

Welcome to the fifth edition of our newsletter for this half-term. This week our newsletter focus is **experiential learning**. This week in our pupil feature we are highlighting our **Junior Science Team** and in our staff feature this week, we celebrate **Ms Kepha, who leads on our Science curriculum**.

Do enjoy the read and use the points covered to stimulate those home learning conversations.



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Home learning conversations

Golden Expectation of the Week: **Listen respectfully and follow instructions**

Word of the Week: **Transition**

Curriculum feature – 101 things to spark your imagination at Daubeney.

Here at Daubeney, and across the Blossom Federation, we pride ourselves on delivering an experiential curriculum to our children and providing experiences that may help our pupils to find their passion or 'calling' in life. If your child is in Y6, have they experienced all 101 activities? If your child is in Y1, what activities have they already completed and what are they looking forward to doing? Access the link below to see all 101 activities and engage in an exciting home learning conversation.

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/curriculum/101-things>

101 Things to spark your imagination @ Daubeney Primary

EYFS & KS1	
1. Play & Learn outdoors	18. Visit a Theatre
2. Visit the local Library	19. Create an Easter bonnet
3. Perform on stage	20. Learn about other cultures and celebrations
4. Start Forest School	21. Look after caterpillars
5. Own a Red Daubeney Book bag	22. Go Pond Dipping
6. Explore the world through Integrated Learning	23. Design a Chair for a Bear
7. Parents stay and play with you	24. Meet all the people who help us in school
8. Visit a working City Farm	25. Meet role models from our community
9. Watch chicks hatch	26. Learn about Historical Hackney
10. Dress up Days	27. Learn about history of Transport
11. Eat school lunch with parents	28. Enjoy Christmas lunch
12. Paint a self Portrait	29. Enjoy a range of Role play area
13. Go on an Autumn walk	30. Help create child led displays.
14. Parents stay and read with you	31. Visit Hackney Marshes
15. Create family Photo display	32. Make a fruit salad
16. Celebrate through Profile Books	33. Learn Makaton signs
17. Bake a Gingerbread Man	34. Make friends for life

101 Things to spark your imagination @ Daubeney Primary

Years 3 & 4	
35. Recreate a Roman battle	52. Join the school choir
36. Build your own volcano	53. Be a part of our international food evenings celebration
37. Campaign for our school council	54. Take part in odd sock day
38. Cook at the Hackney school of food	55. Help share our anti bullying messages
39. Become a Spanish champion	56. Celebrate Black History Month
40. Give & receive school compliments slips	57. Visit our Winter Fair
41. Take part in mindfulness activities	58. Join the Junior Mental Health Team
42. Build & design your Stone Age city	59. Read to younger children
43. Discover life in the Amazon jungle	60. Develop your dancing skills
44. Play in the mud kitchen and sand Pit	61. Represent the school at a sporting event
45. Create your own newspaper	62. Enjoy gardening lessons
46. Become a times table tutor	63. Learn to use the internet safely
47. Visit religious places of worship	64. Visit Hackney city farm to meet some animals
48. Learn to speak Spanish	65. Take part in healthy living workshops
49. Visit museums	66. Celebrate neurodiversity week
50. Go to the Hackney Empire	67. Become a "Buddy" to a new pupil
51. Perform to whole school and parents	68. Perform at the summer carnival

Looking back –

On Monday the week started with a standard teaching and learning day and thankfully with standard weather for this time of year too, which made for much more comfortable week at school.

Tuesday saw our Y1&2 pupils visit Margate to enjoy all the fun that you can have at the beach. Back at base we had a visit from Dr Bike to carry out minor repairs of bikes brought in on the day. We look forward to this becoming a regular feature here at Daubeney as we move forward.

This was followed on Wednesday with our now weekly Bike Bus, well done to everyone who took part and I'm looking forward to joining this group before we break for the holiday. Wednesday also saw Y3&4 pupils enjoy a wonderful day at Frinton-on-Sea. The air was filled with excitement on Thursday for transition day and it appears that everyone was pleased with their new teacher! And Friday concluded the week with us celebrating our Golden Achievers of the Year!

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 – This week, we are shining a spotlight on Ms Kepha, one of Daubeney's dedicated teachers and Science Lead. Having spent nine years at the school, Ms Kepha has built strong connections with pupils, families and colleagues, making Daubeney an important part of her journey. Outside the classroom, Ms Kepha enjoys a range of creative and relaxing hobbies. Whether she is experimenting with new baking ideas, capturing the beauty of nature through photography, or exploring the outdoors on a long walk, she values activities that inspire creativity and provide a sense of calm. She particularly enjoys those simple moments that often go unnoticed, from the movement of trees in the wind to the peaceful atmosphere of a scenic trail. Ms Kepha's family heritage is rooted in Kenya. While she grew up with connections to Nairobi, her family originates from Kisumu, a region renowned for its rich culture and its location on the shores of Lake Victoria, Africa's largest lake. She takes great pride in this connection and enjoys sharing interesting facts about the area. And if there is one food she can never resist, it is fish—especially tilapia, a favourite dish that reminds her of her family roots and cultural heritage.

Pupil Feature – The **Daubeney Junior Science Team** is a group of enthusiastic pupils who help promote a love of science across the school. The team encourages children to explore scientific ideas through practical investigations, helping them develop skills such as observation, questioning, teamwork and communication. As part of their role, team members take part in exciting experiments that bring science to life. One recent activity involved investigating a non-Newtonian fluid, a substance that can behave like both a liquid and a solid. Through hands-on exploration, the pupils learned about scientific properties and were encouraged to share their discoveries with others. The Junior Science Team plays an important role in creating enthusiasm for science throughout Daubeney Primary School. By taking part in investigations and discussing their findings, pupils gain confidence in explaining scientific concepts and inspire their classmates to become curious learners. The team reflects the school's commitment to engaging, memorable learning experiences. Through experimentation, discovery and collaboration, Daubeney's young scientists develop problem-solving skills, deepen their understanding of the world around them and build a lasting interest in science.

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.

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

Please note that **School will close at 2:30pm on Friday 10th July** for our Summer Fair and **school will close at 1pm on Friday 17th July** for the Summer Holiday.

Parent and Carer Survey -[Daubeney School Parent School Development Questionnaire 2025-2026 DUE 3rd July – Fill out form](#)

Our **Apex Holiday Club** is now taking bookings via the link below
<https://eequ.org/book/apex-daubeney-easter-holiday-club-and-trips-with-apex-17230>

Yours sincerely,

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