

# 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 20th October 2023

## Our Volunteer Readers

Every week, behind the scenes at Pakeman, we have the most wonderful group of volunteers who come into our school to read with our children. They do so with dedication and great care for the children they work alongside. This week, Emma and Marta arranged a lovely lunch for our reading volunteers, giving them the opportunity to come together.

We are so grateful for the time and commitment that our volunteers give to Pakeman and our children - it makes such a huge difference! The work they all do is amazing and incredibly important.

Thank you.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Half Term**

23 Oct - 27th Oct

**End of Term**

Thurs 21 December  
1.30 Finish

## Early School Closure

Please note that, due to staff training, school **closes promptly at 3:30pm** on the following dates:

12th December 2023  
16th January 2024

## SUPERSTARS



Elm	Amira
Pine	Ayaz T
Cherry	Bryan
Holly	Noor
Maple	Aria
Willow	Maryah
Palm	Kaan
Banyan	Levent
Olive	Omar
Cedar	Dawud
Mahogany	Munira
Eucalyptus	Olivia
Sequoia	Scarlett

Well done Superstars



## Todo El Mundo World Music

Week one of Todo El Mundo World Music, our new Sing and Stay under 3's group, had a fun, intimate start with our 2+ children.



The children sang both English and Caribbean "Nursery Rhymes" to celebrate Black History Month and ended the session with story time book: Handa's Surprise.

Thank you Natalie for organising this.



## Attendance and Punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most Improved	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Maple Class	Maple Class	Pine Class
KS2	Mahogany Class	Mahogany Class	Cedar Class



## Parent/Carer/Teacher Meetings

Meetings will be on the following dates:

**20th November - Nursery and 2+**

**21st November - year 3/4**

**22nd November - reception**

**23rd November - year 1/2**

**24th November - year 5/6**

Please remember to sign up for a teacher meeting. Thank you.

## Talk About Race

Many children have questions about race. It's important to encourage positive and open conversations about race and racism with all children. It can help explain that we aren't all the same, the human race is diverse and that is a good thing.

Sesame Street have a range of resources to help you talk to your child about race and racism, including this video which explores skin colour. It's excellent for children to watch, and also provides you with language and parenting strategies when you're having these discussions.

[Sesame Street – Talk About Race](#)



## 2+ Get Mark Making

Children in Elm have been very busy getting creative for Black History Month. This week, they have been exploring shape and trying out a range of printing experiences for maths this week.



*My Skin Your Skin* is a story book which explores the concept of racism, explaining what it is and why it is always wrong. It examines what makes people unique, from skin colour to family set-up and religious beliefs, emphasising that these differences make the world a richer place and should be celebrated.

## Thank You

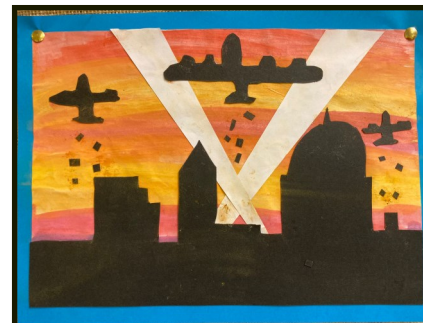
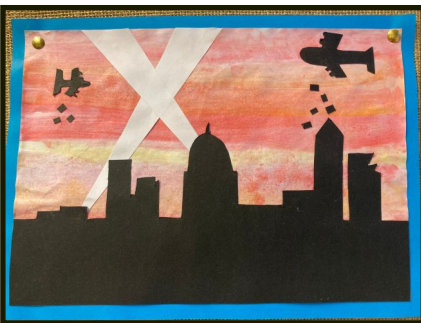
A very big thank you to Rich and Jane for their donation of Giant Polydron to Pine. The children have had an amazing time making all sorts of thing with their new construction equipment this week.



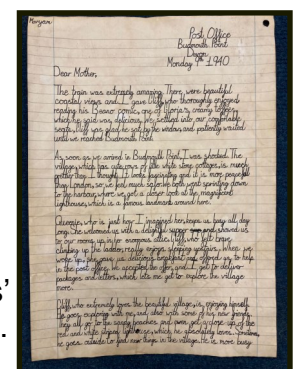
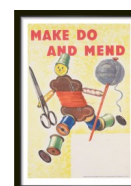
Do remember that Islington have four toy libraries offering exciting and fun toys for children under five. Toys encourage your child's learning and social development – and they are free to borrow! Please click the link for more information: [Islington Toy Library Services](#)

## World War 2 - Topic

Year 5 and 6 have been busy creating fantastic art inspired by their WW2 topic. Firstly, they created scenes from the Blitz, which caused thousands of children to be evacuated.



They then learnt about propoganda and made their own posters, inspired by real wartime government posters which encouraged people to 'do their bit' in different ways.



Finally, the children got into role and wrote letters home to their 'mothers' making sure that they didn't worry about them being so far from home. In this way, they created their own personal propoganda.

# FESTIVAL OF THE GIRL 2023

Saturday 21st October  
Business Design Centre, Islington

A festival created for primary school aged girls to inspire, engage and to breakdown harmful gender stereotypes.

Tickets here  
[www.festivalofthegirl.com](http://www.festivalofthegirl.com)



## Festival of the Girl

Festival of the Girl is a nonprofit organisation created to break down harmful gender stereotypes for 7-11 year old girls and their parents / carers. The festival takes place this weekend at the Business Design Centre. Festival organisers would like as many local families to join us as possible. They have set up a 50% discount for families at local schools.

There will be everything from coding and robotics to art and sustainability, F1 motor-sports and rugby to aviation and gaming, body confidence and music to podcasting and leadership and so much more.

For further details and tickets: (discount code: ISL50) please [click here](#).



## Black History Month Lunch

Every year, in October, Angela, Vida and our kitchen team organise a delicious meal for everyone to celebrate Black History Month. This year was no exception. We would like to say a huge thank you once again to all those involved. The additional effort involved in arranging this delicious feast is very much appreciated by all the children and staff. Thank you for all your hard work.



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