

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.

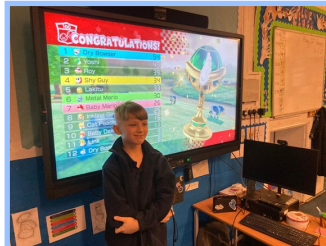
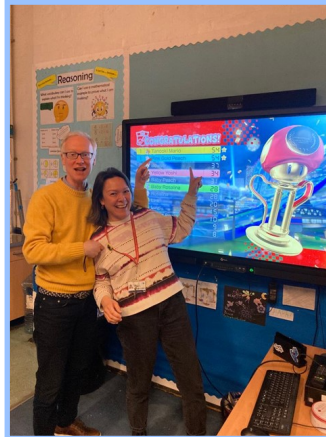
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SUPER SATS CLUB

Pakeman staff have started a gaming night on Fridays. This takes place straight after school for children who have worked particularly hard towards their SATS that week (in Action Tutoring sessions, in class and in their homework).

Children get to play against each other and the staff on Nintendo Switch games on the big screen - this week they had a Mario Kart Tournament, won by James and Alens. They all shared popcorn, other treats, and juice. Yum! You REALLY want to be in this club.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

This is a reminder that the NEU teaching union, have declared more strike action. This will take place:

**15th March
16th March**

We will advise parents/carers of arrangements, as soon as possible, regarding these dates.

Easter Holidays:

Break up
Fri 31st March

Back to School
Tue 18th April

INSET DAY Mon 17th April



LAST WEEK'S STARS



Indigo	All children
Lilac	River Blu
Silver	Rayan
Crimson	Michaela
Yellow	Iqra
Gold	Zara
Green	Oussama
Pink	Leonardo
Purple	Jesse
Orange	Elanur
Brown	Rico
Red	Khadija
Blue	Ruwayda
Well done superstars!	



The Guide Dog Society

The Guide Dog Society came to film and take photos at Pakeman for their fundraising campaign and we are now on their website! Do take a look: [Guide Dogs at Pakeman](#)





Attendance and Punctuality



Year Group	Best Attendance	Most Improved	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Under 96%	Under 96%	Crimson Class
KS2	Orange Class	Orange Class	Red Class

Bright Start Islington

Free outdoor stay and play sessions for families with children aged 0-5 years. No booking required, just drop in:

Barnard Park - Thursdays 10am - 11am

King Square Gardens - Fridays 10am - 11.30am

Gillespie Park Centre - Thursdays 10am - 11.30am

Sunnyside Gardens - Tuesdays 10am - 11.30am

Highbury Fields Bandstand - Mondays and Wednesdays 10am - 11.30am, Fridays 3pm - 4.30pm



Real Bread Week

To celebrate Real Bread Week, we gave 5 children from every class the chance to bake one of 50 kindly donated Kitty Kits. We looked out for our Hidden Heroes - children that always do the right thing. Each teacher choose 5 children from their class with model behaviour. We started off with our Reception classes, Silver and Crimson, who had the best fun making bread hedgehogs with pumpkin seed eyes.

This initiative was organised by Marcia. Huge thanks to Marcia and the children involved for baking such delicious bread.

Click the link for more information:

[Real Bread Week](#)



REAL BREAD
CAMPAIGN



Performing Arts at Pakeman

Students from the *Performing Arts & Music at City & Islington College* came to Pakeman with an amazing show they had created, as part of their "Devising Theatre" assignment. They performed their own version of 'Winter Tales', based on the Snow Queen, Christmas Carol and the Little Match Girl. KS2 children really enjoyed the performance. Huge thanks to the students for sharing their performance with us. We wish them well in their future assignments.





Storytelling Workshops

To celebrate World Book Week, Pakeman children have been treated to two wonderful days of storytelling fun from Phil Mc Dermott! Phil enthused the children with his very funny, interesting and sometimes scary stories from twisted fairy tales to fun folk tales. Ask your child to re-tell the story Phil told them in class to see how much they can remember!



As part of Pakeman's Poetry Week our year 6 teacher, Harry, wrote a great poem for us all to enjoy.

**March first, talk later
Left, right, left, right,
Where are we marching?
Nobody knows!
Left, right, left, right
March first, questions later
Left, right, left, right
March up the mountain
March to the lake
March to the ocean
March to some cake
March to the cinema
March to the shops
Time to show off now—
Everyone hops!
March to the desert
March to the moon
March to the jungle
Look – a baboon!
March to the music
March to the beat
March to the time
of everyone's feet
March on the grass
March through the mud
March through the puddle
March through the flood
March across ice
March across snow
March across sand
(Which is harder? Don't
know!)
March for freedom
March for a cause
March for equality
March against wars
March with your friends
March against hate
Never stop marching
Marching is great!**

Poetry Competition

Children across all classes have been enjoying reading, learning, reciting and writing poetry this week! They have taken part in several lessons based on Joseph Coelho's funny and happy poetry.

Joseph Coelho is currently the Children's Poet Laureate (an important role given to a writer every two years to inspire children to write their own poetry).

Children still have until [today - Friday 3rd March](#) to hand in their entries for the poetry competition. We have already received some excellent poems and very much look forward to reading them all! Look out for the winners in next week's newsletter.

Thanks to Rebecca, our literacy lead, for organising our wonderful week of poetry.

Here is one of Joseph Coelho's poems which Year 3 and 4 learnt last week about an extraordinary armadillo:

**I met an armadillo
who could never chill-o
spent her day on the treadmill-o
such a sporty armadillo.**

**I met an armadillo
who ran from here to Brazil-o
uphill and downhill-o
purely for the thrill-o**

**I met an armadillo
a very tired armadillo
not moving, totally still-o
fast asleep on her pillow.**

By Joseph Coelho

[Who is Joseph Coelho?](#)



By Harry Glass

Family Learning Sessions

You are invited to come along to Pakeman:

Wednesday 1 st March 9-11am	Numeracy and Literacy for Parents and Carers of Year 1 and 2 children
Wednesday 8 th March 9-11am	Numeracy for Parents and Carers of Year 3 & 4
Wednesday 15 th March 9-11am	Literacy for Parents and Carers of Year 3 & 4
Wednesday 22 nd March 9-11am	Numeracy for Parents and Carers of Year 5 & 6
Wednesday 29 th March 9-11am	Literacy for Parents and Carers of Year 5 & 6

All sessions start at 9am - You can come to as many sessions as you would like, not just your child's year group.

For more information, please speak to Marcia or Natalie



Making Periscopes in Year 5 and 6

Year 5 and 6 children have had a lot of fun making their own periscopes in class as part of their science topic this term. You could try making your own periscope at home. For simple instructions click on the link:

[How to make a periscope](#)

Did you know?...

Johannes Gutenberg invented the first periscope in the 1430s, so that pilgrims could see over people's heads at religious festivals.

A periscope allows us to see things that are otherwise out of sight.

