

Welcome to our update letter for week 2 of the Spring 1 half-term. As mentioned last week this term we are focusing on **Design & Technology**. As such please see our curriculum feature, our pupil feature and our staff feature as they all relate to Design & Technology/Art here at Daubeney.



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Home learning conversations

Golden Expectation of the Week: Learn Brilliantly

Word of the Week: Yet (The power of yet!)

Curriculum Feature – Design & Technology

This half-term we are focusing our learning on Design and Technology under the banner of, 'Beautiful or Useful?'. Below is a list of the topics being studied by each year group to prompt learning conversations at home. For more information about our art curriculum access the link below. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/curriculum/art>

Year Group	Design focus
Year 1	A Chair for a bear
Year 2	Moving cars
Year 3	Linkages and levers
Year 4	Simple circuits and switches
Year 5	Pulleys & Gears
Year 6	Frame Structures

Looking back – The week started with **Y6 Hawks** venturing off for their **IntoUni** experience; our **School Council** meeting with Mr Warren (you'll read more about that in our School Council newsletter); our **Y5 Reading Champions (Max, Harley-J, Amelia & Deborah)** departing for **Hackney Town Hall** and **After School Clubs** starting for the spring term. Tuesday was slightly more sedate, with us hosting a **Parent Neurodiversity Workshop** and our School Council meeting with Mr Logan. **Shakia Stewart** (AKA Kofi's mum) was generous with her time on Wednesday and shared some of her **inspiring swimming experiences** with us as part of our '**Parent Talk**' assemblies. A massive thank you Shakia! We also celebrated our **KS2 writers** on Wednesday, particularly **La'Niya-Rose (Y3)** for her entry into the **BBC 500 Words** competition that is now in the final round. We wish her well at this last hurdle and very much hope she wins! Thursday saw our **Y6 football team** emerge victorious in the Inner County Schools competition and we will now represent Hackney in the next stage. The week concluded with our first **Golden Achievers'** assembly for 2026 (congratulations to all who received their certificate today) and impressively **Y6 Hawks** graduated from their IntoUni experience at the world-renowned **Oxford University**. A very good week indeed!

Looking forward - Please visit our online calendar to stay abreast of all things Daubeney. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/about-us/calendar>

Staff feature – Hello! My name is Miss Payne, and I am Peacocks Year 1 teacher and Creative lead at Daubeney. This will be my sixth year at Daubeney and my sixth year of teaching. I trained to be a teacher whilst living in Manchester and moved to London as soon as I finished. Never in a million years did I think I would move to London, but it has been the best decision I have made so far!

When I am not teaching, you will either find me at the Emirates cheering on Arsenal Ladies or playing 5-a-side football with my team 'Daisy Cutters'...Check out our football shirt at La Mela (our proud sponsors). I have a strong passion for creativity, especially at Daubeney as it encourages self-expression, boosts confidence and makes learning more engaging and enjoyable. It also helps children develop problem-solving skills and think independently. I'm excited to see what more creative activities are yet to come at Daubeney.



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!

House Keeping – There are two big Daubeney village events, our annual **Quiz Night** and a well needed **Comedy Night**, happening this half-term, please access the links below for more info.

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/1102#sitelive-viewer/>

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Yours sincerely,

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