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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 10th March 2023

Dinosaurs in Lilac Class

In Lilac Class their topic this half term is "Dinosaurs". The children have been breaking dinosaur eggs and putting the dinosaurs in slime. They have also been looking at artefacts, including fossils and dinosaur bones. Everyone has enjoyed coming together for dinosaur stories and some new dinosaur songs!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

17th March
Red Nose Day



23rd March
Year 1 – 6 cinema trip



Easter Holidays:

Break up
Fri 31st March (1.30 finish)

Back to School
Tues 18th April
INSET DAY Mon 17th April



Science Week

British Science Week is here once again, **March 10th – 19th**. This year the theme is '**Connections**'. Pakeman pupils are already planning a range of science investigations in preparation for science week. Ideas for these have been inspired by some of their favourite classroom stories. Work from classes will feature in next week's newsletter - including parents and carers trying out some investigations we set for them!



Pakeman children are also invited to enter the British Science Week **poster competition**. Details for this competition appear on the final page of this newsletter. Thanks to our science lead, Alana, for organising the events across the school.

LAST WEEK'S STARS



Indigo	Malak
Lilac	Inaaya
Silver	Ridwan
Crimson	Emily
Yellow	Yusuf
Gold	Asheena
Green	Adem
Pink	Zeriga
Purple	Harry
Orange	Mia
Brown	Henry
Red	Grace
Blue	Zayna

Well done superstars!





Attendance and Punctuality



Year Group	Best Attendance	Most Improved	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Green Class	Under 96%	Silver Class
KS2	Pink Class	Pink Class	Brown Class Red Class

Parent/Carer Teacher Meetings

27th March - Nursery, Rec, Year 3, Year 4

28th March - Year 5 and Year 6

30th March - Year 1 and Year 2

31st March - morning 2+



New Behaviour Rules

Please note that these items are no longer allowed in school. Thank you.

- no fidget toys or toys from home allowed
- no sweets allowed during school time
- no football/Pokemon cards

New behaviour rules:

NOT ALLOWED



New Behaviour Initiatives:

We now have exciting new initiatives in place, to reward Pakeman children. These include:

- . hidden heroes
- . lining up award
- . secret student
- . behaviour award

Could you be this week's secret student?
Are you a hidden hero this week?

New rewards



Every day!
One secret student
in each class will go
STRAIGHT TO GOLD!



New rewards



NEW CERTIFICATE
specifically for
behaviour!
It can be for
consistently good
behaviour but also for
improved behaviour!



New rewards



Best lining up!
Every week one class in each phase gets nominated as the 'best lining up' class (inside, outside, on the stairs...!)
They will get **EXTRA PLAYTIME!**



New rewards



HIDDEN HERO
Box in the school office!
Any adult can nominate and
put in a hidden hero slip at
anytime!
Every week in assembly 3
slips will get picked for **A PRIZE OR A SURPRISE TRIP!**





**BOOK WEEK
MARCH 2023**

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



Poetry Competition

Thank you for all of the amazing poetry competition entries, we had over 150 poems and the standard has been very high.

Judging is happening this week and next.

Winners will be announced at the Talent Show on Friday 17th March.

There will be a winner for each phase (1/2, 3/4, 5/6) and runners up prizes too!



Poetry

Islington Poster Competition

Islington Borough is hosting a poster competition to promote active travel (this can include things such as walking, cycling, wheeling or scootering - saying why is it good to use active travel).

Pupils can use any physical medium (NOT digital) to create their design - it must be their own work.

There are PRIZES for the best KS1 and KS2 posters:

**KS1 - individual prize of a scooter, pads and helmet from Micro Scooters up to the value of £350.
KS1 - school prize of a 2-day scooter skills and tricks display, assembly and workshop.**

**KS2 - individual prize of a bike, helmet and lock from Balfe's Bikes - to the value of £650.
KS2 - school prize of a 2-day BMX skills display, assembly and workshop.**

There will be a lot of competition for these exciting prizes so think carefully about how to make your design stand out from the crowd.

Please hand in your posters to your class teachers by Monday 27th March at the latest.



Good Luck!

Your poster MUST have written on the back:

- your full name
- your class,
- your key stage
- your school

e.g. Ben Sadler, Orange Class, KS2, Pakeman Primary School

British Science Week Poster Competition

British Science Week - March 10th – 19th

The theme this year is **'Connections'**

Pakeman pupils are invited to enter the British Science Week poster competition.

Your poster could:

Explore how your body parts are all connected and work together

Highlight how evolution shows the ways that animals, plants and micro-organisms are all connected in a family tree stretching back millennia.

Represent the connection between people's actions and their impact on the environment.

Explore the science and technology behind the internet and how this connects people internationally at the click of a button.

Look into how atoms connect to form chemical bonds which make up everything around us, such as water.

The closing date for Pakeman entries will be Thursday 23rd March. A panel of Pakeman judges will choose five posters to be submitted for judging by the British Science Week panel. There is an exciting list of prizes that can be won.

Posters will be judged on the following:

**creativity in approach – innovative or creative interpretation of the theme
content – clear, accurate and informative about a STEM topic
effective communication – presented and communicated in an engaging way**

Entrants must be within the age categories below:

Category	Age	England and Wales
Early years	3-5	Nursery/Reception
Infant	5-8	Year 1 – Year 3
Junior	8-11	Year 4 – Year 6

Entrants can be teams or individuals. Entries must be one page of A4 or A3 paper only.

**A team will be judged in the age category of its oldest member.
Prizes will be split across the team.**

Work must be original and created by the pupils without use of any templates.

Posters must include the following information on the back:

- entrant first name (all names if a team) and entrant age (all ages if a team)**
- category (of the oldest team member)**

Data submitted will be used for the administration of the competition. First names, ages and schools of students may also be shared on the British Science Week website and social media pages. If you do not want this data to be shared online, you should make this explicitly clear in the submission so that only the school name is shared.

Have a look at last year's winning posters created around the theme Growth

