Welcome to our third newsletter of the autumn 2 half-term. As mentioned previously, this will be an action packed and event filled half-term so do visit our calendar to stay abreast of the many events happening over the next four weeks.

Continuing with the theme of sharing different pages from our website, this week we encourage you to visit our **Online Safety** tab to gain parent tips for popular online platforms that pupils use, often when they shouldn't!

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

Blossom Federation

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Home learning conversations

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

Word of the Week: **Break the silence**

Curriculum Feature: As part of the National Year of Reading, pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be taking part in the **Reading Road Map challenge**. The programme encourages children to explore a wide range of books from different genres, helping them discover new authors, broaden their interests and develop a lifelong love of reading. As they progress through the challenge, children receive certificates to celebrate their achievements after reading 3, 10 and 20 books. These milestones will motivate many pupils to read more regularly and try books they may not have chosen before.

A special mention goes to our **Junior Literacy Team**, who have taken a leading role in promoting the Reading Map in their classes. Team members have been sharing book recommendations, encouraging their peers and helping to create excitement around reading. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm shown by our pupils and look forward to celebrating many more reading achievements throughout the year.

Looking back – It has been another exciting and productive week here at Daubeney, with pupils embracing a wide range of opportunities both inside and outside the classroom while continuing to demonstrate the school's values of respect, resilience and aspiration. A key focus throughout the week has been **Anti-Bullying Week**, which encouraged children to reflect on the importance of kindness, acceptance and positive relationships. The week began with Library Club on Monday, where pupils enjoyed sharing stories, discovering new authors and developing their love of reading. On Tuesday, Key Stage 2 pupils attended a special Anti-Bullying Week assembly, exploring how everyone can contribute to a safe and inclusive school community. Meanwhile, Key Stage 1 children participated in a Maths Week assembly, celebrating the importance of numeracy, problem-solving and mathematical thinking in everyday life. Assessment Week also took place across the school, with pupils approaching their learning with maturity, determination and a positive attitude. Throughout the week, Year 5 Jays enjoyed Bikeability training, developing valuable cycling skills, road awareness and confidence while learning how to stay safe when travelling independently. Wednesday saw Reception and Year 6 pupils take part in important health and wellbeing checks, including height, weight, hearing and vision measurements. On Thursday, our girls' football team proudly represented the school at Queensbridge, displaying excellent teamwork, commitment and 'sportswomanship'. The week concluded with a colourful Odd Sock Day, celebrating individuality and respect for differences. Pupils and parents also gathered for the Golden Achievers' Assembly, while Year 2 enjoyed Forest School activities. It has been a fantastic week filled with learning, achievement, wellbeing and community spirit. We now look forward to a well-deserved weekend!

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 – This year you can buy your **Christmas tree** through school. Every tree raises money for Daubeney Primary School. The trees are Nordmann Fir, the non-drop kind. We have teamed up with School Elf, who have sold Christmas trees since 2004.Prices start at £45. A 6ft tree costs £80. The same tree costs £124.97 online. Order and pay here: https://www.schoolelf.co.uk/Daubeney

We will be hosting our Autumn **parent consultations** on **Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th November** from 3:45pm – 6pm.
To secure your appointment access the link below.
https://daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/appointments/event?id=21

You can find all our **Christmas performance dates** here -
https://daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/1211
Our **Winter Auction** is now open.
https://daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/1209

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

Staff feature – At Daubeney Primary School, **Ebony Lester** plays a pivotal role in inspiring a love of reading, writing and language across the school community. As a Leading Practitioner and Literacy Lead, she is committed to ensuring that every child develops the confidence and skills needed to become a successful communicator and lifelong learner. Working closely with staff, Ms Lester supports the delivery of a rich and engaging literacy curriculum that helps pupils develop strong speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. Through her leadership, literacy is woven throughout the curriculum, creating meaningful opportunities for children to express themselves creatively and achieve their full potential. Alongside her wider leadership responsibilities, Ms Lester continues to make a positive impact in the classroom, where her enthusiasm, expertise and dedication inspire pupils to flourish both academically and personally. Daubeney is proud to have such a passionate advocate for literacy leading this vital area of school life. Thank you for all that you do Ms Lester!



Pupil feature – At Daubeney Primary School, our **Junior Literacy Team** and **Reading Champions** play an important role in promoting a love of reading across the school. Inspired by the school's commitment to high-quality literacy, these dedicated pupils work tirelessly to encourage their peers to develop confidence, enjoyment and enthusiasm for books and storytelling. The team acts as ambassadors for reading, helping to celebrate books, recommending exciting texts and encouraging children to explore a wide range of authors and genres. They support reading-focused events, share their favourite books with classmates and help create a positive culture where reading is valued as an essential life skill as well as an enjoyable pastime. Our Junior Literacy Team also runs a weekly Library Club. During the club, they recommend new reads to their friends and encourage others to develop a love of reading. The team plays an important role in maintaining the library by organising books and ensuring resources are kept tidy and accessible for everyone. Their enthusiasm and commitment have helped make the library a welcoming space where children can discover new stories and enjoy reading together. The commitment shown by our Junior Literacy Team demonstrates that promoting literacy is everyone's responsibility. Whether organising reading initiatives, celebrating World Book Day, supporting younger readers or championing the school's love of literature, they make a lasting impact on the learning community. The team also gathers pupil voice, helps to select engaging reading materials and encourages classmates to challenge themselves with new authors and genres. Their passion, leadership and enthusiasm help ensure that reading remains at the heart of learning and personal development for all children across Daubeney Primary School.

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