

# THE PAKEMAN PRESS

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



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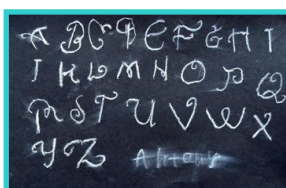
Friday 23rd May 2025

## Tower of London Trip - Years 3 and 4

This term, years 3 and 4 are enjoying their topic, 'Time Travellers'. Here they are at the Tower of London, where the children were definitely able to engage in history from a very different time! They had a tour with Samuel the merchant, who told them tales of pirate prisoners. They also went in the White Tower and saw armour and weapons. Everyone was quite mesmerised by the Crown jewels. They also saw the Tower's famous ravens and the Beefeaters.



Also, as part of their 'Time Travellers' topic, the same children travelled back to 1887 (when Pakeman first opened) for a lesson. Staff rearranged the desks so the children could sit in rows. They had to write in chalk and follow the strict rules of the day. This included straight posture, no talking, no hands or elbows on desk. The children learnt about money (half penny, threepence, shillings and pounds). They then worked on their elocution - repeating tongue twisters, such as '*Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers*'. After this experience, everyone discussed how they felt about their Victorian lesson, some children actually said that they preferred Victorian school!!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Half Term

Mon 26th May - Fri 30th May

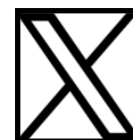
End of Summer Term

Friday 18th July



Don't forget that you can follow us on X

@PakemanSchool



## SUPERSTARS



Elm  
Pine  
Cherry  
Holly  
Maple  
Willow  
Palm  
Banyan  
Olive  
Cedar  
Mahogany  
Eucalyptus  
Sequoia

Aliya  
Majid  
Zayne  
Yahia  
Geraldine  
Joshua  
Khadra  
Maria  
Daniel O  
Hafsa  
Amos  
Cece  
Ismael



## Exciting News – Our School Library is Launching!

We're thrilled to announce that our brand new **school library** will be opening the week beginning **Monday 2nd June**!

To celebrate, we're running a fun **half-term competition**: children can win a **£5 book voucher** for the upcoming Book Fair by sharing a photo of themselves **reading in the most creative and interesting place they can find** - on the sofa, in the garden, at the park, or even in a blanket fort! **SIMPLY - Upload your photo to Class Dojo** to enter. We're excited to show that you really **can read anywhere and everywhere**. We can't wait to see where your reading adventures take you.

### Scholastic Book Fair – Coming Soon!

We're excited to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair will be arriving in school the week beginning **Monday 9th June**!

Every child will have the chance to choose a **free book** to take home and enjoy. Parents/carers are also welcome to purchase additional books at the fair.

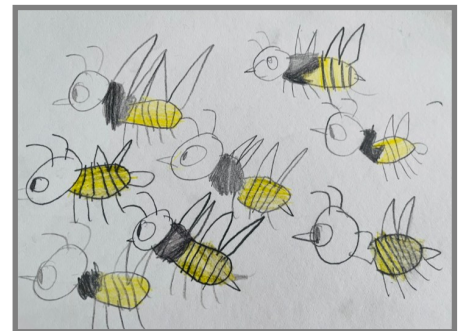
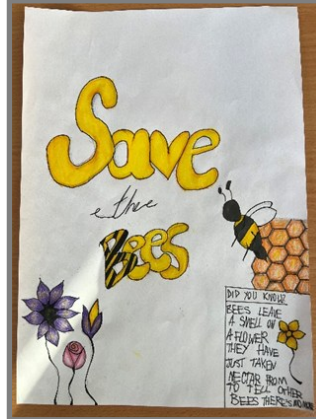
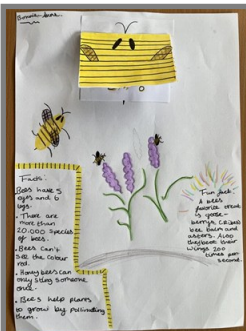
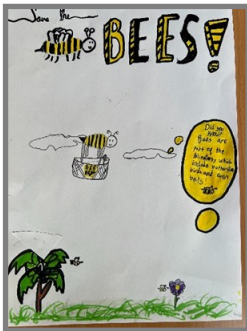
Every book bought helps us earn **free books for our school library**, so your support makes a real difference. Happy reading!



