

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 24th April 2026



Summer Term:

Half Term

Mon 25th May - Fri 29th May

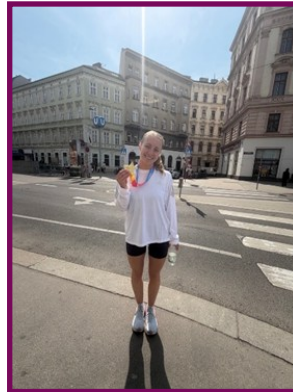
End of Summer Term

Friday 17th July

Well Done And Thank You Sabina

Sabina completed the Vienna Marathon in under 3 hours 30 minutes which is absolutely amazing! She has also raised over £1400 for Pakeman School!

Thank you Sabina for all the hard hours of training and dedication to help our children! We are incredibly grateful and really impressed with your achievement.



You can still donate online - [JustGiving](#) or leave a donation at reception.

If you would like to take part in any sponsored events to raise money for our school we would love to hear from you. Just contact Emma or Marta.

Mini Marathon Challenge

This week our whole school - over 300 children - took part in the London Mini Marathon challenge at Arsenal Stadium - running a mile and obtaining a medal for their efforts! They were brilliantly behaved and we definitely have some future athletes in our midst. Thank you to all the parent and carers volunteers who helped throughout the morning.

This Saturday some of our children will also be taking part in the Mini London Marathon which covers the final mile of the epic course running past Buckingham Palace and down the Mall. Good luck to them all!



SUPERSTARS



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| Elm | Zahra Walid |
| Pine | Ayliz |
| Cherry | Dardan |
| Holly | Leena |
| Maple | Ayanfe |
| Willow | Maxi |
| Palm | Harun |
| Banyan | Aderinto |
| Olive | Ahmed |
| Cedar | Valentina |
| Mahogany | Seyma |
| Eucalyptus | Adam |
| Sequoia | Hadi |

Well done Superstars



Measles Is Spreading In Islington

Measles is spreading in Islington – is your child protected?

There has been a significant increase in measles cases in Islington. The vast majority of cases are children. Measles is a painful and serious illness which can lead to hospitalisation and death. It is also one of the most infectious diseases in the world and spreads very easily. **MMR vaccinations are the safest and best defence against measles for you and your family.**



Check if your children (and you) have had the MMR vaccinations by looking in the child's Red Book or contacting your GP practice. You can book to catch-up on MMR vaccinations for free through your GP (for children 1 to 18 years, and adults of any age) or from **Vaccination UK** (for children 1 to 18 years only), phone: **0208 017 7925** or email: **Islington@vaccinationuk.co.uk**

Call your GP or call NHS 111 if you or your child becomes unwell with symptoms of measles - a high temperature with a cough, runny nose, sore red eyes or rash.



Click here for [Measles Symptoms](#)



Pakeman International Day

Wednesday May 20th

Pakeman's International Day is coming and it's going to be AMAZING!

This celebration is all about bringing our wonderfully diverse community together while raising money for something we know you care about: after-school academic programs.

The PTA has put together an incredible afternoon that needs your magic touch.

WE NEED YOUR TALENTS

Share your cultural cuisine.

Whether it's a treasured family recipe, a beloved dish, fresh bakes, or a signature centre piece, we want it all. Just remember to label everything clearly and **keep it nut-free** so everyone can enjoy safely.

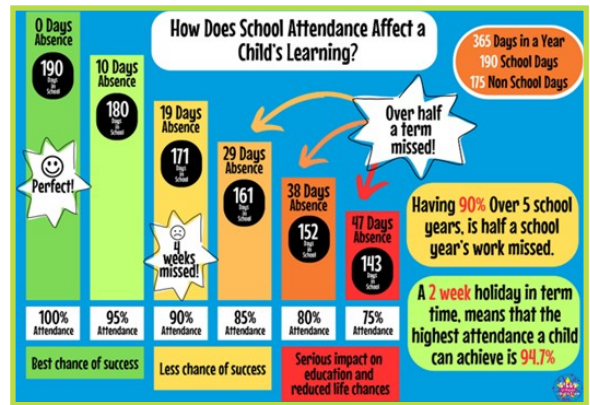
Showcase your cultural outfits.

We want to see the clothes that make your heritage shine. Dress to impress and celebrate what makes your culture beautiful.

More details/ideas for the day to follow!

Attendance and Punctuality

| Year Group | Best Attendance | Most Improved | Best Punctuality |
|------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| EYFS & KS1 | Maple Class | Under 96% | Elm Class |
| KS2 | Olive Class | Banyan Class | Over 3 lates |



Art Mood Boards

Years 3 and 4 have been working calmly to produce the most beautiful mood boards.



National Trust's Sky Gardening Challenge



National Trust's Sky Gardening Challenge invites people in flats and apartments to give gardening a go by planting something this spring/summer to help green their cities, improve biodiversity and support wellbeing. They're running workshops to help to get you gardening!



Balcony basics workshops

Friday 15 May, 6-8pm, Andover Community Centre
 Saturday 16 May, 10:30am-12:30pm, Elizabeth House Community Centre
 Sunday 17 May, 10am-12pm, King's Square Community Centre



The workshops will be an introduction to balcony gardening - covering how to use materials you might already have and how to pick the right plants for your balcony. All the workshops will include practical activities and free resources for participants to take away. Booking is encouraged as there are limited spaces. No gardening experience necessary. You just need access to a balcony or terrace!

Free Spring Intergenerational Event

Islington Ecology Centre

Saturday 25 April, 10:30am–1:30pm

Head along for a fun family event with wildlife activities, arts and crafts, a singalong and exotic animals from Zoolab.



Free Mental Health Event

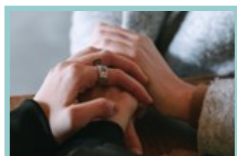
Join Mind for a free event offering mental health and well-being sessions, talks, partner stalls and a community lunch.

This community event aims to challenge stigma around mental health, raise the profile of what is on offer to support residents in the borough, meet others, take part in a taster session and enjoy a hot lunch provided by The People's Army

Reserve a spot

Wednesday 13 May, 12:30-4:30pm

76-80 Isledon Road, N7 7LB



Don't Forget - Local Toy Libraries

Parents and carers can borrow up to three toys for three weeks, free of charge. The toys can be borrowed at the following times:

Central Library: Wednesdays 11.30am-12noon

Finsbury Library: Thursdays 11.30am-12noon

Mildmay Library: Thursdays 11.30am-1pm

North Library: Tuesdays 11.30am-1pm

West Library: Tuesdays/Fridays 11.30am-1pm

You can find out more - visit the link below:

[Toy libraries on the Find Your Islington directory.](#)

You can also contact hlcs@islington.gov.uk.



Baby Bounce and Under-5s

Babies and young children love stories, rhymes and songs. At Islington libraries there are a range of relaxed and friendly sessions providing a great way to introduce very young children to books and reading. Baby Bounce 'Action Rhyme Times' (suitable for 0-18 months) and under-5s 'Story And Rhyme Times' (18-48 months) also take place. You can find out more by visiting [U5s activities on the Find Your Islington directory.](#)

