

Welcome to our update letter for week 3 of the Spring 1 half-term. It's been another fantastic week here at Daubeney. Please enjoy reading this week's update newsletter and hearing about our wonderful teaching and learning. This week we have also included a staff feature on Ms Gray who will be retiring next week.



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Home learning conversations

Golden Expectation of the Week: Stay safe and care for people and property

Word of the Week: Perseverance

Curriculum Feature – **Music at Daubeney** continues to thrive, with creativity and performance at the heart of school life. Our **Year 5 Robins** are hard at work developing their own original **Godzilla musical**, showcasing impressive imagination and teamwork. Equally ambitious, **Year 6** pupils are creating a dynamic **Macbeth musical**, blending Shakespeare with bold musical storytelling.

Across the school, younger children are also flourishing musically. **Year 1** pupils have been enthusiastically learning the ukulele, while **Year 2** have been exploring rhythmic skills using percussion sticks and hand drums. Their growing confidence and musicianship have been wonderful to see. This week, the excitement culminated at the **Hackney Empire**, where we proudly celebrated **Aaron in Year 4**, winner of a **Mayor of Hackney award**. Our previous winner, **Noah in Year 6**, performed brilliantly on the drum kit during the ceremony, with, also on stage, former Daubeney star Joey. It was a fantastic celebration of musical talent across our school community.

Looking back – The week started with the **Ministry of Stories** continuing their work with our **Y3's**. Mondays are when we hold our class assemblies and discuss our expectation of the week and word of the week, please speak with your children about these as part of your home learning conversations. On Tuesday was hosted a visit from **City Academy's Principal, Anna Sarchet**, with a view to developing our working relationship and enhance our transition work for the move from primary to secondary education. Tuesday saw one of our pupils receive an award at the Hackney Music Gala at **Hackney Empire**.

We also had **Dr Giddeon** from **UCL** deliver an assembly to KS2 about Anancy the Spider! Wednesday saw us host our second **Parent Talk** of the term with **Alex Gil**, AKA Max's dad, delivered an assembly on his role as a Currency Broker. Thank you very much for this Alex. We now look forward to our next parent talk which will be delivered by Miranda Cochrane. Thursday saw us host a visit from **Hackney Council** who came to interview **Sarah Buckman**, our head chef, who will feature in a future edition of the **Love Hackney** publication which we will share with you when published. The week concluded with a **Finance and Staffing (F&S)** governors meeting, our weekly **Golden Achievers' assemblies** and a **Federation Heads' meeting**. For our parent community the week will conclude this evening with our annual Quiz Night, thank you to **Hannah Thompson** for leading on this.

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 – My name is Gina Gray; I have three grown-up children and three grandchildren that I am immensely proud of. I have been working in education for over 30 years in a variety of roles. I started my teaching career 16 years ago working in schools in Newham, where I live. I came to Daubeney as a supply teacher in January 2017. I obviously loved Daubeney and its children as I have been here ever since. I have decided to take early retirement which starts next week as I would like to travel more and have more time to dedicate to my family. I will most definitely miss being part of the Daubeney family.



Pupil Feature – We celebrated our music curriculum with you this week in our 'curriculum feature', we are also very pleased to share with you that on Tuesday evening one of our pupils **Aaron Foloronsho (Y4)** was awarded the **Hackney Mayor's Music Award** for his keyboard skills. On the night our 2025 winner of the Hackney Mayor's Music Award **Noah Bavangila (Y6)** performed on stage on the night. A massive well done and thank you to Mr O'Flynn for delivering an outstanding music curriculum here at Daubeney.

Year 4 Nightingale class had the opportunity today to visit **Cardinal Pole** secondary school. They were very fortunate to receive a history workshop from the head of history, about 'Medieval Doctors.' The children had the opportunity to ask questions and complete some work after the discussion as part of the session. The children came to the conclusion that as the barber doubled as the doctor it was very much a 'kill or cure' outcome.

House Keeping – Parents please monitor the use of your children on their devices as we are continuing to receive parental complaints about disputes between 'friends'. There are age restrictions for social media platforms for a reason, please adhere to these age restrictions to avoid unnecessary conflict.

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.

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Farewell/ goodbye –

Yours sincerely,

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