

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.

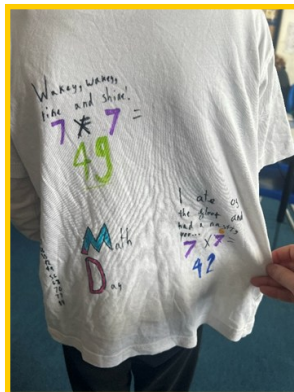
Issue 10 Spring Term 2025

Friday 28th March 2025

Pakeman's World Maths Day



Children celebrated World Maths Day this week. They were encouraged to dress up as their favourite number, symbol or an area of maths they particularly love. A big thank you to everyone who helped to make the event successful. Particular thanks go to Tamanna and Rose who organised this great day.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

End of Spring Term

Friday 4th April
(Early Closure 1.30pm)



Start of Summer Term

All children return

Tues 22nd April 2025



April Fool's Day next week - start planning your tricks!!

SUPERSTARS



Elm	Ayaan
Pine	Zunairah
Cherry	Aniah
Holly	Anaiya
Maple	Adl
Willow	All children
Palm	Robyn
Banyan	Yasir
Olive	Wahab
Cedar	Taheem
Mahogany	Aishah
Eucalyptus	Elanur
Sequoia	Richie



St Michael's COFE Primary School
North Road, Highgate, N6 4BG

BREAKING NEWS



CHILDREN PROUDLY BRING HOME THEIR FINISHED MASTERPIECES EVERY DAY



We are working with air dried clay every morning. Later in the afternoon we do painting, drawing, mixed media projects, collages and much more

APRIL ART CAMP
FROM 7TH TO 17TH APRIL
FOR CHILDREN AGED 6 TO 11
FROM 10AM TO 3PM
AT HIGHGATE

BOOK HERE



WHOLE WEEK OR DAILY BOOKINGS AVAILABLE
10% OFF WHEN BOOKING THE WHOLE WEEK
10% OFF SIBLING DISCOUNT
ALL MATERIALS INCLUDED



MORE INFORMATION AT WWW.ARTCAMPSWITHINNA.COM

YMCA Easter Holiday Playscheme @ Kings Cross Academy

Join us at Kings Cross Academy for 2 weeks of activities, games and fun for children aged 5-11!

Location: Kings Cross Academy (4 Wollstonecraft St, London, NYC 4BT)

Cost: £37 per day (Tax free childcare accepted, please email cyp.playscheme@ymca.co.uk to sign up)

Timings: 9am-4pm

Dates:

Monday 7th - Friday 11th April 2025

Monday 14th - Thursday 17th April 2025

Please ensure your child brings: a full packed lunch and water bottle, a raincoat & sunglasses/ sun cream.

Click Here To Book!

Or Scan Here!



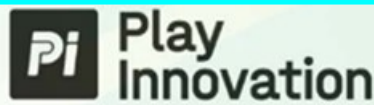
We operate a strict No Nut policy. Please ensure children bring any required medication with them. Please note, all children must be fully toilet trained to attend the session.

If your child requires additional support, please email cyp.playscheme@ymca.co.uk prior to booking, to ensure we are able to safely accommodate your child.

Toy Libraries

We want to remind you that Islington has five toy libraries offering exciting and fun toys for children aged under five. These resources encourage your child's learning and social development – and they are **free to borrow!**

[Toy Library Listings](#)



A huge thank you to **London Sport Opening Schools Facilities** for funding our new boards and enabling fantastic workshops to take place with Play Innovation. All the children were fully engaged throughout and had the most fantastic time.



www.playinnovation.co.uk

CASE STUDY



Pakeman Primary School, Hornsey Road, London

Project: NEW GAMES + FULL DAY WORKSHOP SESSIONS

Pupils reached: 320

Products: Street Snooker X & Corner Skills TIC-TAC-TOE (OXO)

Investment: £6,900



Headteacher Emma Bonnin:

"Playinnovation is making a real difference in education, sport, and wellbeing through their creative, play-based target games and ball courts. The resource fits into even the smallest of school spaces, making sure every child gets a chance to be active and engaged.

