. This is a free, fun, walking and cycling giant game which aims to get staff, pupils and their families out and about in the local area, having fun and keeping healthy. The Islington game will run from **23rd March to 4th May 2022**. Already 1.5 million people and 4,000 schools have taken part in games across the UK and beyond.



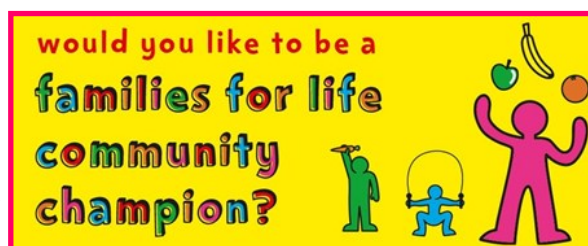
Beat the Street is designed to get children and communities moving by helping people to make small changes, such as walking or cycling to school every day. Look out for more information in future newsletters!



Community Champion

Would you make a good Community Champion?

Families for Life are looking for some inspirational volunteers to encourage families in Islington to get active and eat well.



The Families for Life programme offers free healthy eating and active play activities for families with children aged 2 to 11. Volunteers should be Islington residents, be committed to improving the health of their community and available to volunteer two to three hours a week.

Community Champions will learn about health and wellbeing. They will have access to free training and ongoing support. It's a great opportunity for them to meet new people, improve their communication skills and boost their confidence.

Training for the Families for Life Community Champion begins **Wednesday 23 February**.

Families for Life Community Champion's Induction Training - FREE

Dates: Wednesday 23 February - Wednesday 30 March 2022 (6 weeks)

Time: 9.30 – 12.30am

If this sounds of interest please contact Natasha Miller:

Call **07974604133** or via natasha.miller@islington.gov.uk

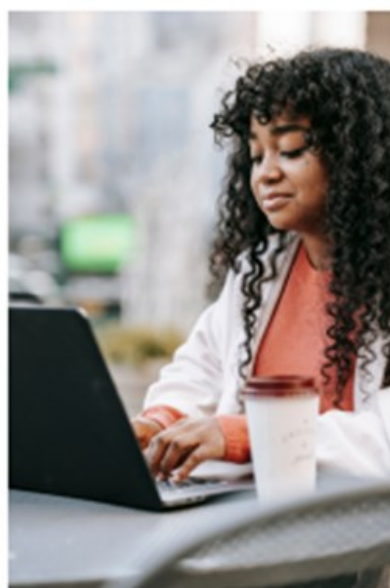


LIFT Insight Sessions

Do you live in Camden, Hackney, Islington or Tower Hamlets?

Have you dreamed of launching a career or starting a business in: **DIGITAL, CREATIVE or SCIENCES?**

LIFT can help you develop the skills, knowledge, experience and confidence to succeed in these thriving industries.



Join us at the LIFT Insight Sessions to:

- Learn more about jobs and careers in these industries
- Meet employers and training providers
- Find out about live opportunities including jobs, apprenticeships and courses

You don't need to have any previous knowledge or experience, everyone is welcome!

Attend any of the following virtual events:

Event	Date	Time	Sign up at:
Careers in Digital Marketing	Monday 7th February 2022	13:00 - 13:45	shorturl.at/dlpXQ
Careers in Web and Software Development	Thursday 17th February	11:00 - 12:00	shorturl.at/clwE
Start your own Business	Wednesday 23rd February 2022	12:00 - 12:45	shorturl.at/tuGPS

Find out more about the LIFT programme at: www.liftfutures.london
or contact us at: lift.futures@islington.gov.uk