

Today we bring week 2 of our Geography themed half-term to a close. As always, it has been another busy week and we now only have three weeks remaining of the half-term! With that said, let's not count the days, but make the days count! Do enjoy this week's edition of our newsletter with an OPAL focus :)



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Home learning conversations

Golden Expectation of the Week: Learn brilliantly.

Word of the Week: Choice

Curriculum Feature – OPAL

We are excited to share an update on Daubeney Primary School's ongoing journey with OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning), a nationally recognised programme supported by Sport England. OPAL's mission—"to ensure that every schoolchild has an amazing playtime every day with no exceptions"—perfectly aligns with our commitment to creating joyful, active and inclusive play for all pupils. Over the next 12–18 months, we are continuing to develop our playground spaces so children can enjoy richer, more imaginative outdoor experiences. OPAL helps us boost wellbeing, increase physical activity, nurture social and emotional development, and empower children to manage risk safely—all while having lots of fun. As part of this work, we warmly welcome donations of play materials such as crates, cardboard boxes, fabric, kitchen items and more, helping us offer varied and exciting play in all weather conditions. Thank you for your continued support in making Daubeney's playtimes truly amazing.



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Looking back –On Monday, we started the week with a standard teaching and learning day, we also had our **book fair**. Thank you to all who purchased books. In the evening, the **Daubeney PCTA Grounds Group** met. Thank you, **Jules Kirby** for leading that meeting and we look forward to the next round of ground improvements and affording access for our community to our Hop garden at weekends. Tuesday saw another standard T&L day, however our **Y6's** were very much focused on their **secondary school allocation**. Wednesday saw us host another parent talk with **Janaki O'Conner** speaking to our children about her career in journalism. On Thursday, we hosted our first housing clinic. There will be future sessions on: 16.4.26; 7.5.26; 4.6.26 and 2.7.26. If you would like to access a **housing clinic** please speak with Mr Logan. We were visited by **Little Vets** again this week, but to deliver an assembly to KS2 on this occasion. Thursday also saw some of our **Y5 pupils** visit Lauriston for a **Federation Dodgeball** tournament. The week concluded with us celebrating our **Golden Achievers** of the week. However, we all know the highlight of the week was our **World Book Day** costumes – thank you parents for sending your children to school so resplendently!

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 – Ms Bibi our Chicks Nursery Teacher and a proud member of Daubeney's Senior Leadership Team. Alongside leading our youngest learners, she oversees **Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)**, **PSHE**, and serves as the **Senior Mental Health Lead**—three areas close to her heart because they help shape the whole child, not just the academic learner. Miss Bibi trained at Goldsmiths, University of London, where her love for early years education truly flourished. Creativity is central to her teaching, and she often brings her love of arts and crafts into the classroom. Outside school, you'll find her at the gym, exploring new cuisines, or seeking out London's best street-food spots with her thirteen-year-old daughter. Together, they share a love of travel, having explored Thailand, Indonesia, and many parts of Europe. We are incredibly lucky to have **Miss Bibi** as part of the Daubeney family—her energy, warmth, and commitment brighten our school every single day.

Pupil Feature – Junior OPAL Team

At Daubeney Primary School, our commitment to improving play extends beyond resources and planning—our pupils play a leading role too. As part of our **OPAL** (Outdoor Play and Learning) journey, we have established a Junior OPAL Team made up of enthusiastic children who help shape the future of play at Daubeney. Working alongside staff, the team supports OPAL's mission "to ensure that every schoolchild has an amazing playtime every day with no exceptions." The Junior OPAL Team helps identify what is working well in the playground and suggests new ideas to make playtimes even more exciting. They also model positive play, encourage inclusion, and help classmates look after our shared play equipment. Their leadership strengthens OPAL's aims: improving wellbeing, promoting physical activity, developing social and emotional skills, and having FUN. We are proud of our young leaders and the vital role they play in creating joyful, imaginative playtimes for everyone.

House Keeping –

We will be hosting our **parent consultations** with you on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th March (3:30pm – 6pm) please access the booking link below -

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/appointments/event?id=18>

School Photos will be taken on **Monday 9th March**, please send your child(ren) to school in full uniform, well groomed and smiling faces (!), pictures last a lifetime and beyond!

We have a **vacancy** for a **Learning Support Assistant**, if this appeals to you access the link below for more information.

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/vacancies>

Finally, and to reiterate, please **write your child's name in their uniform** so that we have less instances of uniform being 'lost'!

Farewell/ goodbye –

Yours sincerely,

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