

# 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.**

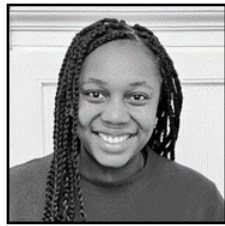
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## Thank You

It has been another very busy year for everyone here at Pakeman and we would like to say a huge thank you for the tremendous effort everyone continues to make in our school community. As always, our staff have worked incredibly hard to ensure that all our children have exceptional learning experiences in a safe, positive and stimulating environment. We are incredibly grateful for their ongoing hard work and dedication. We are also very thankful to our parents and carers for their support, and of course, to our governing body for their loyalty to us and for the many hours of time they provide to our school.

Sadly, as the academic year draws to a close, we are having to say goodbye to some staff members. For a variety of reasons, three of our teaching staff are moving on to new, and hopefully exciting pastures. Today, we say goodbye to Charlie, Ria and Maria.



We thank all three of these exceptional teaching staff for their great commitment to Pakeman and for the positive difference they have made to so many children during their time teaching in our school. We wish Charlie, Ria and Maria the very best in the future and hope this brings them exciting and fulfilling opportunities.



We also say goodbye to our amazing art therapists, Nerissa and Sam. Both have provided invaluable support to so many children during their time at Pakeman. We are so sorry to lose them and wish them both the very best for the future.

We also say a temporary goodbye to Cheryl who is going on maternity leave. We send Cheryl best wishes for the months ahead and look forward to her return.



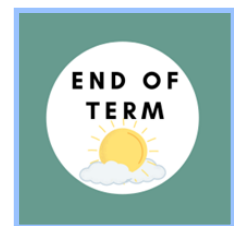
A final big thank you goes to all our amazing children for helping to make Pakeman such a happy and exciting place to be.

May we take this opportunity to wish our Pakeman community a very happy, restful and safe summer. We look forward to seeing you again in the autumn term.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**End of term**

20th July **at 1.45pm**



**Please Note:**

**Mon 4th - Staff INSET  
Tues 5th - Staff INSET**

**BACK TO SCHOOL**

**Wed 6th September**



## SUPER STARS



All our year 6 children for all their hard work over the years at Pakeman.

We wish you well in the next stage of your education and hope that you come back in the future to share some of your experiences and let us know how you're all doing. Thank you for being great role models to all the younger children. Good luck - you are all amazing super stars



## Awesome Adventure Playgrounds

Awesome Adventure Playgrounds are free to all 6 - 13 year old children living in Islington. At all six playgrounds, young children play freely, meet new friends and have fun. Each playground offers both indoor and outdoor spaces that are perfect for creativity, learning, exploring, playing games, sports, discovery and much more. Play is free, safe and fully supervised by incredible playworkers – you just need to [register](#).

To register and to find out more details about the playgrounds and timetables they offer visit the website:

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



## Green Fingers

Our Pakeman gardeners have been very busy this week. They have been working in the front garden harvesting lettuce for the school canteen. When we return in September, they will have a harvest of beans, tomatoes and pumpkins to look forward to. Also, their garlic is dried and ready for autumn term cooking clubs.

Nursery children have also been hard at work. Thanks to 'grow your own potatoes', they had a bumper crop of potatoes to deal with this year. According to Marcia, Alfie is leading the way as a skilled harvester!

Huge thanks to Marcia for all the great work she puts in to make the food growing garden such a Pakeman success.



## Meet and Greet

This week, children, from 2+ to year 5, had lots of fun meeting the teaching staff in their new class.

Here we have our 2+ children enjoying their meet and greet afternoon. They had the opportunity to meet our new support worker, Irena who will begin work at Pakeman next term.

We look forward to introducing more new staff to you via this newsletter in September.



## Tennis For All - reminder

Tennis For All's summer programme is about to get under way, and there's still time to book a place for your child to join.

Starting on **July 24<sup>th</sup>** and running through to **August 24<sup>th</sup>** Tennis For All will be welcoming children of all abilities between 5 -16 years of age to come and learn, practice and play tennis.

The course is **COMPLETELY FREE OF CHARGE**.

Go to [www.accesstosports.org.uk](http://www.accesstosports.org.uk) to get your child onto one (or more) of their age-specific courses. Free lunches are provided. Availability is already limited so don't delay.

- Weekly courses run from Monday - Thursday weekly
- All abilities are welcome, and all tennis equipment is provided - simply wear appropriate trainers and bring a bottle of water.



## FREE Access to Sports Project - 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:

<https://accesstosports.org.uk/bookings/>



## 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:

<https://islington.coordinate.cloud/courses/child-holiday-bikeability/>





## Lunch Bunch Summer 2023

Islington Council's Lunch Bunch programme gives young people the chance to enjoy a wide range of **free activities with a healthy lunch**.



You can book activities for free if your child or children live in Islington, attend school from reception to year 11 - or if your child is 4 years old and will start school after the summer. You need to be in one of the following groups:

















- you receive benefits-related free school meals (FSM)
- you have an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP)
- have a social or family support worker, or can be referred by a professional.

**Important - You must be registered first. For details click on the link: [Lunch Bunch](#)**

Email: [lunch.bunch@islington.gov.uk](mailto:lunch.bunch@islington.gov.uk) Call: Family Information Service on **020 7527 5959**

## New Class Names

Our classes have some new names for September.

2+ ELM 	Nursery PINE 	Silver CHERRY 	Crimson HOLLY 
Gold MAPLE 	Yellow WILLOW 	Green PALM 	Hazel's room HAZEL 
Pink BANYAN 	Purple OLIVE 	Orange CEDAR 	
Brown MAHOGANY 	Red EUCALYPTUS 	Blue SEQUOIA 	Charlie's room MULBERRY 
Rainbow room MONKEY PUZZLE 	Other rooms Main office HT and DH office Lodge Lab Gill's office PPA room AVA room Therapy room		