

Welcome to the second edition of our newsletter for the Summer 2 half-term. This week our newsletter focus is Phonics. As such, this week we are highlighting our **Junior Literacy Team** and, in our staff feature this week, we celebrate **Ms Sevcn** the Blossom Federation phonics guru! 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: **Stay safe and care for people and property**

Word of the Week: **Change**

Curriculum feature – As our Y1 pupils sit their **Phonics Screener Test** this week we would like to share some information with you about our phonics provision here at Daubeney. Our phonics lessons are a central part of our early reading curriculum, ensuring that pupils develop secure foundations. We use a bespoke programme, developed within the Blossom Federation, which is based on the principles of Letters and Sounds and adapted to meet the needs of our diverse cohort. Phonics teaching begins in Nursery with Phase 1, where children focus on developing speaking and listening skills through songs, stories and sound-based activities. As pupils move into Reception and Year 1, they are systematically taught grapheme–phoneme correspondences and learn to blend sounds for reading and segment sounds for spelling. Daily lessons follow a clear and consistent structure, allowing pupils to revisit prior learning while being introduced to new sounds and patterns. Our teachers use a wide range of resources and strategies to tailor support and ensure all learners make progress. Assessment is ongoing, including preparation for the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check, which measures pupils' decoding abilities. Overall, the approach supports pupils in becoming confident, fluent readers.

Looking back – Out of the ordinary, I must begin by commending our **Daubeney PCTA Grounds Group** for delivering our inaugural **Hop Garden Sunday Funday** on Sunday 7th June. A huge thank you to **Jules, Abai, Anne and Hang** for showcasing our Hop Garden and promoting all that is wonderful about our Daubeney Village. The normal school week began on Monday, with Year 4 continuing their daily swimming lessons. We also hosted a successful School Improvement Partner (SIP) visit from Lisa Williams, our final visit for the year. More significantly for our children, we held the **Year 3** Spelling Bee on Monday. Congratulations to all who took part, especially **Lola** (3rd), **Malcolm** (2nd) and **Jude** (1st). We were also delighted to welcome a delivery of unhatched ducklings and chicks to Nursery, Reception and Year 1, which has captivated everyone! On Tuesday, alongside class photos, we held the **Year 4** Spelling Bee. Well done to all participants, with special recognition to **Azariah** (1st), **Leoni** (2nd) and **Aaron** (3rd). Wednesday saw **Year 6** enjoy their final spelling bee at Daubeney. Congratulations to **Aisha** (3rd), **Amaya** (2nd) and **Etta** (1st). Our **Year 3** pupils I think will never forget returning from their sports competition at Britannia Leisure Centre in torrential rain—thankfully, all arrived back safely and as champs! Thursday began with our choir, who started the day with the ‘food of love’, according to Shaekspeare! Later, in the day Year 5 took part in their spelling bee, with **Aiden** (1st), **Maheezah** (2nd) and **Raeann** (3rd) as winners. The week concluded with celebrating our Golden Achievers and enjoying a KSI Sports Day.

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 – Hi my name is Miss **Sevcn Korbay** and I have been part of the school community for 25 years, beginning my journey as a nursery nurse. Over the years, my passion for supporting children’s early learning especially phonics has helped shape my career, and I am now a Phonics Intervention Teacher.

Helping children build strong foundations in reading is something I care deeply about, and I love seeing their confidence grow as their skills develop. Throughout my time at Daubeney, I have built fantastic relationships with parents and families, working closely with them to support every child in the best possible way.

I also enjoy being part of a wider federation of schools, where we can share ideas, support one another and work together to provide the best opportunities for our children. Being part of such a supportive community is something I truly value, and I always enjoy helping wherever I can.



Pupil Feature – Junior Literacy Team

Our Junior Literacy Team, demonstrates how we foster a rich, language-focused curriculum that promotes independence, creativity and a genuine love of learning. The team works collaboratively to support Ms Lester ensure high standards in literacy, following the National Curriculum while creating consistency in teaching and progression across year groups. Literacy here at Daubeney is not confined to discrete literacy lessons; it is embedded throughout the school day and across subjects, allowing children to apply their skills in meaningful contexts. A strong emphasis on oracy ensures pupils are given regular opportunities to develop speaking and listening through discussion, partner work, presentations and our debate of the week. Innovative approaches, such as Drawing Club, further enrich the curriculum by immersing pupils in storytelling, developing vocabulary and encouraging imaginative thinking. Through inclusive practice and shared expertise, the Junior Literacy Team support teachers across the school to ensure all pupils are given an array of opportunities to develop the essential literacy skills needed for future success.

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/>

Please note that **School will close** at **2pm** on **Friday 10th July** for our Summer Fair and **school will close** at **1pm** on **Friday 17th July** for the Summer Holiday.

Yours sincerely,

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