

Welcome to our update letter for week 4 of the Spring 1 half-term. It's been another busy week here at Daubeney. Please enjoy reading this week's update newsletter and hearing about our wonderful teaching and learning. This week has been staff well-being week, so thank you to Ms Bibi for organising all of our treats!



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Home learning conversations

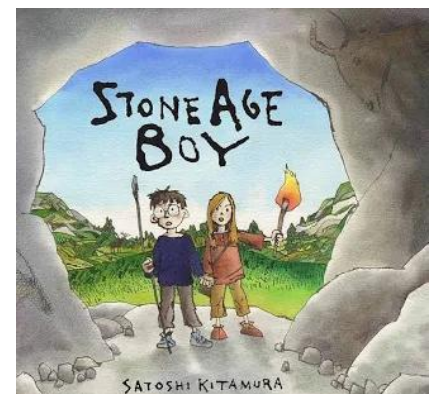
Golden Expectation of the Week: Listen respectfully and follow instructions

Word of the Week: Progress

Debate of the Week: Are outdoor classroom lessons helpful for learning?

Curriculum Feature – **Year 3** children at Daubeney have begun an exciting storytelling project with the **Ministry of Stories**, a creative writing charity in East London that helps young people discover their confidence, imagination and potential through writing. Working alongside a professional author, the children first took part in fun drama and oracy activities to spark their imagination, inspired by last term's history topic on the Stone Age and the class text 'Stone Age Boy'. These creative sessions helped them develop characters, settings, and plot ideas before moving into the collaborative writing process.

Their hard work will culminate in a professionally published story that each child will be able to keep and treasure.



Looking back – The week started with **Y6 Eagles** embarking on their **IntoUni** week. We hosted a Launchpad for Language sock puppet parent workshop for our **Reception parents**. We had our children submit their entries for our Dreamcatcher competition. And, we had the **Ministry of Stories** working with our Y3's as you would have read in our curriculum feature this week. On Tuesday the day started with our **CWIS parent coffee morning** and in the afternoon, we held a Blossom Federation pupil meeting for those going to Tenerife later this year. Wednesday saw us host our second **Local School Committee** (LSC) meeting of the year; **Miranda Cochrane** presented her Parent Talk on electricity; Y5 Robins presented their very own child led Godzilla assembly to KS2; we bided farewell and **happy retirement to Ms Gray** and we said goodbye to the O'Brien's, perhaps our closest neighbours for the last 15 years at 138 Daubeney Road. Thursday had **Y4 Nightingales** visit Cardinal Pole to learn about medieval doctors

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/year4/hornbills-cardinal-pole-secondary-school>

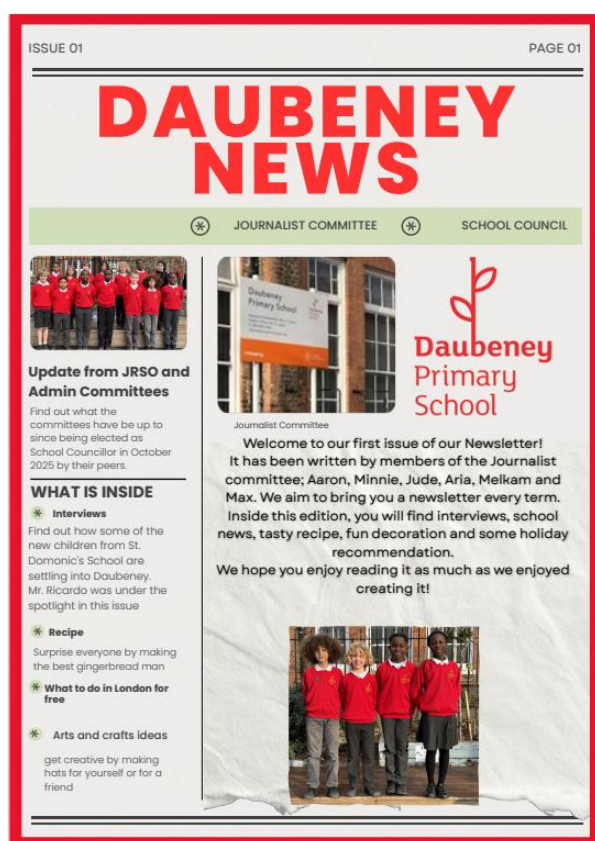
The week concluded in our usual Friday fashion celebrating our **Golden Achievers**, and **Y6 Eagles** graduating from **Oxford University**!

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! I'm **Miss Bibi**, the Chicks Nursery Teacher and a proud member of the SLT team at Daubeney. Alongside teaching, I lead on Outdoor Play and Learning, PSHE, and serve as the Senior Mental Health Lead—roles I value because they support the whole child. Now in my seventeenth year of teaching, I still wake up excited to do what I love. I grew up in London and trained at Goldsmiths, University of London, where my passion for early years education truly developed. Creativity is a big part of who I am. I love arts and crafts, not only as a hobby but as a way to relax, express ideas, and bring fresh inspiration into the classroom. Outside school, you'll often find me at the gym, exploring new cuisines, or wandering London in search of great street food. I love discovering new places with my thirteen-year-old daughter, and we've travelled across Europe, Thailand and Indonesia.



Pupil Feature – This week we are sharing with our **School Council Newsletter** – do enjoy the read and discuss the content with your children. [https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/1111#sitelive-viewer/](https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/1111#sitelive-viewer/viewer/)



House Keeping – To reiterate from last week, 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 is now only one big Daubeney village event remaining for the half-term, a well needed **Comedy Night!** Get your tickets now!

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/1103#sitelive-viewer/>



Farewell/ goodbye –

Yours sincerely,

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