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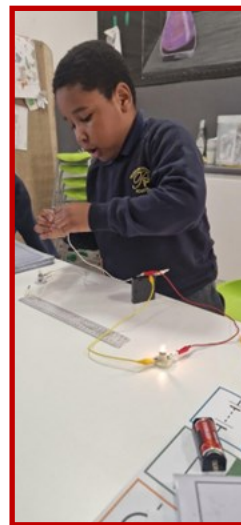
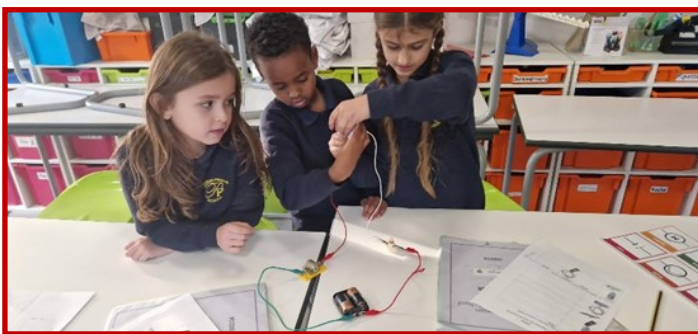
Thank you for taking the time to read this weekly newsletter.
We hope you will find its contents useful.

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Friday 26th January 2024

Electricity Topic

This term, Banyan Class are really enjoying their new topic, 'Electricity'. Their most recent task has been to learn about and make circuits. The circuits included buzzers, switches and motors to help them find out how these elements work and how important it is to have a complete circuit.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Half Term:

Monday 12th February

Friday 16th February

End of Term:

Thursday 28th March
School closes 1.30pm



SUPERSTARS



Elm	Thea
Pine	Masud
Cherry	Taha
Holly	Asma
Maple	Klevis
Willow	Monroe
Palm	Adnan
Banyan	Olivia-Grace
Olive	Bayan
Cedar	Rimel
Mahogany	Ijeoma
Eucalyptus	Kylan
Sequoia	AyooB

Well done Superstars



Water Aid

This week, years 3 and 4 had workshops from Water Aid, which is a charity working across the world to achieve clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene.



The children learnt that 1 in 10 people across the world do not have access to clean water and 1 in 5 do not have access to a clean inside toilet. This means that disease can spread and people cannot live the way they want to. As part of the workshop, the children had to decide how they would manage with just 10 litres of water a day like some children in Colombia - quite a challenge as we use 150 litres a day! Perhaps you can think of ways your family could save water!

A big thank you to Bob Prothero, a volunteer from Water Aid, who came to deliver the workshops at Pakeman.

For more information please check [Water Aid](#)

Attendance and Punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most Improved	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Under 96%	No Improvement	Elm Class
KS2	Eucalyptus Class	Sequoia Class	Over 3 lates



Special events for Dads and Male Carers

Free food, drink, activities, services and fun at each event!

Older children are invited to come along with their younger siblings but please be aware that activities are created and planned for children 0-5

- Jan 27th – New River Green Children’s Centre
- Feb 10th – Willow Children’s Centre
- Feb 24th – Bemerton Children’s Centre
- March 9th – Willow Children’s Centre
- March 23rd – Islington Ecology Centre
- April 6th - Bemerton Children’s Centre

All events take place 10am - 12

Gain confidence exploring the outdoors, take part in nature activities, learn about the natural world, get ideas for outdoor play and learning, meet other dads, uncles, grandads, and male carers from the local area.

No booking required, just turn up on the dates!



Thriving Neighbourhoods

Thriving Neighbourhoods is an annual three-year, investment programme that aims to transform shared spaces on estates and their immediate vicinity across Islington.

The council’s Thriving Neighbourhoods programme has now reopened, allowing residents to make suggestions about how the borough’s housing estates can be improved. This is a great opportunity to ask for a new playground or anything else that would make your estate a better place for children and young people to live.

For more details:

[Thriving Neighbourhoods](#)



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Prayer Room

Please note that our Prayer room now runs from 12:45 - 1:15 on Tuesdays and Thursdays and is in the **Intervention room**. You can find this room on the top floor. This is a new location for the Prayer Room.

For more information please speak to Natalie.



Thank You

A really big thank you to Elowen Davey's grandad who very kindly donated money to Pakeman so that we could buy lovely new mugs for our school coffee mornings. We really appreciate this. The mugs look great.



Science At Home

Do remember to try some of our fun science challenges at home.

If you have any investigations you'd like to share with us, contact Nesim in school.

We would love to see some of your results.



Science at home!

Dancing Raisins



What you need: • Sparkling water or clear fizzy drink, a clear glass of water, another clear glass, handful of raisins

What to do: 1. First, fill one glass with clear soda, and another glass with plain water. 2. Then, place the raisins in each glass. 3. Watch what happens to the raisins in each glass!

Watch what happens!

Here is a clip of how to do the experiment:

<https://youtu.be/IVK7V9J6p4o>

Read up on the science behind this experiment here:

[Dancing Raisins Science Experiment for Kids \(funlearningforkids.com\)](http://funlearningforkids.com)

What happens if you use another type of dried fruit? What happens if you use another type of liquid? Will the raisins forever float back up?

PERFORM WORKSHOPS

This week, the nursery, reception classes and KS1 all had great fun in Perform workshops, led by *Sheriff Billy*.

Using drama, dance and singing the children went on a curious and fascinating adventure through the diverse environment of the Wild West. They raced to the rodeo to undergo cowboy training and learn all about the different animals who live in the American West. They then went on an exciting search for the missing *Horse with a Golden Mane!*

A big thank you to PERFORM for providing these workshops. They also offer drama, dance and singing classes after school and during the school holidays.



Check here to find out more:

[Perform](#)



CrEATe Club

Following last week's newsletter, many of you requested more information about our CrEATe club.

CrEATe is a fusion of food, art and culture in a **weekly hub for parents/ carers and children**. It is a safe space where families can connect with one another.



Sessions take place every **Wednesdays** straight after school during term time. They are run on the school premises by the Marcia - our Family Support Worker .

The sessions will **alternate between art classes and meal creations** - always linked and driven by the desire to explore the cultures and art around Islington and further afield. Sessions will also be influenced by a **half termly trip to a museum or art exhibition**. These will take place on a Saturday to allow for more time to explore the world around us and inspire our projects back at school.

If you would like more information about this club speak to Marcia in the playground or email her: mharris@pakeman.islington.sch.uk