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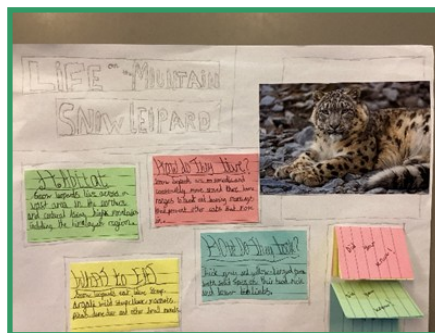
Thank you for taking the time to read this weekly newsletter. We hope you will find its contents useful.

Issue 8 Spring Term 2025

Friday 14th March 2025

Year 3 and 4 Takeaway Homework

This half-term, year 3 and 4 are enjoying their new geography topic 'Mountains!' Some children have already created a range of fantastic homework pieces. Precious created an amazing model of a mountain. Sofia created a mountain style poem and mountain map on canvas. Also, Raima created a fact file about snow leopards that can be found on some mountains around the world. Brilliant work everyone.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

End of Spring Term

Friday 4th April
(Finish 1.30pm)

Start of Summer Term

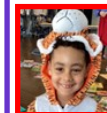
Tues 22nd April 2025



Check out this newsletter's last page for a great selection of super book characters



from our World Book Day!



SUPERSTARS



Elm	Vicencio
Pine	Evana
Cherry	Rami
Holly	Nala-Rae
Maple	Reagan
Willow	Arhum
Palm	Isolde
Banyan	Antony
Olive	Kiah
Cedar	Precious
Mahogany	Zakaria
Eucalyptus	Aida
Sequoia	Mujiza

Super Gymnasts

Very well done to Rebecca and Landa for a great achievement. They recently competed in the Cateleaps Gymnastics Competition where they both achieved second place in their category. Rebecca won her trophy in the best vault category and Landa won hers in the category for best floor routine. Well done. That's amazing!



Attendance and Punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most Improved	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Eim Class	Elm Class	Elm Class Willow Class
KS2	Mahogany Class	Olive Class	Olive Class

Outdoor Reading Area

Our outdoor reading area has arrived and Steve will be installing it in the KS1 and KS2 playground, next to the climbing frame. This will be a great communal space, which we hope to make available for our families to use during our regular coffee mornings.



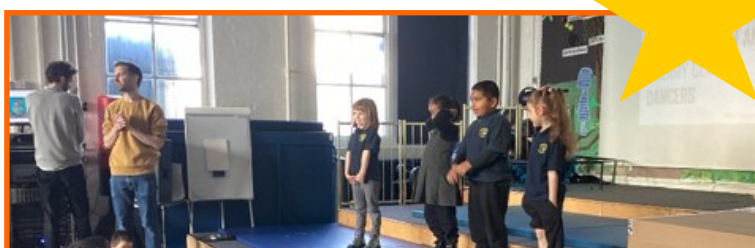
Parent/Carer Open Reading Session

Many thanks to so many of our wonderful parents and carers who took the opportunity recently to join classrooms and share wonderful reading sessions with our children. Thanks to staff who also took this time to enjoy some quality story time in class. Remember that regularly reading with a child for enjoyment provides a lovely connection between parents, carers and children. Happy reading everyone!



★ Pakeman's Got Talent 2025

Well done to every single performer involved in Pakeman's Got Talent 2025. It was a huge success and a reminder of the many skills that the children have...what a talented bunch!



A huge thank you to our judges (Júlia, Tracey and Estelle), our presenters (Ben and Jack) and our comperes (Jesse, Nina, Ijeoma and Mia). And an enormous thank you to all our brave performers!!!

Informative and Empowering Knife Crime Parent/Carer Workshop

Pakeman Primary

Knife Crime Awareness Workshop

"This course really gave me a real life insight and the information that could help keep my own and other children safe."

Workshop Details

Where?

Pakeman Primary School

When?

Tuesday 18th March 2:15-3:15pm

How Much?

FREE!

Topics Include:

- The drivers of knife crime
- Knife crime from young people's perspectives
- Online harms, social media and gang-related drill music
- How issues with peers can escalate
- Having meaningful conversations
- Empowering our children to stay safe
- Further support and resources

Please arrive 10 minutes before the start of the session to be seated

Informative and Empowering

Supporting children and young adults is hard, sometimes it can be scary and overwhelming with news stories and social media influencing how safe we feel our children are and the risks they may face in today's climate.

