

Welcome to the Autumn 2 half-term!

As you can see, we have changed the format of our weekly update letter. We hope that you enjoy the new format and the new features.

Feel free to share your feedback via

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School

Home learning conversations

Golden Expectation of the Week: Learn brilliantly

Word of the Week: Different

Please ask your child(ren) about their **writing targets**. If your child(ren) is unsure of their targets, please speak with your child(ren)'s class teacher to confirm what the targets are.

Please also discuss the history topics below.

Curriculum Feature

This half-term we will be focusing on becoming 'time-travelling' historians. Please converse with your child(ren) about their current topic and previous topics covered.

Year group	Topic
Year 1	Me and my world (local history)
Year 2	Explorers
Year 3	Stone Age to Iron Age
Year 4	Ancient Egyptians
Year 5	Ancient Greeks
Year 6	World War 2

Looking back on the week, on Monday some of our **Y6 pupils** were able to enjoy the first of their **bikeability** sessions here at Daubeney. There is a desire from SLT that all children leave Daubeney able to ride a bike confidently. Monday also saw us host a visit from the **Ministry of Stories** who delivered writing workshops to all of our Y3 pupils.

On Tuesday we hosted a **Healthy Sleep workshop**, well done and thank you to everyone who attended. We hope that you found the workshop informative and you now have some strategies that should help with bedtime routines at home. There was also a **Finance and Staffing (F&S) governors** meeting. Wednesday saw ten pupils alongside Ms Gedny venture off to a **Climate Action Group** Meeting at University College London (UCL). This aligns with our SDP5 – To further embed sustainability across the curriculum to develop environmentally literate learners. Thursday was arguably the highlight of the week with the Daubeney Village coming together to enjoy the most wonderful **Festival of Light** celebration as led by Mr Dharma. This year, for the first time, we also included a pumpkin carving competition. Thank you to Mary McLeod from the Daubeney Village PCTA for leading on this event, Winners were **Kit, Minnie and Otis** with **Karis** being voted the people's champion and **Ms Phillips** winning the teachers competition and securing herself a paid day off!

Friday was a standard and teaching day, and as it is our first week of the half-term we did not hold our **Golden Achievers' assembly** today. With that said if you want to see what standard teaching and learning looks like please visit our highlights page

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/highlights>

Looking forward, this will be an extremely busy term!

We will be sharing our **Christmas events dates** with you next week. In the meantime, we'd like to let you know that we will be hosting the first of three **Reception Stay & Play** sessions on **12.11.25** (2pm – 3pm). It'd be great if you could attend and bring a friend!

Also happening next week, on **14.11.25**, we will be celebrating Anti-Bullying week with our annual '**Odd Sock Day**'.

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/1068#sitelive-viewer/>

We encourage you to visit our online calendar to keep ahead of the all-things festive (and more!) at Daubeney!

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/about-us/calendar>

House Keeping – Parent Consultations will be held this term on **Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th November** (3:30pm – 6pm). If you have not secured your parent consultation appointment, please do so now via the link below

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/appointments/event?id=16>

Would you like to inspire children in our Daubeney Village to work in your profession or take up a hobby that you are passionate about? Why not come and speak to our children as part of our **Oracy project**. If this sounds appealing to you find out more by accessing the link below. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/1069#sitelive-viewer/>

Hackney Education is running a consultation on behalf of several own admitting authority schools that are proposing changes to their admission arrangements for 2027/28. **The proposed changes will apply to children starting Reception or Year 7 in September 2027** and any other applications submitted during that academic year. You can find out more on Hackney Education's website at <https://consultation.hackney.gov.uk/children-education/school-admissions-consultation-2025/>

The consultation is open for six weeks and you must submit your views by **Sunday 14 December 2025** using the online feedback form on the website.

Staff feature – This week we are celebrating **Mr Owen Daley**. Mr Owen as he is known by the children began working here at Daubeney in 1996 with the remit of leading the extended day provision only. Since April 2006. Mr Owen has been employed here as both a Learning Support Assistant and our Extended Day Care (EDC) lead. As a teenager Mr Owen played rugby for Hackney and the county of Essex. Mr Owen loves travelling and meeting new people. He also very much enjoys going out for a meal with friends. Mr Owen is very passionate about the right of children to access self-directed play and as such he is a lead member of our Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) team. We look forward to celebrating Mr Owen's 30th anniversary with us next year!



Pupil feature

The Year 5 **Reading Champions** went to Hackney Town Hall for the launch event recently. They had the opportunity to learn more about their role as Reading Champions, recommend their favourite books to children from other schools in Hackney and meet a poet.

"I enjoyed meeting the poet Christian Foley and I wanted to read his book Babblin' Animal Raps immediately!" - **Max**

"I enjoyed recommending books to children from other schools because it was fun to hear about their favourite books." - **Harley-J**



Farewell/ goodbye:

As we bring this week's update letter to a close, I hope you've enjoyed the new format. I'd also like to include the link to our news and letters tab so that you can keep abreast of the communication that we share with parents <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/news>

It's been a fantastic first week back and there's much to look forward to this half-term including many events that parents will be invited to attend so please do visit our online calendar to stay ahead of the curve!

Next week we will also share with you all our Christmas events. In the meantime, please enjoy a great weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mr **Gregory Logan**, Head of School & Mr **Robin Warren**, Executive Head Teacher