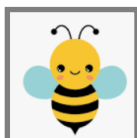
## World Bee Day



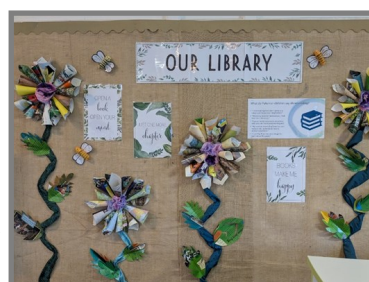
Tuesday 20th May was 'World Bee Day'. Thanks to all those children who enhanced the day by coming into school dressed in yellow and black to celebrate! Many children spent time during the day discussing the importance of bees. They also created some impressive art work, including some great posters. Well done everyone.



Some bees also made an appearance in the school library on the day!



Thank you to Fahima for the fantastic display she made by repurposing old library books. It looks amazing.



## Playcentre or Funcentre?

Playcentre children have had many fun evenings this half term. They enjoyed making their own fairy bread recently. Our playcentre staff have now set up a new visual timetable so the children can see what each exciting week holds. More details of this to share after half term.



If we had weekly star for staff members then this would definitely have to go to Irena this week. Here she is putting her life in the hands of some very excited children at playcentre.

**Well done Irena - you are a star!**



## Cricket Success

Huge congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 girls who have made it through to the finals in the cricket. We wish them the very best of luck for the next match which takes place after half term!



## Year 6 Celebrations

Our Year 6 children thoroughly enjoyed themselves at Finsbury Park on Monday to celebrate the end of their SATs exams. They enjoyed cricket and football, played on the equipment and loved being silly together - especially when taking this fantastic photo!



## PAKEMAN IS HELPING YOU TO STAY FIT AND HEALTHY!



Fitness Classes

@ Pakeman Primary School |

(Hornsey Road, Holloway, N7 6DU)

To be added to the classes please text 07709

496 711 or email

admin@pakeman.islington.sch.uk

	4.45pm – 5.45pm
Monday	Core conditioning (exercise targeted towards abdomen area)
Tuesday	Martial fitness (fitness with basic self-defence)
Wednesday	Body conditioning (exercise targeting whole body strengthening)
Thursday	Legs, bums and tums (exercise targeting thighs, bums and stomachs)
Friday	Boot camp circuit (exercise targeting whole body strengthening and cardiovascular improvement)

Take advantage of **FREE**  
Islington activities



**FREE DAY PASSES FOR PARENTS/CARERS**

(OPEN 24H / DAY)

### LADIES ONLY AREA

You can use the full facilities from gym equipment to classes. Please note, these **FREE** day passes expire **30th June 2025**.

To take advantage of this, you will just need to pop into the office and redeem a pass with instructions on how to redeem.

PureGym Finsbury Park is happy to announce classes and new equipment/machines in the ladies only area. This area is a designated area within the gym for just ladies to use cardio machinery, free weights, resistance machinery and a stretch area.

**FREE SWIMMING  
LESSONS IN  
ISLINGTON**

Throughout the school holidays, Islington Council and Better offer free swimming lessons to Islington residents and children who go to school in the borough. Sessions available for **May half term**.



Centres include: Highbury Leisure Centre, Archway Leisure Centre, Cally Pool and Ironmonger Row Baths. Free swimming: [Application Form – School Holidays](#)



## SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK



**Dr. Segenet Kelemu**

*The Plant Doctor Saving Crops Around the World!*



### WHO IS SHE?

Dr. Segenet Kelemu is a scientist from Ethiopia. She studies ways to keep plants healthy. She helps farmers in Africa and other parts of the world grow more food and fight plant diseases, especially where food is hard to grow



### WHY IS SHE AMAZING?

- She was the first woman from her region to go to college
- She became one of the world's top plant pathologists (that means a doctor for sick plants)
- She works to stop crop pests without using harmful chemicals



### FUN FACT:

She left a big job in America to return to Africa and make a difference helping poor farmers

"I wanted to use science to change lives."



## Could you be **SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK** one day?

We have many budding candidates here at Pakeman. Especially those who regularly attend Pakeman's Science Club. Take a look at these scientists in action. Last week, they looked at identifying mystery powders according to their properties. Then, this week, they investigated soluble sugar, including the relationship between its solubility and heat.



**SCIENCE**