

THE PAKEMAN PRESS

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



**Pakeman
Primary
School**

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Friday 7th March 2025

Hidden Heroes Go To Barnard Park

Some of our Hidden Heroes had a wonderful time at Barnard Park this week. A big thank you to Emma and Ann for taking the children there and enabling them to have a safe but adventurous play. It looks like Emma had as much fun as the children!!



[Barnard Adventure Playground](#)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

End of Spring Term

Friday 4th April
(Finish 1.30pm)

Start of Summer Term

Tues 22nd April 2025



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

For ALL women and girls:

Rights. Equality.

Empowerment.

8th March 2025

SUPERSTARS



| | |
|------------|--------|
| Elm | Aizak |
| Pine | Nour |
| Cherry | Araya |
| Holly | Ayana |
| Maple | Maya |
| Willow | Maryam |
| Palm | Ilyas |
| Banyan | Cassie |
| Olive | Kaan |
| Cedar | Amelia |
| Mahogany | Hana |
| Eucalyptus | Rimel |
| Sequoia | Lola |



Acts of Kindness


Julie and Jackie got a lovely surprise from Sara in year 5 recently at breakfast club. She made them a beautiful cupcake each. What a lovely kind thing to do Sara.

Being kind to others through small acts of kindness really does make a difference.

[Small acts of kindness](#)



Attendance and Punctuality

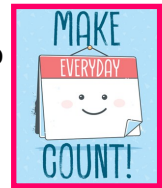
| Year Group | Best Attendance | Most Improved | Best Punctuality |
|------------|-----------------|--|------------------|
| EYFS & KS1 | Willow Class | Willow Class | Pine Class |
| KS2 | Mahogany Class | Under 96%  | Banyan Class |

Attendance Survey

Islington Council are providing an opportunity for parents and carers to share their views around school attendance.

Please take 10 minutes to complete the survey:

<https://forms.office.com/e/fcfB9yUFei>



Closing date - Friday 21st March.



The Suffragettes at Pakeman

Well done to Anais in Mahogany. She came to school this week dressed as the important Suffragette, [Emmeline Pankhurst](#).

Did you know?

The suffragettes inspired International Women's Day in 1911 when many women were fighting for the right to vote. International Women's Day now celebrates women's achievements across the world. It is a day that honours women and promotes women's rights. It takes place every year on March 8th.



Volunteer Readers

Did you know that we have 28 wonderful volunteer readers supporting 75 children across the school each week? How amazing is that! Here some of them are at a lunch they shared in the Lodge earlier this week. A huge thank you goes out to every one of them - their time and commitment makes such a huge difference to our children.



Writing Instructions

Years 5 and 6 have been writing instructions in their English lessons this week, starting with how to make a sandwich. They then made their sandwiches in class on Friday afternoon! They look scrumptious.



Pancake Day

Julie and Jackie set about making some delicious looking pancakes at Breakfast Club on Pancake day this week. What a lovely way to start the day.



Persuade a grown up to help you make some pancakes at home? [Kid's Pancake Recipe](#)

A Visit To The British Museum

On Tuesday, Years 3 and 4 visited the British Museum. Their current topic is "Anglo Saxons". They saw many artefacts from this time period, including the helmet from Sutton Hoo. The children also explored the other galleries and they were very enthusiastic when they came across the Egyptian mummies!



A Book Shop Spending Spree

The winners of our recent writing competition were chosen to go on a trip to New Beacon Books where they were able to choose a book for themselves as their prize! They also chose a lot of additional books to help stock our new library thanks to £500 from the Siobhan Dowd Trust. A big thank you to Marcia and Natalie for accompanying the children on a very wet day and to Michael at New Beacon Books.



Shows and Workshops

Our school is taking part in Primary Arts – a new creative, cultural programme for London primary schools.

This week we had a performance of The Shivers - a high octane thriller for KS2 about misinformation and learning to trust your gut. Years 3 and 4 had follow on workshops and all the children really enjoyed the interactive hands-on experience. We have also received books and resources from this amazing project and hope to be having some special trips out soon so watch this space!



N4Library
ReadLearnConnect

STORYTELLING EVENT



Celebrate Shakespeare Week with our family retelling of A Midsummer Night's Dream, told through the magic of shadow puppets and song!

Saturday 29 March, 2pm

Suitable for families with children of all ages.

N4 Library
26 Blackstock Road, N4 2DW
020 7527 7800



St Aloysius' College

Now welcoming girls.

St Aloysius' College is a high-performing and award-winning school in Highgate. From September 2025, we are delighted to welcome girls to Year 7 for the very first time in our 146-year history. Didn't know we're open for girls? Or unhappy with the school place you were given? Come and visit us for a tour of our fantastic school community, between 3rd and 7th March, 9.15-10.15am.

Call 0207 561 7800
enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk

Top for attendance in Islington.

Fussy Eating

Fussy eating is a normal stage in children's development, but it can be challenging to manage. It's easy to fall into habits of offering the same foods they already like. Do try to continue offering new foods even if they initially refuse. For top tips to help children with fussy eating click on the link:

[How to address Fussy Eating -Video](#)

