

19th September 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

I think I can confidently say that everyone is now back into the routine of school life. In our usual fashion, please find below our Golden Expectation of the week, our word of the week and our debate topic of the week to facilitate those home learning conversations!

Golden Expectation: **Be honest and responsible**

Word of the Week: **Responsibility**

Debate of the Week: **School rules are much more important than home rules.**

In a similar vein please find below the topics that each year group is studying this half-term as part of our Intrepid Explorers Geography half-term:

Year Group	Geography topic
Year 1	Me and My World -The local area
Year 2	Hot and Cold
Year 3	Rainforests
Year 4	Earthquakes
Year 5	Mountains
Year 6	The UK

In addition to the above, I encourage you to visit our highlights tab

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/highlights>, not only to see what our children have been getting up to at school, it also provides a great stimulus to ignite conversations with your child(ren) about learning at school as they can often give monosyllabic answers when asked on the way home after school

As mentioned last week, we are currently holding our **School Council elections** which always gets our children excited as they prepare their speeches and seek votes from their classmates. If you'd like to support your child with this, you may find the following video link useful, and this is another opportunity to have home learning conversations about 'democracy'. [School Council Elections 2025 - Daubeney Primary School](#)

Talking of democracy, **Hackney Council** would like to invite some of its youngest citizens from Daubeney Primary to **design a poster** aimed at tackling the issue of dog fouling. Hackney Council is launching a new campaign to keep our streets and public spaces clean and tidy, tackling issues like littering, dog fouling, and fly-tipping. If you need some inspiration please see example from Haringey - <https://www.haringey.veolia.co.uk/about-us/haringey-news/bruce-grove-school-children-turn-their-nose-dog-mess> Please hand in your posters to Ms Gedny with your name, age and class on the back of your poster. The deadline to submit a poster is 1st October 2025.

I'd like to take a moment to thank **Annwen Johnson BEM** (chair of our Local School Committee) for facilitating our KS2 **World Afro Day** assembly on Monday. The very informative assembly was delivered by the wonderful Natasha Briscoe, who also sold afro hair related items at the end of the day. If you would like to learn more about afro hair, or purchase items related to afro hair, please access the link below.
<https://ariseandshinecosmetics.co.uk/>

Another parent partner, I'd like to commend is **Tom Sheppard** who has served our Daubeney Village community as treasurer of the PCTA. However, Tom will be moving on at the end of the year, as will his youngest child, who is now in Y6. As such we need to recruit a new treasurer for the PCTA. If you have experience in finance and would like to know more about what the role entails send an email to admin@daubeney.hackney.sch.uk and we'll get a 'JD' out to you.

I'd like to raise two house-keeping items with you:

- 1.) Names on **school uniform**. I implore you to write your child(ren)'s name on their uniform. Children being children will discard their clothes in their wake, and we do remind children to look after their uniform. However, it is extremely challenging returning uniform to children when we cannot identify who a particular item of clothing belongs to.
- 2.) **Punctuality** – our school gates open at 8:45am. It is imperative that children arrive to school on time ready for their learning and not feeling rushed. Habits last a lifetime and really want our children to establish the habit of being punctual, as it is said that 'a habit once formed becomes an indelible second nature'.

As I bring the letter to a close, I'd like to encourage you to please afford time for your child(ren) to access **Times Tables Rock Stars** (TTRS) to consolidate their times table knowledge. Having a secure knowledge of times tables significantly reduces the cognitive processing for our children when solving maths problems. As a school leader I want to build on the wonderful KS2 SATs maths results we received last year (88% at expected standard and 52% at greater depth standard), and having a secure knowledge of timetables will certainly assist with this.

As we now settle down into the academic year please come and speak with a member of SLT at drop-off or collection time if there is anything you'd like to discuss as we get into our stride for the year ahead.

Yours sincerely,



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Head of School



Robin Warren
Executive Head Teacher

