

23rd May 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

Today we bring the summer 1 half-term to a close, and we also bring our time travelling history half-term to a close too. It is the shortest half-term of the year, but it feels like we did a lot over the last five weeks.

One of the highlights of the last five weeks was certainly last week's **Hackney School's Challenge**. I'd like to say a massive well done to **Hugo** in **Y6** for winning by a 'country mile'. But we also want to say a huge well done to everyone who took part as you helped to raise over **£1300** for the school! A special mention must be given to our **Daubeney PCTA** member, **Mary**, for coordinating the fundraising effort, this is very much appreciated.

In our usual fashion, and to stimulate those home learning conversations, please find below our **Golden Expectation, Word of the Week and Debate of the Week**.

Golden Expectation: **Learn brilliantly**

Word of the Week: **Dependable**

Debate of the Week: **Single gender schools are better for pupils than mixed schools**

Before recapping on the week, I would like to encourage you to visit our **highlights tab** for a snapshot of some the **outstanding teaching and learning** that happens here on a daily basis, which will also give visuals to some of what I mention below. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/highlights>

The week started on Monday with our Junior Maths Team, **Amelia, Fatima, Aisha, Omari, Cason, Cara, Faheem and Kevin** venturing off to the **Museum of Brands** with Ms Cheung. They had the opportunity to explore the museum and to find out more about 200 years of consumer culture. If you'd like to know more about the Museum of Brands, access the link below. <https://museumofbrands.com/>

After school on Monday, we were very fortunate to enjoy the most wonderful **art exhibition** of outstanding self-portraits as curated by **Ms Payne**. We hope you took advantage and bought yourself a copy of your child(ren)'s self-portrait(s) in the style of Alma Thomas (Reception & Y1); Vincent Van Gough (Year 2); Andy Warhol (Y3); Wassily Kandinsky (Y4); Pablo Picasso (Y5) and Frida Kahlo (Y6).

Tuesday saw **YR Cygnets** visit the **Hackney School of Food**. Much less exciting than that, we had our **Y6 teachers** and **Ms Lester** attend Hackney's annual writing moderation training. This affords our teachers to maintain/develop their skills in assessing writing but also ensures that our teachers are supporting our pupils to achieve the expected standard, or better, in writing at the end of Y6.

On Wednesday our **Y3** cohort visited the British **Museum** to explore Roman artifacts as part of their history topic. The children were amazed to be standing in front of authentic Roman objects which they studied and discussed in class. As exciting as the British Museum is, I suspect the highlight of the week for all of our children was attending the **Daubeney Village PCTA School Disco!** Thank you to all of the village members who supported after-school on Wednesday, especially DJ Ms Johnson 😊

Thursday was a very important day for **Y4 Nightingales** as they performed their class assembly to their KS2 peers as well as their parents/careers. Thank you, parents and carers, for attending, assemblies would not be the same without you!

Thursday was also very important day to our **Y2** cohort as they witnessed a significant historical event take place in front of their very eyes, The Great Fire of London! This was part of our history WOW Day. Please see the grid below as a reminder of the topics covered this half-term, and as a home learning conversation stimulator!

Year 1	History of Transport
Year 2	The Great Fire of London
Year 3	Romans
Year 4	Anglo-Saxons Vs Vikings
Year 5	Windrush
Year 6	Ancient Kingdom of Benin

Friday saw us conclude the week in our usual fashion of celebrating our **Golden Achievers**, but out of the ordinary we hosted our final **Local School Committee** for the year, coupled with a governor day which focused on our school development priority 'To further improve writing outcomes.' This brought a great week and a fantastic half-term to a well-timed conclusion.

As we now look forward to a very busy summer 2 half-term, we will be holding a 'Be Yourself Day' as part of Pride month on 26th June. This will focus on children being individuals and expressing themselves and feeling a sense of belonging. This covers the PSHE elements of children learning about the world they live in and respecting differences and similarities in the people and families around them. If any parent would like to hear more about the content of the day, please contact the HoS or PHSE Lead. There will be more on the websites nearer the time. Expect to hear children talking about feeling proud about an aspect of themselves, a wealth of friendship bracelets, rock painting, art, positive messaging, lunchtime karaoke, dressing up and fashion shows and much more.

Please enjoy the half-term holiday and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 2nd June at 8:45!

Yours sincerely,



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Head of School

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Executive Head Teacher

