

10th October 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

Today brings our staff-well being week to a close with us celebrating World Mental Health Day. In our usual manner, please find those learning conversation starters below. This week, it might be interesting to speak as a family about mental health and what your child(ren) thinks can support positive mental health as they grow older.

Golden Expectation: **Stay safe and care for people and property**

Word of the Week: **Belong**

Debate of the Week: **Pupils should choose what they want to eat for lunch**

Another home learning topic of conversation to be had is, **writing targets**. All children have now been given their writing targets for the autumn term, please ask your child(ren) what their targets are. If your child(ren) is unable to recall them, please have a conversation with your child(ren)'s class teacher to clarify what their targets are.

As part of your conversation on writing targets, you may want to encourage your child(ren) to enter the **BBC's 500 Words competition**. Their website has lots of resources and inspiration to help children write a short story. They will need to submit their story online so they will need an adult at home to help them. The deadline is Friday 7th November. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

Before recapping on the week, we'd like to inform you that our **Parent Consultations** booking platform is now open. Our parent consultations are scheduled for Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th November (3:30pm – 6pm). We encourage you to access the link below and secure your preferred appointment time at your earliest convenience. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/appointments/event?id=16>

We had a relatively quiet standard teaching and learning days on Monday and Tuesday this week. It became a little more exciting on Wednesday, especially for some of the **boys in Y5&6** as they emerged victorious in a football competition organised by **Leyton Orient**. The team worked hard, showed great dedication and an unwavering team spirit! This resulted in the team delivering a stunning performance, defeating other primary schools from east London. Daubeney will now have the opportunity to represent London in the next round of the competition. We will certainly keep you posted as to how they progress as we may want you to come along and show your support as they hopefully progress through the competition.

Wednesday also saw us host a 'Pop up shop' as part of our **Black History Month (BHM)** activities as a result of our recent World Afro Day assembly. There will be further activities, throughout the year, including our virtual **It Takes a Village** meeting that will be held on 26.11.25.

Our **Reception pupils** ventured off to **Daubeney Fields** on Thursday as part of our geography curriculum. Much less exciting, but certainly very importantly our Y6 pupils, they completed their

Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs) on Thursday. A dedicated letter has been sent to Y6 parents but if you missed it or would like to know more about CATs, please access the link below.

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/1056#sitelive-viewer/>

We brought the week to a close by celebrating **World Mental Health Day** and allowing the children to enjoy a non-uniform day where they '**dress for happiness**'. For those parents who may have concerns around their child(ren)'s mental health we are hosting a coffee morning with our Child and Adolescent Mental Health Worker in Schools (CWIS) Karolina on Tuesday 21st October at 9am – 9:30am.

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/1048#sitelive-viewer/>

There is also support for families with younger children in the guise of **Video Interaction Guidance (VIG)** for Under 3's. Access the link below or come and speak to a member of SLT if you'd like to know more about this provision. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/1054#sitelive-viewer/>

As we prepare to close our letter for this week, we'd like to encourage our **Y5 & 6** parents to secure your child's **residential** space, and afford time for payments to be made without causing a financial strain by paying in small instalments over the year rather than paying a large lump sum.

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/1058#sitelive-viewer/>

Penultimately, I'd like to remind you that as a school it is frustrating when parents approach us to resolve issues between children that initiated on games such as Roblox. I'd like to take the time to clarify that **Roblox** is not recommended for primary aged children because the platform is rated "T for Teen" (13+) due to user-generated content and potential risks like inappropriate games, online predators, and predatory behaviour. While Roblox offers parental controls such as chat restrictions and content filtering, the platform's large and diverse user base makes it difficult to guarantee safety for young children. With that said, please do not allow your primary aged children to access Roblox.

Finally, I strongly encourage you to visit our highlights page <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/highlights> as this provides a great stimulus for conversations with your child(ren) about learning at school.

Do enjoy a great weekend, whatever you do!

Yours sincerely,



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