

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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Computing workshops

The mobile phone company *Three* came into school last week and ran some fun computing workshops in all classes from year 1-6. Some classes learnt to make movies using a green screen! Thank you to the phone company for coming in to Pakeman and to all the staff involved.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Half Term

Mon 17th Feb - Fri 21st Feb

End of Spring Term

Friday 4th April
(Finish 1.30pm)

Start of Summer Term

Tues 22nd April 2025



Please note:

Holidays are **not** authorised during term time. Unauthorised holidays could result in penalty charges being issued to those parents and carers with parental responsibility.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Elm	Zahra
Pine	Yaqub
Cherry	Jason
Holly	Ellaha
Maple	Maxi
Willow	Mariah
Palm	Bari
Banyan	Layla
Olive	Adel
Cedar	Kayla
Mahogany	Latifa
Eucalyptus	Abdullah
Sequoia	Hasnaa



A very special thank you to Natasha for organising the day. The children had a lot of fun throughout the school.

Inter School Athletics Competition

On Wednesday, a group of children were selected to take part in a primary school athletics competition. They went to Beacon High School where they competed against several other local schools. Children took part in a range of activities including running, jumping and throwing. A huge thanks to Coach T, Angela and Irena who took them on the trip and said that both the children's behaviour and participation were outstanding. In fact, the athletics competition organiser told our staff "The pupils that have attended the events this week are an absolute credit to you and your school". Very well done everyone!



Y6 PSHE Trip

Year 6 children went to the Sobell Centre for a TfL Citizenship trip where they had talks from London Fire Brigade, TfL, Metropolitan Police, Arsenal FC and My Bank. This was a rewarding experience for everyone.



Korean Visitors



Emma welcomed 25 Korean teachers to Pakeman this week and gave them a tour of our fantastic school. They were all very impressed with what they saw. Thanks to all our staff and children for making our visitors so welcome. Special thanks to Jack and all those children involved in singing a Korean song to our guests.



Attendance and Punctuality



Year Group	Best Attendance	Most Improved Attendance	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Under 96%	Under 96%	Elm class
KS2	Eucalyptus class	Eucalyptus class	Olive class

Everyone welcome!
Expect a fun, friendly environment where you can grab some food and learn about the support available to you and your family.

Community Access fest.

On 30 January 2025
From 11am till 2.30pm
At Access Islington Hub North
8-9 Manor Gardens
London N7 6LA

Get ready for a lively, welcoming event that brings together people from all around Islington to celebrate the new Access Hub!

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A Busy Week In Elm

Our 2+ children have been using their senses to explore scented water by pouring and making 'pretend' herbal tea. They have also been crunching and transporting corn flakes using their hands and toy vehicles. They had lots of fun trying to make jelly. Then as part of their story session '*Don't Put Your Finger In The Jelly Nelly*' they got to taste, touch and smell the jelly they'd made.

Elm children have also been developing friendships and working together to create some favourite story characters for their display board. They've been enjoying stories and rhymes related to their topic '**Favourite Stories**'. As well as their jelly fun, this week they read and listened to '*Brown Bear, Brown Bear*' using props to encourage them to fully participate in the story telling session and create their very own bears!



FREE Cycling Courses

Islington delivers a comprehensive cycle training programme that is completely free to members of the public.

JoyRiders (women's only sessions) @ Sonderburg Road (Seven Sisters Road)

This group is run by women, for women. This is good for beginners and there is plenty of capacity for multiple sign ups. The sessions are free and are hosted in a Basketball court (off road) **around the corner from Pakeman Primary**.



The courses run every **Monday from 9:30am to 11:30am**
Book here - [Islington Cycle Lessons for Women](#)

Adult Group Sessions

These sessions are geared towards complete beginners and there is space for up to 8 people on each course. Courses run **every other Saturday** - often groups of friends attend together.

Book here - [Adult beginner cycle skills - Winton Primary School - Bikeability and Cycle Skills](#)

Islington Libraries - Winter Reading Challenge

Read four books by **28 February** to get stickers along the way and a certificate for completing the full challenge.

Children can join the Winter Reading Challenge at any library.

Step 1: Join your local library

Step 2: Join the Winter Reading Challenge

Step 3: Borrow books

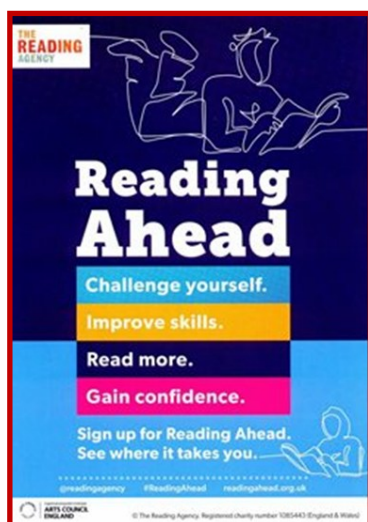
Step 4: Read 4 books

Step 5: Get awarded a certificate.



And it is FREE!

When you complete the challenge, show your certificate to your teacher so that we can celebrate together at assembly.



Reading Ahead – Adult Reading Challenge

What is Reading Ahead? A challenge to read six things. You can read what you like – children's books, magazines, newspapers, poems or books. When you finish each read, write down your thoughts and give it a score.

Why should I take part? Challenge yourself! Reading for enjoyment can improve literacy skills, teach you new things, support your wellbeing and build confidence. After completing six reads, you will get a certificate! **Be a role model for our children.**

How do I take part?

Visit any Islington Library and they will sign you up!

www.islington.gov.uk/libraries