The impact is clear - engagement soared, teachers saw improved focus, and pupils gained a sense of achievement. It wasn't just about scoring points but building self-esteem, celebrating effort, amazing team work and setting personal goals."

The workshop. As it happened.

x2 Playinnovation coaches delivered an action-packed day of Street Snooker X and Corner Skills Tic-Tac-Toe at Pakeman Primary School. Across nine dynamic sessions, 330 pupils from key stages 1 and 2 were shown ways to play Street Snooker and the Brilliant Corner Skills OXO (TIC-TAC-TOE). Pupils experienced an innovative approach to physical activity, having fun whilst covertly developing key skills in goal setting, hand-eye coordination, physical literacy, maths, and teamwork.



Seeing 330 children engage the way they have done today, has been incredibly rewarding yet again. From pupils telling me how they have already improved on their shooting skills, through to watching a reserved child step out of their shell and joining in, these are the reasons why we do what we do'

Marco Boi / Founder of Playinnovation



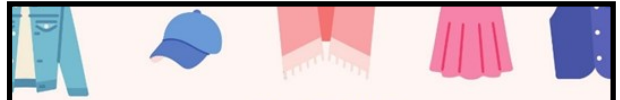
TOILETING COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday 1st April 2025
9:15am in the Lodge

With Natalie (CFSW) and
Ashleigh Johnson from the
Bridge School

Discussing:

- Toilet training preparation for school readiness
- How school can support what is happening at home
- When toilet training looks different (including additional needs)

CLOTHES UPCYCLING COFFEE AFTERNOON


WE ARE EXCITED TO INVITE YOU TO A CLOTHING
UPCYCLING COFFEE AFTERNOON

A FUN AND CREATIVE WAY TO REFRESH YOUR
WARDROBE AND MAKE THE MOST OF WHAT YOU
ALREADY HAVE!

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN HOW TO BREATHE NEW LIFE INTO YOUR OLD
CLOTHES WITH THE HELP OF FABRIC, CLOTHES EMBELLISHMENTS, AND SEWING MACHINES
(ALL PROVIDED).

WHETHER YOU'RE A SEASONED PRO OR JUST LOOKING TO TRY SOMETHING NEW, THIS SESSION IS
PERFECT FOR ANYONE WHO ENJOYS ARTS, CRAFTS, AND FASHION!

**TUESDAY 1ST APRIL 2:15PM - 3:15PM
IN THE LAB**



Demand Avoidance & Reducing Demands



Support guide for parents & carers

Demands are an integral, unavoidable part of everyday life. But for some children, young people and adults, demands of any kind can create overwhelming feelings of anxiety, distress and panic.

What are demands?

Demands are things that we are asked to do. Other people can create demands and we can place them on ourselves. Demands can relate to things we want to do, as well as those we have to do.

- Following instructions or directions
- Completing tasks, activities or chores
- Responding to physical sensations e.g. needing the toilet
- Following societal expectations e.g. saying 'please' and 'thank you'
- Carrying out daily routines e.g. brushing teeth
- Attending events or appointments
- Taking part in hobbies
- Meeting up with friends or family



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Demand Avoidance and Reducing Demands

Demands are an integral, unavoidable part of everyday life. But for some children, young people and adults, demands of any kind can instigate overwhelming feelings of anxiety, distress and panic.

Demand avoidant behaviour can impact home life and parents and carers may need additional support.

This handy support guide is for parents and carers, and has 8 suggestions for reducing demands and creating low demand environments at home. These can then be tailored to meet individual need.

[Demand Avoidance and Reducing Demands](#)

Free Childcare

If you are an eligible working parent/carer you can apply for up to 15 hours' 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/carers can get up to 30 hours' free childcare per week. **You have to get your code by 31 March** to start claiming the free hours from 01 April, so apply in good time!

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

Childcare
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