

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter for the Summer 2 half-term. This half-term our focus is Art. As such, this week we are highlighting our Art curriculum, our **Junior Art Team** and in our staff feature this week, we celebrate **Ms Payne**, the person who leads on all things 'art' here at Daubeney.

As always, do enjoy the read and use the points covered to stimulate home learning conversations.



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Home learning conversations

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

Word of the Week: **Change**

Curriculum feature – This week we are sharing with you our **art topics** for this half-term and what we previously covered in Spring 1 for our Design & Technology (DT) teaching and learning. Please use this as a conversation starter with your child(ren) regarding previous, current and future learning.

Year Group	Spring 1	Summer 2
Year 1	A chair for a bear	Paintings from 1970s
Year 2	Moving cars	Paintings from 1980s
Year 3	Linkages and levers	Paintings from 1990s
Year 4	Simple circuits and switches	Paintings from 1950s
Year 5	Pulleys and Gears	Paintings from 1960s
Year 6	Frame structures	Paintings from 1930s

Looking back – The Summer 2 half-term began on Monday, with many of our families still recovering from an exciting Sunday spent at the Arsenal parade! It was a lively and positive start to the week, with Year 4 pupils eagerly beginning the first of their daily swimming lessons, which will continue over the coming fortnight. A particular highlight for many of us was the welcome return of Mr Dharma, whose presence brought great energy back into the school.

On Tuesday, the first group of Year 4 pupils took part in their Multiplication Tables Check, approaching the challenge with focus and determination. Wednesday provided a more typical school day, alongside the ongoing swimming sessions, allowing pupils to settle back into their routines and continue their learning across the curriculum.

Thursday was far from ordinary, as our much-anticipated Big Draw event saw children across the school (excluding Year 6) immersed in creative art activities. Although we had planned to hold our Key Stage 1 Sports Day, the weather unfortunately forced us to postpone once again—fingers crossed for better conditions next Friday!

We ended the week on Friday with more swimming lessons, while Reception children enjoyed a fantastic Forest School session with Ms Clare, embracing the outdoors with enthusiasm, smiles and laughter.

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 – Ms Sophie Payne I've been part of the Daubeney family for nearly 6 years, and it's a place I'm really proud to be part of! I currently teach Year 1 alongside my role as Creative Lead, where I love bringing imagination and excitement into everyday learning. I'm passionate about helping make our school a bright, vibrant and inspiring place where creativity is celebrated in every classroom. One of my favourite projects is producing our school art magazine, Colourwave, which showcases the incredible talent of our pupils and shares their creative journeys with the whole community. I also am in the process of organising our Art Exhibition which takes place on Monday 22nd June and Tuesday 23rd June 3.30pm - 4.30pm in the KSI hall.

When I'm not in the classroom, you'll usually find me getting creative, building LEGO creations or playing football with my very own team, The Daisy Cutters – #UpTheCutters!



Pupil Feature – Our **Junior Art Team** is a fantastic group of creative pupils from Years 2 to 6 who love all things art! They are passionate about expressing themselves, trying new ideas and helping others to enjoy being creative too. The team believes that art isn't just about making something look good – it's about sharing feelings, building confidence and having fun. They want every child to feel proud of their creativity and brave enough to try something new. Their message is simple: everyone can be an artist! Throughout the year, the Junior Art Team helps to bring creativity to life across the school. They organise exciting competitions, support art activities in lessons and think of new ways to make our school a more creative place. From classroom ideas to whole-school projects, they are always busy spreading inspiration! They also love hearing from other pupils and encouraging everyone to share their own ideas. This helps us create a welcoming, inclusive environment where every child feels confident to express themselves. Together, the Junior Art Team is helping to build a school community where creativity is celebrated, individuality is valued and every child has the opportunity to shine – both in school and at home.

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/>

Parent volunteers are needed for upcoming **Summer Fair** please speak with your class rep to see how you can support with this, or other events happening in the summer term and beyond!
We are also in need of a treasurer!

Yours sincerely,

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