

Today we conclude our autumn 1 half-term as **Intrepid Explorers** and now look forward to a well-deserved half-term break.

When we return on Monday 2nd November, we will be **Time Travelling Historians** for the autumn 2 half-term!

Continuing with the theme for this half-term, we implore you to visit and explore our website. This week I'm suggesting you visit our **Forest School** page

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/curriculum/forest-school>.



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Home learning conversations

Golden Expectation of the Week: Listen respectfully and follow instructions

Word of the Week: Community

Curriculum Feature – At Daubeney Primary, our **Forest School** programme provides children with exciting opportunities to learn, explore and thrive in the natural environment. Led by our trained Forest School practitioner, sessions take place both on the school site and at nearby outdoor learning spaces, giving pupils regular access to meaningful experiences beyond the classroom. Through activities such as den building, bug hunting, nature art, planting and wildlife exploration, children develop confidence, independence and teamwork. Forest School encourages pupils to solve problems, work collaboratively and take managed risks in a safe and supportive environment. Children are immersed in seasonal learning experiences that deepen their understanding of the natural world while promoting creativity, curiosity and resilience. The programme also supports communication skills, wellbeing and positive relationships, helping pupils to grow both socially and emotionally. Forest School is a valued part of life at Daubeney, reflecting our commitment to providing a rich and engaging curriculum. By connecting children with nature through hands-on learning.

Looking back – The final week of Autumn 1 has been packed with learning, achievement and memorable experiences for pupils across Daubeney Primary School. We began the week with our Inclusion Meetings, providing an opportunity for staff to review the progress and support of pupils across the school. Alongside this important work, we were delighted to celebrate the winners of our annual Poetry Competition. Congratulations to Molly in Y1 Parrots, our Key Stage 1 winner, and Thea N in Y4/5 Jays, our Key Stage 2 winner. Both pupils impressed the judges with their creativity, imagination and love of language. On Tuesday, members of our governing body met for the Finance and Staffing Committee meeting, helping to support the continuing strategic development of the school. Pupils also took part in a series of engaging Black History Month workshops, which encouraged reflection, discussion and learning about significant individuals, achievements and contributions throughout history. Wednesday saw another successful Bike Bus, with children enjoying an active and sustainable journey to school. We are pleased that this initiative has proven so popular and will continue after the half-term break. Thursday was a particularly busy day. Year 1 pupils enjoyed a local geography walk, using their observational skills to explore features of the surrounding area. The whole school also took part in our exciting Geography Wow Day, which brought learning to life through a range of engaging activities. In addition, the School Nursing Team delivered the second phase of the National Flu Vaccination Programme. The week concluded with our Golden Achievers Assembly, where we celebrated pupils who have demonstrated excellent learning behaviours, resilience and commitment to our school values. It was a fitting end to a fantastic half term, and we wish all our families a safe, restful and enjoyable break.

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.

BBC 500 word competition - [The ultimate guide to 500 Words 2026/27 - BBC Teach](#)

Our **Bike Bus** takes place **every Wednesday** meeting at the main gate at 8:20am.

Please note we will be hosting our Autumn **parent consultations** on **Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th November** from 3:45pm – 6pm and our Spring parent consultations will take place on **Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th March 2027** from 3:45 – 6pm.

We return to school on **Monday 2nd November 2026**

Staff feature – Clare Young plays a key role in enriching children's education through our Forest School programme. As our **Forest School practitioner**, Ms Clare provides pupils with engaging outdoor experiences that develop confidence, resilience and independence. Through activities such as den building, nature exploration, creative projects and teamwork challenges, children are encouraged to learn through discovery and develop important life skills. Ms Clare creates a safe and supportive environment where pupils can take managed risks, solve problems and build positive relationships with others and the natural world. Her passion for outdoor learning helps bring the curriculum to life, offering memorable experiences beyond the classroom. Through her dedication and expertise, children gain a deeper appreciation of nature while strengthening their social, emotional and communication skills. Ms Clare's work is highly valued across the school community, and her Forest School sessions continue to inspire curiosity, creativity and a lifelong love of learning in the outdoors.



Pupil feature – At Daubeney Primary School, our **Junior Eco Team** is passionate about making a positive difference to both our school and the wider community. Made up of dedicated pupils from across the school, the team works hard to promote sustainability, environmental awareness and responsible citizenship. Throughout the year, Eco Team members take on a variety of important responsibilities. They help to encourage recycling, reduce waste and raise awareness of environmental issues among their peers. The team regularly gathers ideas from pupils, works alongside staff and contributes to discussions about how Daubeney can become an even greener and more sustainable school. Members have taken part in a range of exciting projects, including waste audits, environmental workshops and community planting initiatives. These activities have helped pupils develop a greater understanding of climate change, biodiversity and the importance of protecting natural habitats. By improving local green spaces and supporting edible garden projects, the team has also contributed to making the local area a more attractive place for people and wildlife alike. We look forward in the near future to the development of a community refill station. Older Eco Team members will help to promote sustainable household products and encourage local residents to reduce their use of single-use plastics. Through this project, pupils will also gain valuable business, marketing and customer service skills, demonstrating how enterprise can be used to support environmental goals. We are incredibly proud of our Junior Eco Team. Through leadership, teamwork and determination, they continue to inspire positive environmental action and show that young people can play a powerful role in creating a more sustainable future for everyone.

Farewell/ goodbye:

Thank you to all that have read this week's newsletter, we hope that you found it informative and enlightening.

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