

Today brings us to the conclusion of week 3 of the autumn 2 half-term, and what has felt like the start of winter!

We hope that you have found this new format of our newsletter both informative and a great stimulant for home learning conversations. Your feedback is welcome if there are other features you'd like included in the newsletter or omitted!



Blossom
Federation



Daubeney
Primary
School

Home learning conversations

Golden Expectation of the Week: **Inclusive**

Word of the Week: **Snake Breath**

This week, we'd like you to ask your child(ren) about **Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS)**. Do they know their login details? How often does their teacher want them to access TTRS? What times tables does their teacher want them to practise? Can they explain what TTRS rock star is?

Curriculum Feature – Times Tables Rock Stars

Here at Daubeney, we love finding ways to make learning exciting and rewarding for our children. One of the tools we use is Times Table Rockstars, which helps pupils build confidence and fluency with their multiplication tables. In Key Stage 2, our eight classes are taking part in a year-long tournament to see who will be crowned the top class. This friendly competition encourages teamwork, perseverance, and a sense of pride in their learning. Children in Years 1 and 2 also have access to the website, where they can practise their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Thank you for supporting your children as they practise at home—it really makes a difference. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher or Miss Cheung.

Looking back – The week started with the final group of our **Y6 pupils** accessing their **bikeability** sessions. For the third week, Monday also saw our **Y3's** host a visit from the **Ministry of Stories** who are working with us as we address our school development priority 2 (SDP2), 'To further improve writing outcomes, with an explicit focus on spellings.'

On Tuesday, our **Y1 pupils** ventured off for their RE visit to the Church of Immaculate Heart of Mary and St Dominic. This was a great opportunity for all of our children from all faiths, or none, to experience visiting a Christian church. I hope they were able to recount their adventures to you at home. If not, please ask your Y1 child about their experience on the trip. I must also thank the parents that supported on the day.

Wednesday evening saw the Blossom Federation hold our autumn **Curriculum & Standards** (C&S) governors meeting which was followed on Thursday morning by a **Finance & Staffing** (F&S) governors meeting. If you would like to know more about the roles and responsibilities of our governors, please access the link below.

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

Thursday also saw a group of our **Y6 girls** take part in a football competition. They competed against several other primary schools from the borough at Queensbridge Leisure centre.

Friday brought the week to a close with the final group of our **Y6's** completing their **bikeability** course. We're glad to say that all 59 of our Y6 pupils were able to access the course. Before the programme 12 pupils could not ride a bike confidently, that number has now reduced to only five. Although these five pupils are currently unable to ride a bike, they are now confident balancing their bike on two wheels.

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

Looking forward

As we look forward to an exciting and action-packed half-term, please find below a link to our **Christmas events calendar** for this year. This is a comprehensive list of events happening this half-term

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

To look further ahead, access our online calendar -

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

House Keeping – For the final time, we'd like to remind you that **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/>

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!

Have you signed up for the **Daubeney Quiz Night**? If no, what are you waiting for?! Access the link below for more information on the event happening on **Friday 28th November**.

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/1080#sitelive-viewer/>

Staff feature – This week we are celebrating **Mr Bertie Bassett-Foss** Hello Daubeney Primary School! I am proud to be the teacher of Year 5 Kiwi class this year. My journey as a teacher began across the world in my home country of New Zealand where I studied and then worked for 3 and a half years before making the move to London.

I joined Daubeney Primary School at the end of last spring term and was immediately impressed by the positive feeling this community provided. I was so excited when the opportunity arose to join the school for a full year in 2025. Back home I enjoyed outdoor hobbies such as surfing and diving but now after the move to the UK I love to travel, spend time with friends and even run the occasional marathon. I look forward to seeing you all around the Daubeney Community!

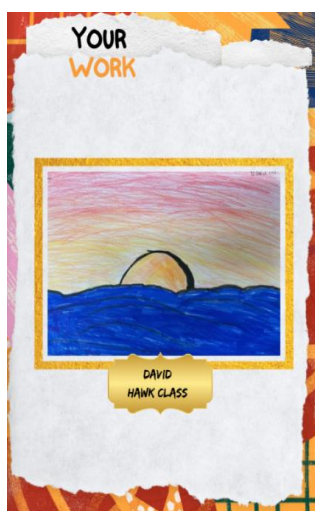


Pupil Feature – Junior Art Team

We are '**The Artonauts**'! We consist of a single pupil from each class in Years 3 – 6. This year, our Artonauts are **Anya** and **Malcolm** from Year 3, **Elizabeth** and **Thailan** from Year 4, **Juno** and **Amelia** from Year 5, and lastly **Mehrab** and **Caleb** from Year 6. These Artonauts were selected because they showed a keen interest in becoming an important member of the team and would like to share their creativity across the school.

The Artonauts are part of a team that fosters creativity, self-expression, and confidence in our pupils and staff. Art activities help us develop fine motor skills, problem-solving abilities, and emotional resilience, while also encouraging collaboration and cultural awareness. Having a dedicated team ensures that art is integrated meaningfully into the curriculum and everyday school life.

We meet to keep up to date with all things creative. We may help with sharing resources around the school, we have an active role in designing and making '**Colour Wave**' – the school art magazine, we ensure our displays are looking beautiful and effectively showing off our amazing learning and we use assemblies to share our floor books with the rest of the school community. We also help with organising events such as exhibitions and parent workshops. We have a shared responsibility to keep our school looking amazing and inviting!



Yours sincerely,



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