

# 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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## Pumpkins Pumpkins

Pakeman children have been very busy decorating and cooking pumpkins this week. We would like to say a huge thank you to **Hubbub** who provided funding for our pumpkins, prizes and cooking ingredients through their *EatYourPumpkin* campaign. This campaign was to encourage us to use and cook with our pumpkins rather than carve and waste!



As part of the campaign, Emma and Ben set children a pumpkin decorating competition for homework. Hubbub's funding enabled them to award lovely prizes to our 8 competition winners. These winners were children from nursery to year 6. Thanks to everyone who took part. Thanks also to Marta for securing this funding.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Teacher Meetings will be on the following dates:

20th November - Nursery and 2+

21st November - year 3/4

22nd November - reception

23rd November - year 5/6

24th November - year 1/2

Early School Closure:

Prompt school closure 3:30pm on:

12th December 2023

16th January 2024

End of Term

Thurs 21 December

1.30 Finish

## SUPERSTARS



Elm	Jazmine
Pine	Yahia
Cherry	Taharah
Holly	Maximilian
Maple	Arhaan
Willow	Rome
Palm	Jessica
Banyan	Dania
Olive	Farida
Cedar	Hana
Mahogany	Alisha A
Eucalyptus	Tommy
Sequoia	Seyf

Well done Superstars



## Fireworks - Use Them Safely

Fireworks can be fun but take extra care – plan ahead and always follow the firework code. Please click on the link:

### [Fireworks - Use Them Safely](#)



This year, Pakeman is on the Guide Dogs UK website! Check us out. You may consider wanting to support the charity too.

### [Guide Dogs UK](#)



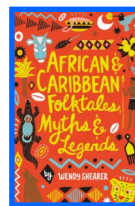
## Black History Month Storytelling

This week, children throughout the school enjoyed wonderful story sessions with professional storyteller, Wendy Shearer. These sessions formed part of Black History Month celebrations.

Wendy is an oral storyteller. She tells traditional African and Caribbean folktales of tricksters, shapeshifters and important figures in history, including stories from her own published books.

Wendy's sessions are fun and interactive. She encourages everyone to join in her stories with call and response, drama and movement. Everyone really enjoyed her story sessions.

### [Wendy Shearer - Storyteller](#)



## Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations

Flu season is just around the corner and now is the time to get protected.

If you are a parent or carer of [eligible pre-schoolers](#), make sure that you book your child in with their GP practice for the nasal spray that protects against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness in children, causing fever, extreme tiredness, aching muscles and joints, stuffy nose, dry cough, and sore throat. [NHS – Flu Vaccine](#)



## Families for Life - free healthy lifestyle programmes and sessions

Families for life is a healthy lifestyle programme to support Islington families with children aged 2 – 11 years to be active and have a healthy lifestyle. The programme supports parents and carers to gain the skills and knowledge they need to help their children (and wider family) live active, healthy lives. Families for Life provides a great opportunity to support families to 'feel good and live well'. **Please inform them of any food allergies or dietary requirements and disabilities which will impact your or your child's engagement and participation in the sessions.**

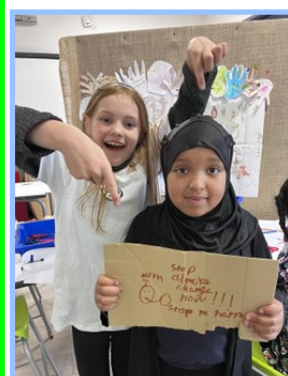
### Family Kitchen

Family Kitchen is a cooking course with healthy lifestyle messages that has been designed to help families with children aged 5 to 11 to make healthy lifestyle choices to 'feel good and live well'. Parents/carers and children attend a weekly programme together.



### World Food Afternoon

Just before half term, Marcia organised a fantastic World Food Afternoon in school. Families enjoyed food tasting from around the world and took part in a range of art and craft activities. The event was a huge success. Thank you Marcia for organising yet another great event for our Pakeman families.



We would also like to say a very special thank you to Elowen, who is passionate about climate change.

Elowen and her mum got children on board at our food event to make protest signs and raise more awareness about climate change. She also raised £18 for the school through fundraising with her grandad and we are going to buy new coffee cups for our parent/carer coffee mornings. Well done Elowen!



## Fundraise for Pakeman when you shop online! It won't cost you a penny.

We're using a great website called [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org) to help raise money for Pakeman Primary School PTA. Many parents / carers have already signed up and we'd love more of you to join.

Easyfundraising is the UK's biggest charity shopping site and will turn your everyday online shopping into FREE donations for us. This money will be spent on items and activities for YOUR children!

It is free and takes 2 minutes to sign up. Your online shopping won't cost you any extra and we'll be really grateful for your donations. We get £1 for everyone who signs up in the next two weeks.

Any questions please contact Marta - [mtildesley@pakeman.islington.sch.uk](mailto:mtildesley@pakeman.islington.sch.uk)

[Pakeman Primary School PTA Fundraising](#)



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