

Welcome to the conclusion of week 2 of the autumn 2 half-term. As stated previously, this half-term we are **time travelling historians**. Please discuss the **history topics** shared with you last week with your child(ren) as part of your home learning conversations. This week we've included a feature about our **school council** that you may also want to discuss as a family.



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Home learning conversations

Golden Expectation of the Week: Be kind, helpful and gentle

Word of the Week: Power for Good

Debate of the Week: Children should have complete freedom to decide how to spend their time

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.

Curriculum Feature – Golden Achievers

Here at Daubeney, as with our sister schools in the Blossom Federation, we celebrate our children every Friday at our Golden Achievers' assembly. This is part of our behaviour policy and rewards our pupils who demonstrate good learning behaviours and affords parents the opportunity to celebrate their child(ren)'s achievements with them. Thank you very much for taking the time out of your busy schedules to attend these assemblies as it means so much to the children. We also hope that it imbues our children with a sense of pride and over time encourages our children to take ownership of their learning when they leave and venture off to secondary school.

Looking back - On Monday we continued with another group of our **Y6 pupils** accessing their **bikeability** sessions here at Daubeney. As mentioned last week, there is a desire from SLT that all children leave Daubeney able to ride a bike confidently. For the second week, Monday also saw us host a visit from the **Ministry of Stories** who delivered writing workshops to all of our Y3 pupils. Keep your eyes peeled for stories that will be published as part of this project.

On Tuesday some of our Year 5 and 6's took part in a Cross-Country event. For many it was their first experience of competitive running, and they approached it with great positivity and courage. We are so proud of how they represented Daubeney by supporting each other, trying their best and showing brilliant sportsmanship throughout. A huge well done to all our runners and a big thank you to the parents who came along to cheer them on. What a great start to the cross-country league. The next event will be at Hackney Downs Park on the 2nd December.

Wednesday saw our very lucky **Nurture** pupils visit **Pizza Express!** The children made pizzas with a chef and learnt about all the ingredients that go into making a pizza. Did you know there are over 150 tomatoes that go into the cans of tomato sauce?!

Thursday had the day start with our **School choir** welcoming us into school as they do every Thursday! The choir later in the day ventured off to Seabright Primary to deliver a **Black History Month (BHM) concert**. Well done to all the children who participated and as always, a massive thank you to Mr O'Flynn for organising.

We brought the week to a close with group 2 of our **Y6's** completing their **bikeability** course and for the first time this half-term we held our weekly **Golden Achievers' assembly**.

If you'd like to see what else we got up to last week, please visit our **highlights page** <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/highlights>

Looking forward

As promised last week, please find below a link to our **Christmas events calendar** for this year. We look forward to seeing you at our amazing events over the remaining weeks of the half-term as we count down to Christmas. This is a comprehensive list of events happening this half-term

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/1073#sitelive-viewer/>

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/>

We are delighted to inform you that **Charlie Warren**, who currently works across Daubeney's Child & Family Hub and Sebright Children's Centre, will be working with us here at Daubeney in the office every Monday from Monday 17th November.

As the mornings get darker and colder and it gets harder to get out of bed in the mornings, we'd like to remind you that every lesson counts and children arriving late to school miss out on key learning so please **endeavour to be at school for 8:45am** for our study start activities!

Staff feature – This week we are celebrating **Ms Melanie Dinh**.

My journey with Daubeney started as a parent, I then became a volunteer working in Reception class. After that, I was a student studying for my qualification to become an LSA. I was employed in 2018.

During my time at Daubeney, I have worked across various year groups. I currently support our SEND pupils with complex needs, which is very challenging but also afford me the opportunity to grow and learn so much every day.

I enjoy travelling and eating out with my loved ones. I am also slightly addicted to Vinted!



Pupil Feature - School Council 2025/26

School Council elections took place on 30th September for Years 3–6. The Oasis was transformed into a polling station, and each class had a set time to vote for two candidates from a shortlist of four. The results were nail-biting, and we were delighted to announce that our 15 elected councillors were:

Thea, Aizah, Achmed, Ollie, Luka, Oscar, Cavan, Raslah, Jeremy, Aisha, Jude, Minnie, Aria, Max, Aaron, and Melkam.

Congratulations to them all!

Since being elected, the councillors have met with Miss Shelina four times and have formed three committees:

Admin Committee

Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO)

Journalist Committee

Each councillor chose their preferred committee and meets weekly on their allocated day. Committees elect a Lead and Deputy Lead each term to plan meetings, keep records, and liaise with Miss Shelina every Wednesday to share progress and request support.

Current Committee Projects are:

Admin Committee:

Organising Idea Boxes for all KS2 classes to encourage pupils to share comments, concerns, and ideas

Planning a meeting with Mr Logan and Mr Warren

Working with the OPAL Team to revamp the bus

JRSO Committee:

Preparing an assembly on “Stay Bright – Stay in Sight”

Arranging a meeting with Max Moorcock, Hackney Road Safety Officer

Journalist Committee:

Creating a newsletter, aiming for release by the end of the Autumn term

It’s inspiring to see such an enthusiastic and committed group of pupils working together to make a difference in our school community!

Yours sincerely,



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

