

Welcome to our newsletter for week 4 of the summer 1 half-term. This week we are sharing with you information about our **phonics provision**, our **Junior SEND Team** and in our staff feature this week, we celebrate Mr **Simeon Grant**, our PE teacher. This is in addition to our usual looking back, looking forward and house keeping features. As always, do enjoy the read!



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Home learning conversations

Golden Expectation of the Week: Listen respectfully and follow instructions

Word of the Week: Understanding

Curriculum feature – At Daubeney Primary School, phonics is a vital part of the early reading curriculum and underpins our pupil's journey towards becoming confident, fluent readers. Phonics teaching begins in the Early Years and continues throughout Key Stage 1, ensuring that pupils develop a secure understanding of the relationship between sounds and letters. Children are taught using a systematic and structured approach, where phonemes are introduced in a clear sequence and revisited regularly to support retention. Pupils learn to blend sounds to read words and to segment sounds in order to spell, skills that are essential for early literacy development. Lessons are practical, engaging and carefully paced to ensure that all children can succeed. Reading practice is closely matched to children's phonics knowledge, enabling pupils to apply their learning with confidence and increasing accuracy. Regular assessment allows staff to identify children who may need additional support, ensuring timely intervention and inclusive practice. Phonics teaching at Daubeney is closely aligned with national expectations and supports pupils in preparation for the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check. Most importantly, it is designed to foster a love of reading, providing children with a strong foundation for their wider learning across the curriculum.

Looking back –The school week started on Tuesday with a standard teaching and learning day after the long weekend.

Wednesday started with a **Finance and Staffing (F&S) governors** meeting, from a leadership and management point of view. From our pupils' perspective, our **Y5 Robins** enjoyed another **IntoUniversity** experience with a focus on astronomy. And very much out of the ordinary on Wednesday, **Ms Gustave** was invited to attend a garden party at the behest of **King Charles at Buckingham Palace**. We also had **Y3 Toucan Class** deliver their class assembly to their peers and parents; thank you to all the parents who attended. However, for our pupils the highlight of Wednesday and the week will be the **school disco**! Thank you to **Miranda Akhurst** for leading the PCTA group on delivering yet another wonderful school event.

Thursday was a very busy day with our **Y3&4's** venturing off to the theatre to watch '**Mid Summer Nights Dream**'. **Y5 Kiwis** had their **IntoUniversity** experience, also enjoying an Astronomy Day like Y5 Robins. On Thursday, our **Y6's** also had a **practise SATs Day** to reduce their anxiety about next week's official tests. For our Y6 parents, please allow your children to enjoy lots of fun at the weekend, and any revision should be 'nibble size' revision.

And to conclude the week, in our usual fashion, we hosted our weekly **Golden Achievers'** Assembly.

Looking forward – It will be a very busy term, as such, we implore you to visit our **online calendar** on a regular basis.

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/about-us/calendar>

Staff Feature – My name is **Simeon Grant**, and I am the **PE coach** for all year groups at Daubeney Primary School. I have been working at Daubeney for eight years and have a strong passion for helping young people grow in confidence while developing teamwork, resilience and a positive attitude towards their health and fitness. I am very proud to be a valued member of the Daubeney staff and enjoy encouraging pupils of all abilities to stay active and take pleasure in physical activities. I believe that physical education is about more than just competition, and I aim to make every session engaging and inclusive, while supporting children to challenge themselves and achieve personal success. Outside of school, I enjoy playing five-a-side football with friends, taking part in local runs and cycling whilst exploring new trails. When I am not being active, I enjoy watching sport, relaxing, and spending quality time with family and friends.



Pupil Feature – Working across Key Stages 1 and 2, the **Junior SEND Team** supports peers with a wide range of special educational needs and disabilities, ensuring every child can access learning and thrive within the school community. Led by our SENDCo, Raj Dharma, the Junior SEND Team works closely with class teachers and learning support assistants to put layers of effective support in place. The team also promotes a nurturing and inclusive environment, valuing each child as an individual and celebrating progress in all its forms. This collaborative approach ensures our pupils with SEND are well supported both academically and emotionally, enabling them to make positive progress throughout their time at Daubeney.

House Keeping – Children from **Y1-Y6** are scheduled to **visit the beach** this term. Payments need to be made promptly to support us deliver these trips.

Year 1&2 <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/1137#sitelive-viewer/>

Year 3&4 - <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/1136#sitelive-viewer/>

Years 5&6 - <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/1135#sitelive-viewer/>

Reception will be visiting **Cedar Farm**.

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/1144#sitelive-viewer/>

Uniform – please **ensure that your child has their name on their uniform** for reasons already mentioned.

Punctuality – endeavour to have your child(ren) at school at **8:45am** to make the most of the school day, every minute and **every lesson counts!**

Parent volunteers are needed for upcoming events, please speak with your class rep to see how you can support with our, our **Summer Fair** or other events happening in the summer term.

Yours sincerely,

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