THE PAKEMAN **PRESS**

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

Homework Takeaway Menu

Some of our year 5/6 children built these incredible replicas of the Parthenon as part of their Homework Takeaway Menu on the Ancient Greeks. The famous temple in Athens was built in honour of Athena, Goddess of War and Wisdom - the favoured deity of that city state. In the Adventures of Odysseus, she sides with the Greek kings and helps destroy Troy and kill Paris - all because she was upset about not being considered the prettiest!! Very well done Laith, Bluebelle, Sara and Zeriga for outstanding work.













Black History Month Storytelling Workshops

Once again, children throughout the school were able to enjoy wonderful story sessions with professional storyteller, Wendy Shearer. These formed part of Black History Month celebrations. Wendy is an oral storyteller who tells traditional African and

Caribbean folktales. She inspired our children with her story telling this time last year and we were delighted that she was able to join us again this week. All the children loved being involved.







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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



SEE BACK PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS OF THIS **EVENT**

Half Term

Mon 28 Oct - Fri 1 Nov

SUPERSTARS



Elm Pine Cherry Holly Maple Willow Palm Banyan Olive Cedar Mahogany

Sequoia

Aizak **Nathalie** Ibraheem Anaiya Aribah Sienna Maryah Xion Keira Olivia-Grace Zeriga **Eucalyptus Sara**

Well done Superstars

Nadira



Attendance and Punctuality

Year Grou p	Best Attendance	Most Improved	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Cherry Class	Under 96%	Pine Class
KS2	Sequoia Class	Eucalytptus Class	Over 3 lates





Our Level 5 RHS School Garden

Pakeman have just been awarded the Level 5 School Gardening Award. Three years of work from Marcia and her team of successive gardeners have made this possible. A special mention to our current team - Skylar, Eromesele, Daniel A, Daniel O, and Maryam. Together they are doing an amazing job at keeping our gardens looking great. Because of all their hard work the school have also been awarded:

- A £150 National Garden Gift Voucher
- A certificate, digital logo and RHS Level 5 Gardening School plaque to promote and celebrate the achievement
- A selection of Mr Fothergill's seeds

Well done Rainbow Gardeners!



Gymnastics at the Sobell Leisure Centre

The Sobell Centre has undergone some big changes and they have invited lots of groups of children from Pakeman to come and try out the super new gymnastics area. This week, it was the turn of our Gymnastics Class to attend and they impressed the instructors with their agility and bravery! There are plenty of classes available at the Sobell after school if your child is interested. Thank you to the Sobell Centre for inviting us and supporting our school. Sobell Leisure







Black History Month Scavenger Hunt

On Thursday, Pakeman children enjoyed a scavenger hunt around the school for Black History Month. A group of Year 6 pupils (Yunus, Skyla-Rose, Abdirahman, Ijeoma, Nawal, Joan and Amira) researched black historical/contemporary figures and created posters about them. Classes were invited to explore the school to find the posters and to collect various facts about these inspiring individuals. A particular thank you to Yunus for coming up with this wonderful pupil-led project.



Computer Workshop

Year 3 and 4 participated in an all day computing workshop that focused on coding using something called a microbit. The children were able to create different icons, words and moving pictures on the microbit. They also got to create their own version of a

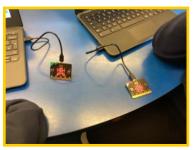
pedometer which could track their steps or jumps. The children were brilliant at the activity and really engaged.

Hopefully we can use the microbits in computing moving forwards!











Flu Vaccine

Did you know that the flu vaccine changes every year?

Scientists update it annually to protect against the flu viruses that will be most common in the upcoming season. This is why it's important for your child to get a new flu shot each year, even if you had one previously. For most children, the flu vaccine is a simple nasal spray, An injection version of the flu vaccine is also available that does not contain gelatine.

In addition to winter flu vaccination, it's really important that children are up to date on their routine childhood immunisations, including the MMR vaccine (two doses at 12 months and 3 years 4 months). If you're unsure about your family's vaccination status, talk to

your GP practice (or check with your midwife or health visitor).

NHS Full Vaccination



Easyfundraising

We have a brilliant way to raise free donations for Pakeman! Simply sign up to support us with easyfundraising. Then when you do your normal online shopping, go via the easyfundraising website or app and you'll raise donations for Pakeman Primary School PTA. Signing up is really quick and easy!

There are over 7,500 brands to choose from including Just Eat, eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Amazon and many more. We now have over 40 supporters and have raised over £400 - just through doing online shopping using the easyfundraiser website!

Sign up, instal the donation reminder and get shopping - please help us to hit our £500 target before Christmas!





Black History Month Lunch

Every year, in October, Angela, Vida and our fantastic kitchen team organise a delicious meal for all our children and staff to celebrate Black History Month. This year was no exception. We would like to say a huge thank you once again to all those involved. The additional effort involved in arranging this scrumptious feast is very much appreciated by everyone. So many children and adults commented on how delicious the food was. Thank you for all your hard work.









BOROUGH MARKET EVENT - WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER

Join Natalie and Marcia for a fantastic morning filled with delicious and unique foods at Borough Market. Discover a wide variety of vendors offering everything from fresh produce to handmade goods. Taste your way through the market, sampling local delicacies and international flavours.

Whether you're a foodie, or just looking for a fun morning out, Borough Market has something for everyone. Come along for a memorable experience in the heart of the city. It is a simple bus ride from school.

We will meet at the lodge after school drop offs from 8:45am and leave 9:15am on the dot!

Let us know your coming using Eventbrite link below or come and find us in the playground!

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/borough-market-tickets-1049471717157