Refreshments included!



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2:15 - 3:15pm
in the Lab

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Please come along and join Anoushka Dunic from the Ben Kinsella organisation who will present discuss and advise.

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!

When: 1st April 2025 2:15 - 3:15pm

Where: The Lab

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.

Why attend?

- Learn how to upcycle and create something unique and stylish.
- A fun and practical way to save money in today's climate.
- Meet other parents and share ideas in a relaxed, friendly environment.

Feel free to bring any clothes you'd like to work on or get inspired by our provided materials. We'll have plenty of coffee and snacks to keep the creativity flowing!

We also need some parent/carers volunteers to help with the event. Please contact Natalie if you are interested. We hope to see you there!

**CLOTHES
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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**

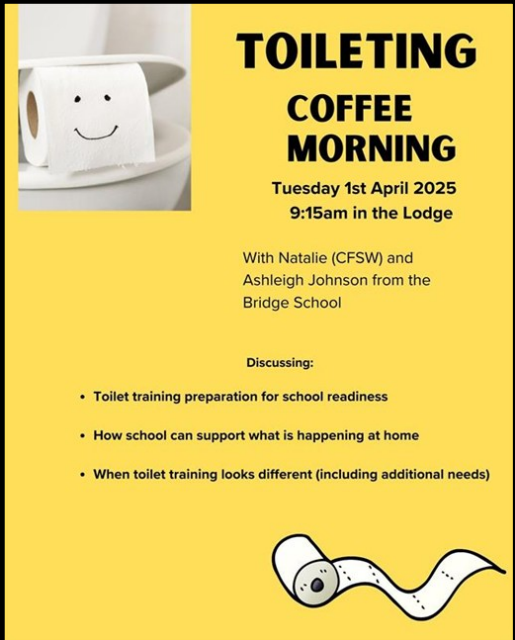
You are warmly invited you to a special **Toileting Coffee Afternoon**, where we will be joined by **Ashleigh from The Bridge School**. The Bridge School specialises in supporting children with special educational needs, including autism and learning disabilities.

During this session, Ashleigh will be discussing key topics related to toileting and school readiness, including:

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

This is an excellent opportunity for parents and carers to gather valuable insights and tips from an expert in the field. Whether you're just starting toilet training or facing unique challenges, we hope you'll join us for this important and informative session.

We look forward to seeing you there!





**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)

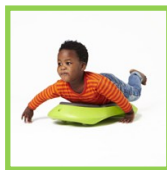


Sensory Drop In

St George's Church hold **free** Sensory Drop-In sessions for families with children with additional needs.

This includes children with autism, ADHD, sensory processing disorder, dyspraxia, Tourettes, SEMH, adoption, trauma, school avoidance ... and any other needs ... no diagnosis is needed, just come as you are.

They have: sensory equipment for movement and regulation (mats, therapy balls, mini trampolines, scooter boards, sensory tents), Lego, play doh and a quiet area.



For more information click: [Sensory Drop In](#)

CLUB HUB

Check out this great hub to find more baby classes, toddler groups, kids clubs and kids activities near you.

[Club Hub](#)



Caring for Carers

Thursday 27th March
10.30am - 2pm
At Islington Town Hall
Committee meeting room 1
Upper Street, N1

Free event

FREE Wellbeing event for SEND parent carers
Refreshments provided
Free Goodie Bags (subject to availability)

Run by SEND families for SEND families
www.islingtonparentcarerforum.com

Palace for All

This is a parent/carer-led organisation for children of all ages and abilities and their carers and families. You can drop-in and meet others in a friendly and stimulating environment. They offer activities and events to help special needs children, with a range of physical and learning disabilities, reach their potential. They also provide drop-in play, communication and learning support, therapies and family support. They have targeted Stay and Play sessions 3 times a week and offer holiday play schemes under the Short Breaks umbrella. [Palace for All](#)

World Book Day Celebrations

Thanks to all our amazing families and staff for supporting World Book Day 2025 at Pakeman.

