

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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Outstanding Homework

Brother and sister, Ishak and Asma, have created beautiful homework as part of their KS1 season;s class project. At Pakeman we love to celebrate when children make a special event in their own learning time at home. Very well done!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

End of Term

Friday 20th December
1.30pm



Festive Sing-a-long

Sing old winter favourites together with a String Trio and the Finsbury Park Community Choir. This is a free community event for all ages and shoes sizes.



No need to book.

When: Thurs 19 Dec
4:30pm – 6:00pm

Where: Highbury Fields
Bandstand Wildlife Garden

SUPERSTARS



Elm	Tyler
Pine	Grace
Cherry	Ginevra
Holly	Luna
Maple	River-Blu
Willow	Ahmed
Palm	Asma
Banyan	Yusuf
Olive	Elena
Cedar	Richard
Mahogany	Alisha
Eucalyptus	Kais
Sequoia	Alisha

Well done Superstars



Islington's Youth Council

**Islington Youth Council
election 2024**

Sofia Abdi

VOTE SOFIAABDI on 62277

Need help but don't know what to do? Vote for your ideas to become a reality.



E: youthcouncil@islington.gov.uk
T: 020 7527 2552
X: IslingtonYC
#IslingtonYC
#VoteYC2024



Your voice matters!

I will be campaigning to support young people to be both healthy on the inside and the outside because I know that mental and physical health both have an immense impact on your academic performance.



We are extremely proud to see one of our ex pupils, Sofia Abdi, putting herself forward in the hope to be elected onto Islington's Youth Council this year.

Details appear here, on the poster, for any parents and carers who may wish to vote for Sofia.

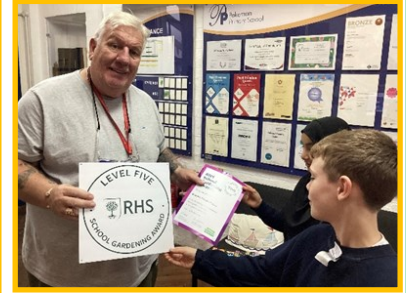


Pakeman's Rainbow Gardeners

Our Level 5 School Gardening Award has just arrived and we are so proud of our amazing Pakeman Rainbow Gardeners led by our wonderful green-fingered staff member – Marcia.

This award is a result of a culmination of three years of dedicated work from an incredible team of successive gardeners.

The Rainbow Gardeners began, and remains, as a team of eight children. Each week, the group choose a Head Gardener to help organise the necessary tasks. It is always really important that they work well together so that they can get a lot done each session.



Early tasks included clearing out lots of weeds which had taken over the gardening spots during lockdown, creating new spaces for healthy growth and making lovely handmade signage for new planting areas.

The team have regular meetings about what to grow in the school's garden spaces. So far, they have grown crops from seed and planted small crops of vegetables. They have successfully grown garlic, potatoes, broad beans, tomatoes, pumpkins, lettuce, aubergine and much more.

The children have worked well to connect our garden to the kitchen - they have seen their fresh produce used both in the school canteen and in Pakeman's after school Create cooking club.



Over the last three years, different groups of Rainbow gardeners have set themselves new missions. They've learnt many things through the RHS gardening scheme but one of the most important lessons was to plan projects and to identify the needs and benefits to our school. They achieved this by listening to our School Council and converting and developing a small, disused area at the front of Pakeman into a lovely memorial garden.



How Pakeman looks makes a huge difference to our well being – for our children, our parents and carers and our staff. We all want to extend a really big thank to Marcia and her amazing team of enthusiastic gardeners, for making such a positive difference to our school environment, in both how it looks and how it makes us all feel. **Thank you!**



Attendance and Punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most Improved	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Willow Class	Maple Class	Elm Class Cherry Class
KS2	Under 96%	Under 96%	Over 3 lates

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please remember that we are a nut free school. Please do not send nuts or foods which contain nuts or sesame in your child's packed lunch (e.g. humus and sesame bars). We have a number of children across the school who have food allergies.



It is really important that we take allergies seriously.

Friday Arsenal After School Club

Danny, the Football Development Coordinator for Arsenal Community has reminded us of a football class that might be of interest to some of our families.

The class runs 4-5pm at the Arsenal Hub, N7 7BY. They are inviting students that live between the N5 and N7 area to join the group weekly to develop their skills and enjoy playing football in a thriving social environment. Please see the link for further information:

<https://playthearsenalway.com/courses/friday-arsenal-hub-after-school-football-club-n5-n7-students-year-1-year-4/>

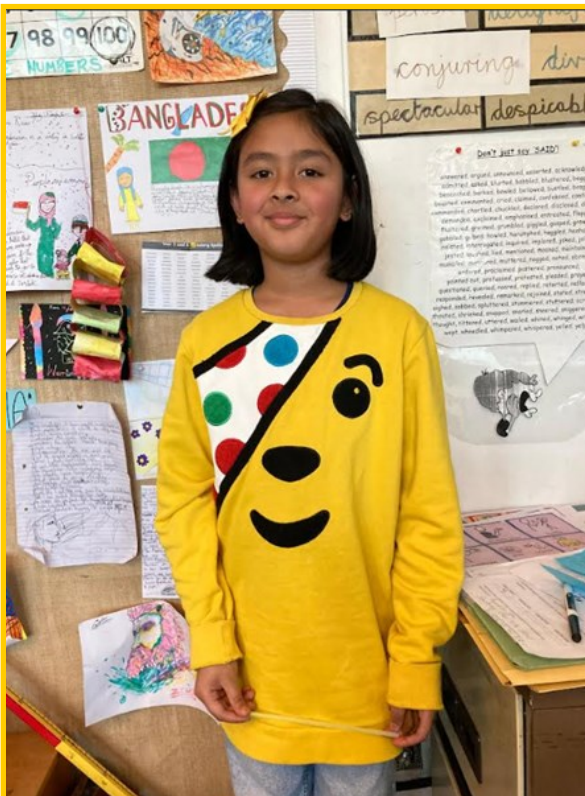
Evidence that families reside within an N5-N7 postcode is required.

Email: dsiggers@arsenal.co.uk



Children In Need

Many children dressed in non-uniform last week and we raised a fantastic **£233.30** to donate to Children in Need. Nyla in Mahogany looked great in her Children In Need costume. Well done to everyone involved!



Free Childcare

If you are an eligible working parent, you can apply for up to 15 hours of free childcare per week during term time for your child if they're aged between 9 months and 3 years.

If they're between 3 and 4 years old, eligible parents can get up to 30 hours' free childcare per week. You have to get your code by 31 December to start claiming the free hours from January 1, so apply in good time!

See the Government's Childcare Choices web page or contact FIS if you have any questions on 020 7527 5959 or at fis@islington.gov.uk



Supporting families with childcare costs



Find out more at childcarechoices.gov.uk

FOOD HUB



COMMUNITY FRIDGE

NOW IN THE LAB

Every Tuesday from 2:30pm



REMEMBER TO BRING A BAG!

BRIGHT FUTURES LINK TONI AVAILABLE NOVEMBER 19TH FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATIONS ASK MARCIA TO BOOK A SPOT 3:00PM - 4:00PM



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY
CHRISTMAS FAIR
17TH DEC



Preparing for the Christmas Fair

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Tuesday 26th
after school 3:00pm
in the lodge
PTA Meeting

Can you...
Donate prizes for Tombola?
Help set up and or clean up?
Face paint?

SUPPORT

WORK TOGETHER!

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