

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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Friday 20th December 2024

Winter Fair

Once again, we'd like to extend a huge thank you to all the staff, parents, carers and children for helping to make our Winter Fair such a success. A special thank you goes to Marcia for organising and co-ordinating this super event. It was lovely to see everyone coming together to enjoy the fun and festive atmosphere.

A huge thank you also goes to our local businesses and shops for supporting us with donations for the fair. Selbys, Waitrose, Odeon, Better Leisure, Babylon Park, Seluis Beauty and NC Fitness all generously donated items for our Christmas Raffle. Thank you for making a difference!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

End of Term

**Friday 20th December
Finish 1.30pm**



Start of Spring Term

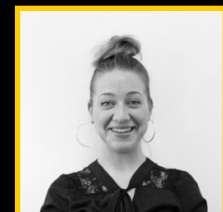
Tues 7th Jan 2025

(Staff INSET Mon 6th)

SUPERSTAR



Well done Superstar



This week, Siobhan, along with the Souls & Soles Team completed the Surrey 3 Peaks challenge for the Doctors Without Borders Charity.

Doctors Without Borders is the world's leading medical humanitarian aid organisation.

Very well done to Siobhan who raised £455. Collectively, the team raised £5,000. Amazing!



Farmyard Fun!

All our pupils had a wonderful opportunity to meet farmers last week. The children interacted with farm animals and learnt how farmers look after them. They also sat in a tractor and discovered how it is used on farms, learned about different grains and seeds and made ice creams using British ingredients. The whole day was organised by NFU Education as part of a drive to help inner city children learn where their food comes from.



The NFU also donated boxes of food, including fruit, vegetables, eggs, bread, crumpets and cinnamon swirls to the school's foodbank, with donations from British farmers, Waitrose and Warburtons. It was a day to remember - thanks to Emma for organising it and we even featured on BBC London News!



Party Time At Pakeman

A host of parties have been taking place across the school this week. Thanks to all our wonderful staff for organising some great fun and games to end a monumentally busy term. Thank you also for your continued hard work and dedication to our Pakeman children. You have all been fantastic. Wishing you all a well earned relaxing break!



It's not too late for your child to get a flu vaccine

Children from Reception to Year 11 are eligible for a free flu vaccine.

Your child can get the **nasal flu vaccine** for a few more weeks via:

[Vaccination UK community clinics](#)

Clinics end on 14 January.



Are you doing any last minute shopping? - Remember Easyfundraising

We are still using Easyfundraising to raise free donations for Pakeman! Simply sign up to support us. 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.



The number of supporters keeps growing and we are very grateful for the continued support we get from both regular and one-off users. **So far we have raised £520** through your online shopping. Thank you so much! Happy shopping!!






Islington Parent Carer Forum
Your Voices matter


ABOUT US
We are a voluntary group of Islington parents and carers working with the local authority to ensure that the voices of our children, young people and their families are heard.

JOIN US
If you want to be involved in shaping services for our young people then please join us. The wider our representation the stronger our voice. We hold regular events and surveys to capture your views and experiences.

CONTACT US
Please register for news of events and surveys with our website Membership sign-up form.



Join us to find out more about events and how you can share your views and experiences
www.islingtonparentcarerforum.com

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Let's Talk Islington

Islington is a wonderfully diverse community with much to celebrate. They want to tell their story in a clear and honest way. As part of this, they are refreshing how they present themselves as a council to better connect with you, the people of Islington.

Whether you live, work, study or visit the borough, your experiences, thoughts and opinions will help shape the story they tell. They aim to capture the true picture of this vibrant community by including a range of perspectives from people who are willing to get involved in healthy discussion and challenge the norm when needed!

Join the in-person workshop :
Thursday 9 January 6.30 - 8.30pm
Islington Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD

Light refreshments will be provided, and you will receive a **£25 voucher** as a thank you for your time.

Please [complete this short form](#) by **Friday 3 January** if you'd like to attend.

Ways to get help - if you're struggling with living costs

If you're struggling with money, there are things you can do to save on your regular living costs. [Check what to do if you need help with living costs.](#)

If you're finding it hard to pay your bills, you can get help. [Find out more about getting help with your bills.](#)

You can also [get help with debts.](#)

If you're struggling to pay for food, [find out how to get help from a food bank.](#)

[Contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline](#) if you need more help - a trained adviser can give you advice over the phone, online chat or by email.

If you get benefits, you might be able to get £150 off your electricity bill or £150 added to your prepayment meter. [Warm Home Discount Scheme](#)



**May we take this opportunity to wish everyone
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

