

13<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

Today concludes what has been another busy and amazing week here at Daubeney.

As a reminder, this half-term, we will be focused on **Art**, under the banner of **‘Beautiful or Useful?’** In our usual manner, to facilitate those home learning conversations, please find below our **Golden Expectation, Debate topic of the Week and our Word of the Week.**

Golden Expectation: **Be kind, helpful and gentle**

Word of the Week: **Change**

Debate of the Week: **Children need devices to have a good quality of life**

The week started for us with a visit from **Y10 pupils** from Urswick. The reason for the visit was as part of our **Spanish transition programme**. This is to support the development of modern foreign (MFL) languages within the borough and **Sara Alonso** does an outstanding job with this, and all things Spanish at the Blossom Federation, and beyond! On Monday we also hosted a transition meeting for our recent St Dominic’s admissions. The meeting was attended obviously by **former St Dominic’s parents and pupils**, but we also had **Mr Purvis**, St Dominic’s Head of School, and **Almaz Disu** representing Hackney Education. The meeting was very positive and offered feedback to the local authority to facilitate better processes for future school closures within the borough.

That was not our only visitor from Hackney Education on Monday. **Helen Davey** came to see how we are progressing with our community café and what impact it is having on our community. Needless to say, she was very impressed, and even more so with our plans for the future that will be shared with you all in due course! However, the undoubted highlight for Monday was the delivery of unhatched chicks and ducklings eggs, of which you shall hear more later!

On Tuesday we held the first of our year group Spelling Bee competitions with **Y3** leading the charge. It was very competitive and I thought Ms Lester would run out of words for the children to spell! Eventually a winner was found, and we must congratulate **Zainab** for that. Our Y5 winner was **Noah** and our Y6 winner was **Musa**. As Y4 were attending swimming this week, they will have their spelling bee at a later date.

Wednesday saw another visitor from Hackney Education, Tom Panagiotopoulos, our school improvement partner (SIP). We hosted our **final SIP visit** for the year which focused on our SDP1 and SDP3 targets. As always, we received positive feedback and are now awaiting our formal report which we’ll share with you when we write our final School Development Newsletter for the year in July. However, for children in **Nursery and Reception**, there was only one thing on their mind on Wednesday, the hatching of eggs!

Thursday saw **Ms Payne** escort three **Y5** pupils off to the **Saatchi Gallery** to see how they will get on as part of the Artbytes competition. Sadly, none of our pupils were placed winners but they all received a certificate of participation.

Finally, we brought the week to a close by completing our **Y4 Multiplication Timetables Check (MTC)**, our **Y1 Phonics Screener Check** and our Y4's completed the final day of their two-week intensive swimming course.

Please check out the fliers and text below, and I hope to see you at either our quiz tonight or at our Greening Daubeney event on Sunday. If I don't see you have a great weekend, whatever you do!

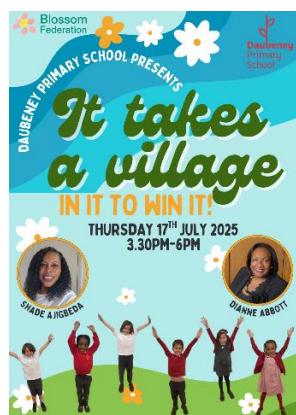
Yours sincerely,



Mr Gregory Logan  
Head of School



Mr Robin Warren  
Executive Head Teacher



Dear Friends & Families

**Hackney Marsh Adventure Playground** is raising funds to build a new wooden play structure supported by the BUILD UP FOUNDATION.

This play structure will be created and designed by our young people and they will get the chance to help build and construct it in the summer.

We need your help, not just with donations, which would be greatly received, but by sharing this message -

- Please forward this email
- Tag friends on social media
- Post about it in your networks

Together, we can create something magical this summer!

Donate and share here: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/hackney-marsh>

Thank you so much for your support

Angela & The Play Team at Hackney Marsh Adventure Playground

