

Welcome to the conclusion of the penultimate week of the Spring 1 half-term. Unsurprisingly, it's been another busy week here at Daubeney! Please enjoy reading this week's update newsletter which refers to **Children's Mental Health Week** in the guise of our curriculum, pupil and staff features in this edition.



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

Word of the Week: **Children's Mental Health Week**

Curriculum Feature – PSHE - The JIGSAW curriculum is a comprehensive, whole-school approach to **Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE)** education designed specifically for primary schools. It brings together emotional literacy, social skills and mindfulness through a structured, progressive programme that spans all year groups. JIGSAW is organised into six half-termly “puzzles,” each focusing on key themes such as relationships, celebrating differences and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. What sets JIGSAW apart is its emphasis on building a positive school community. Each lesson includes opportunities for calm reflection, group discussion and collaborative problem-solving, helping children develop resilience and empathy. The curriculum also supports mental-health awareness, giving pupils practical strategies for managing emotions and developing a strong sense of self-worth. By embedding PSHE learning across the school, JIGSAW equips children with essential life skills, fosters a respectful learning environment and helps prepare pupils for the challenges and opportunities of modern life.

Looking back – To start the week we hosted **Lisa Williams**, our **School Improvement Partner (SIP)**, for our second SIP visit of the year. The visit focused on our SDP's 1-3. The visit was very positive with Lisa suggesting that our practice was, according to the new Ofsted framework wording, is of an exceptional standard!

Tuesday was a standard teaching and learning day with our **Y6's** completing a practise SATs paper.

We'd like to thank our **Parent Talk** presenter this week, **Remy Zentar**, for sharing his experiences of running a delicatessen on Chatsworth Road on Wednesday. On the same day, our **Year 5** pupils had the opportunity to work with Diana Kirsch, the Legal Clinic Director at **LSE Law School**.

Students from LSE delivered an engaging workshop in which the children learned about law through a Taskmaster-style activity.

Thursday had us deliver our **RE Day**, please speak with your child(ren) about their topics of study this half-term. For children in Y4 Nightingales they were happy to see the return of **Ms Patel**, after her maternity leave, as were all of the staff!

The week concluded with our non-uniform **Numbers Day** and in our usual Friday fashion celebrating our **Golden Achievers**.

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 **Shelina Chowdhury**, and I am the **Pastoral Care Lead** at Daubeney Primary School, where I have proudly worked since 2011. My connection to Daubeney began long before my employment; all four of my children attended the school, and I was an active member of the PCTA -then known as the Friends of Daubeney-as well as a Parent Governor. I started my career here as an LSA, later becoming a Learning Mentor before stepping into my current role. Born and raised in Hackney, I also attended school locally, making Daubeney feel like an extension of my community and identity. I am married and a mother of four young adults—three daughters and one son. Outside of work, I enjoy reading, swimming, long walks, and spending quality time with family and friends. I truly cherish my role supporting our wonderful children and working alongside my dedicated colleagues.



Pupil Feature – Junior Mental Health Team

Here at Daubeney our Junior Mental Health Team (JMHT) plays a central role in promoting emotional wellbeing across the school community. The team is made up of a selected group of pupils from KS2, who work alongside the school's Senior Mental Health Lead (Ms Bibi), CAMHS practitioners and Educational Mental Health Practitioners to support peers and raise awareness of mental health. Throughout the year, the JMHT meets regularly to plan and deliver activities that help children understand and manage their wellbeing. These include mindful colouring, creative competitions such as designing dreamcatchers, and even dance concerts aimed at boosting confidence and belonging. Their leadership has become a celebrated part of Daubeney's ethos. In 2025, the school received national recognition for its exceptional commitment to mental health, with the JMHT contributing to a culture where children feel safe, supported and empowered. The team has even produced a school-wide video offering practical tips on looking after mental health, showcasing their voice and creativity. Access the link below for more information on our JMHT and resources to support you and your family at home <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/about-us/mental-health>

House Keeping – Punctuality

With only week remaining of the half-term, it is important that we maintain high standards of attendance and punctuality. Our **gates open at 8:45am** to afford children the opportunity to access Study Start activities before the official start of the day. Please support your child to arrive at school for 8:45am.

The countdown is now on for our **Comedy Night** next Thursday. Get your tickets now to avoid disappointment!

<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