

Welcome to the final Friday of September and the close of week 4 of the autumn 1 half-term.

As always, we encourage you to read this newsletter in conjunction with watching our weekly video update to stay abreast of all things Daubeney, and we implore you to visit and explore our website. This week I'm suggesting you visit our 'Online Safety' tab.

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/parents/online-safety>



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Home learning conversations

Golden Expectation of the Week: Always be in control of your own behaviour

Word of the Week: Choices

Debate of the Week: Schools should have more playtimes

Curriculum Feature –

This week we are sharing with you our School Development Priorities (SDP's) for this academic year. You will hear more about these as the year progresses via our termly School Development Newsletters.

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-  Continue to improve the outcomes for the lowest attaining pupils (25%) across all areas of the curriculum.
-  All children meet their end of year expectations.
-  All children become confident writers by writing more, writing smoothly, and improving their handwriting.
-  To further improve writing outcomes, with an explicit focus on improving fluency, extending writing and handwriting.
-  To develop the oracy skills of pupils to enhance their critical thinking, justification and explanation of ideas across the curriculum.
-  All children become better with their communication skills.
-  All children look after our environment and eco-system.
-  Continue to embed sustainability across the curriculum to develop environmentally literate learners and incorporate our Climate Action Plan.
-  To successfully implement the new vertical Year 4/ 5 class model.
-  Our new Year 4 and 5 cohort learn and grow together successfully.

Looking back – This week has been another busy and productive one at school, filled with exciting learning opportunities and memorable experiences for our pupils. Monday and Tuesday were focused on high-quality teaching and learning across the school, with Year 3 teachers setting ambitious targets for their pupils on Monday, followed by Years 4 and 5 teachers also completing target-setting activities for their pupils. On Tuesday, our Year 4 and 5 pupils also took part in the first of a series of multilingual poetry assemblies. Led by Mr O'Flynn, our music teacher, pupils listened to a poem read in Irish before enthusiastically joining in with several of the stanzas. The assembly was a wonderful celebration of language and culture, helping to normalise multilingualism and recognise the rich linguistic diversity that exists both within our school community and beyond. Children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and demonstrated great enthusiasm for learning about another language. On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome a delegation of 30 student teachers from the University of East London, who visited to learn more about our school and observe excellent classroom practice. Their visit provided a valuable opportunity to showcase the high standards and positive learning environment that we are so proud of. Thursday saw pupils engage in our weekly Debate of the Week, discussing the motion: "Schools should have longer playtimes." Children shared thoughtful arguments, listened respectfully to differing viewpoints and demonstrated impressive speaking and listening skills. We finished the week by welcoming prospective parents on a school tour and celebrating the achievements of our Golden Achievers, recognising those who consistently demonstrate our school values.

Looking forward: We encourage you to visit our online calendar to see what is on the itinerary for this term and beyond!

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



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House Keeping – Secondary School Applications – A gentle reminder to our Y6 families that secondary applications must be completed by **31.10.26** [Before you apply | Hackney Education](#)

Uniform – please ensure that your child(ren) has their name written on their uniform and that they wear their full school uniform.

Autumn Term Parent Consultations will take place on Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th November 3:45 – 6pm, and our **Spring Parent Consultations** will take place on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th March 2027.

EYFS Holiday Club - Looking for exciting holiday childcare? Daubeney Holiday Club offers a safe, nurturing and engaging holiday programme for children aged 2 to 5 years. Children will enjoy a wide range of creative, play-based activities including arts and crafts, outdoor learning, sensory play, games, storytelling and seasonal themed experiences, all led by experienced Early Years staff. The club operates during selected school holiday periods and provides a fun environment where children can learn, explore and make new friends. Registration and booking forms are available from the school office. Places are limited, so we encourage families to apply early.

Staff feature – Ms Camille is a dedicated and highly valued member of the Daubeney Primary School team, working as an LSA and within the Extended Day Care provision to provide a safe, nurturing and engaging environment for children. She is passionate about inclusion and is committed to ensuring that every child feels supported, valued and able to succeed. Throughout her service at Daubeney since 2018, Camille has contributed positively to the school's caring and inclusive ethos. Alongside her work in education, Camille has a keen interest in art and interior design and enjoys exploring creative ideas that enhance both learning and wellbeing. She believes that inspiring environments can have a positive impact on children's development and confidence. Her warmth, creativity, dedication and positive attitude make her a respected and valued member of the Daubeney community, where she continues to make a meaningful difference to children and families every day.



Pupil feature – This week, pupils across Daubeney are excitedly applying for roles within our various **Junior Teams**. These leadership opportunities allow children to develop confidence, responsibility, and teamwork skills while making a positive contribution to school life. There are a range of teams available, including the Junior Literacy Team, Junior Maths Team, Junior Science Team, Junior Sustainability Team, and many more. Each team plays an important role in helping to improve our school and promote learning, wellbeing, and pupil voice. Applying for a Junior Team gives children the chance to share their ideas, develop new skills, and become positive role models for their peers. We are always impressed by the enthusiasm and commitment shown by our pupils when applying for these important positions. We encourage parents and carers to talk with their child about which team they would like to join and how they can contribute to its success. We look forward to seeing our pupils step forward and embrace these exciting leadership opportunities throughout the year.

Our **Y6 Daubeney Ambassadors** play an important role in helping our school community thrive. They are expected to be helpful, polite, friendly, respectful, and caring, acting as positive role models for all pupils. Ambassadors welcome visitors, support with tours of the school, support in assemblies and school events, assist staff, and promote our school values every day. Through their leadership, responsibility, and commitment to others, they help make Daubeney a welcoming and inclusive place where everyone feels valued and supported. I would like to commend our current cohort of Ambassadors for getting off to a great start this year.

Farewell/ goodbye:

We are certainly now back into the routines of school life and rapidly approaching the half-way point for this half-term! If you have not read Mr Warren's up[date] letter this week, please access the link below to do so now!

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/1185#sitelive-viewer/>

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