

# 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 2nd February 2024

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Half Term:

Monday 12th February  
-  
Friday 16th February

### End of Term:

Thursday 28th March  
School closes 1.30pm



## CrEATe Club

CrEATe Club with Marcia continues to attract many of our Pakeman families. This week's enthusiastic group have been exploring family portraits using their hands. They've been working on some improvised portraits from photographs which they hope to continue next week.



## Mission To Mars

As part of their *Mission to Mars* topic, Year 5/6 children created some amazing images of the surface of Mars using tissues, glue, modroc and paint. Well done everyone.



## SUPERSTARS



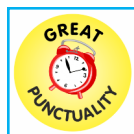
Elm	Amira
Pine	Nathan
Cherry	Tasfiah
Holly	Joshua
Maple	Elise
Willow	Zara Jama
Palm	Kairo
Banyan	Jessica
Olive	Laith
Cedar	Ifrat
Mahogany	Richie
Eucalyptus	Skylar-Rose
Sequoia	Taseen

Well done Superstars



## Attendance and Punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most Improved	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Under 96%	Under 96%	Willow Class Pine Class
KS2	Cedar Class	Cedar Class	Banyan Class

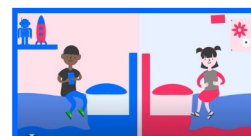


## Safer Internet Day 06 February 2024

More and more young children have their own tablet or borrow devices belonging to their parents and carers to play games, use apps and watch TV shows.

Watch this video from *Internet Matters* to find out how you can keep your child safe online.

[Supporting children online](#)



## Reveal Your Character Competition

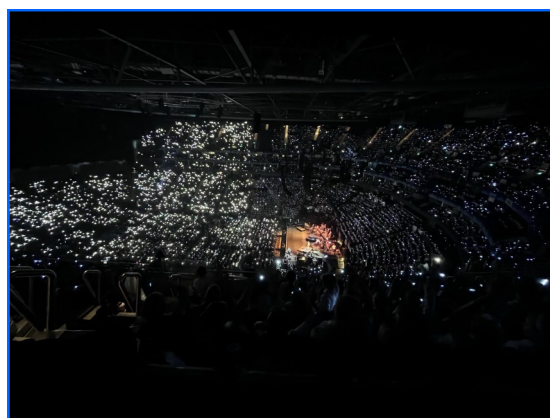
Coram Beanstalk are running an exciting competition for young children, to create their own character for the popular ITV series *The Masked Singer*. The identity of each character on the show is kept a secret until their mask is removed. However, the panel of judges are given lots of clues, including the songs the characters choose and elements of their outfits.



At Pakeman, some of our children in years 3-6 took part in a super art workshop with Coram Beanstalk. They got to make masks and create ideas for costumes. These have been entered into the competition. If selected as winners they may be used for ideas in the next series. We wish all our competition entries the very best of luck!!

## Young Voices

Once again, Pakeman children have taken part in *Young Voices*. This is a global movement of children's choirs that perform in some of the largest arenas in the UK and around the world. Children of all ages and abilities have an amazing chance to perform as a single choir with 5,000-8,000 other children in some of the world's greatest arenas. It provides an opportunity for children to develop their musical skills and perform in front of large audiences. Thank you Jack for organising this event for the children involved. Thanks also to Ben, Jack, Tegan and Janet for accompanying the trip to the O2. Everyone had a fantastic time.





## Reminder

### Events for Dads and Male Carers

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

#### Planned activities for children 0-5

- 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, get ideas for outdoor play and learning, meet other dads, uncles, granddads, and male carers from the local area.

No booking required, just turn up on the dates!



## Our Amazing Islington Active Girls Offer What will you try?

There are loads of different physical activities for primary school girls to try – all are free!

- Badminton
- Basketball
- Boxing
- Dance
- Dodgeball
- Football
- Netball
- Short tennis
- Skateboarding
- Softball
- Tag archery
- Volleyball



Every Monday in term time, 4-5.30pm  
Arts and Media School Islington  
Turtle Road, N4 3LS

FREE

Contact your school to book your place.



Find out whats on  
[islington.gov.uk/activegirls](https://www.islington.gov.uk/activegirls)

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## Science Fun - Places To Visit

Have you thought about exploring some of London's science venues for families? Check out some of these great places.

[Science Museum](#)

[Horniman Museum and Gardens](#)

[Science shows Royal Institution \(rigb.org\)](#)

[Camley Street Natural Park | London Wildlife Trust](#)



### Science at home!

#### Rainbow Celery



**What you need:** • Celery, Glasses of water and Food colouring

**What to do:** 1 Find a sunny spot and fill the glasses up halfway with water. 2. Then drop different colours of food colouring into each of the glasses. 3. Next, cut stalks of celery and put them in the glasses of water. 4. Let the celery sit for a while.

It will take a few hours at least, but soon you'll notice an exciting change.

#### Watch what happens!

Here is a clip of how to do the experiment:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oiBLKRjr4Mc>

Check out science behind this experiment here:

[The Color-Changing Celery Experiment! \(youtube.com\)](#)

What happens if you use another type of plant? What happens if you use another type of liquid?

## Time To Talk

1st February is Time to Talk Day!

Time to Talk Day is the nation's biggest mental health conversation. Happening every year, it's a day for friends, families, communities, and workplaces to come together to talk, listen and change lives.

**Homework for all:** Please write two short letters - one for a friend and one for someone you don't normally play with at school telling them at least one nice thing about them. This will hopefully encourage positive conversations and friendships.

This letter can be in any format, have pictures, folded in a fun way - whatever makes you happy! Please bring to your teacher first to be checked by next week - Tuesday 6th February.

For more information about Time To Talk click on the link: [Time To Talk](#)



## Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week will take place from 5-11 February 2024.

The theme this year is

### 'My Voice Matters'

**My Voice Matters** is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves.

As parents and carers, you play a very important role in your child's mental health.

This year, we want to empower children of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to work together to create a positive change for their mental health and wellbeing. The aim of Children's Mental Health Week is for all children and young people to be able to say – and believe - **"My Voice Matters."**

Families, parents and carers can get involved too!

Download a range of resources so you can take part at home. For more information:

[Children's Mental Health Week](#)

