Welcome to the fourth edition of our weekly newsletter for the autumn 2 half-term. Continuing with the theme of sharing different pages from our website, this week we encourage you to visit our **Story Time** tab https://daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/search?q=story+time

For those who are time poor you can have one of the Daubeney staff read your child(ren) a story. Stories include: 'Mr Stink'; 'Every Little Thing'; 'Coming to England'; 'Little Leaders'; 'Amazing Grace' and many many more!

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Home learning conversations

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

Word of the Week: **Mindful**

Curriculum Feature: Here at Daubeney, phonics plays a vital role in helping children become fluent, confident readers and writers. As part of the Blossom Federation, the school delivers a bespoke phonics programme based on the well-established Letters and Sounds approach, carefully adapted to meet the needs of our diverse community. Children begin their phonics journey in Nursery through Phase 1 activities that develop listening, speaking and sound discrimination skills using stories, songs, rhymes and engaging play-based experiences. As pupils progress through Reception and Year 1, they are systematically taught the relationship between sounds and letters, learning how to blend sounds to read words and segment them to support spelling. Daily phonics lessons follow a consistent structure, enabling pupils to revisit previous learning while confidently building new knowledge. Staff use a range of resources and targeted strategies to ensure every child is supported and challenged appropriately. Through this carefully planned approach, Daubeney continues to foster a lifelong love of reading, ensuring that every child develops the strong foundations needed for future success.

Looking back – It has been another busy and enriching week at Daubeney, with pupils enjoying a wide range of learning opportunities both in and beyond the classroom.

Monday saw Year 5 Redwings taking part in their Bikeability training, developing essential cycling skills and road safety awareness. Pupils also enjoyed inspiring poetry writing workshops led by Vanessa Taylor, encouraging creativity and a love of language.

Tuesday and Wednesday provided valuable opportunities for families and staff to come together during our Parent Consultation Evenings. Thank you to all parents and carers who attended and contributed to these important discussions about pupils' learning and progress. On Wednesday, Year 6 pupils participated in engaging Tree of Life workshops. Also, our Key Stage 2 classes took part in the Debate of the Week with the thought-provoking question: "Will AI make the world a better place for children in the future?"

Thursday was a particularly special day as we welcomed representatives from the Paul Canoville Foundation alongside Juliet Coley and Paul Canoville himself, to celebrate the authorship of Ayden and Raeven Dior's Amazing Football Stars Colouring Book and to learn about Paul Canoville's achievements as Chelsea Football Club's first Black footballer. The KS2 pupils enjoyed an assembly with him, a small group of pupils had the opportunity to speak with him, and he supported a football coaching session after-school that I suspect the children waxed lyrical about when they got home! Friday concluded the week with our usual Forest School and Golden Achievers, where we celebrate our pupils who have demonstrated outstanding commitment, resilience and enthusiasm in their learning experiences. Thank you to everyone who helped make this another successful week at Daubeney. We look forward to another exciting week ahead.

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

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.

The **final day of term** will be Friday 18th December when school will close at **1pm**

Staff feature – Hi My name is Miss **Sevcan 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 – As you should know by now, we have two talented young authors here at Daubeney who are celebrating the success of their debut publication**, Ayden & Raeven-Dior's Amazing Football Stars Colouring Book**, a creative project that combines a love of football, reading and Black sporting excellence. Ayden and Raeven-Dior developed the book through the Young LIT Stars programme, transforming their passion for the beautiful game into an inspiring educational resource. The book celebrates 12 inspirational Black footballing legends, modern-day stars and female trailblazers. Packed with fascinating facts, career highlights, football history and creative challenges, it encourages children to read, colour, learn and dream big while exploring the achievements of sporting role models. Originally inspired by discussions about football and major international tournaments, the project grew through research, creativity and determination. The young authors hoped to inspire other children to believe in their talents and pursue their ambitions. Adding to an already memorable week, the boys met former Chelsea star Paul Canoville at school yesterday. Widely recognised as Chelsea Football Club's first Black player and a pioneering figure in English football, his visit provided a wonderful opportunity for Ayden and Raeven-Dior to share their achievements with a true trailblazer of the game. In addition to meeting with the young authors, Paul Canoville delivered an inspiring assembly to all Key Stage 2 pupils, sharing his experiences and promoting resilience. He also met with a group of aspiring footballers and supported an after-school coaching session, creating memorable learning opportunities for our pupils.

This achievement is a reminder that, with imagination and perseverance, young people can turn their passions into something extraordinary.

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