



The Blossom Federation



SEND Friend

Welcome to our first edition of Daubeney SENDFriend!

Firstly, may I thank you all for welcoming me as your new SENDCO at Daubeney!

It's definitely a huge responsibility, in addition to my duties as Deputy Head and Assessment Lead, however, I'm super excited and very much looking forward to working with you.

My aim is to offer you an excellent and personalised service, where the diverse and special needs of your child, are at the forefront of what we do. The SEND Team at Daubeney works, very closely, with a large team of professionals as well as staff from across our federation of schools.

I'm at the main school gate, twice a day, so don't hesitate to say hello, have a chat or book in a meeting with me through admin@daubeney.hackney.sch.uk or a call on 020 8985 4380.

Once again, thank you and together, let's make this an inspiring and meaningful journey for us all.

Mr Dharma - Deputy Head
SENCO and Assessment Lead

Introducing Miss Prisca Ahwireng

What is Miss Prisca's role

Prisca is the Inclusion Support Worker; a great addition to our SEND Team at Daubeney.

How will Miss Prisca support the SEND Team?

Prisca will be dealing with much of the administration arising from SEND meetings including organising and taking notes during meetings; teaching interventions and working with SEND children on a bespoke basis, where needed and working with teachers to support SEND needs.

Can Miss Prisca be contacted?

Yes. Prisca may be contacted at admin@daubeney.hackney.sch.uk

Don't forget to say 'hi' to Miss Prisca and introduce yourself.

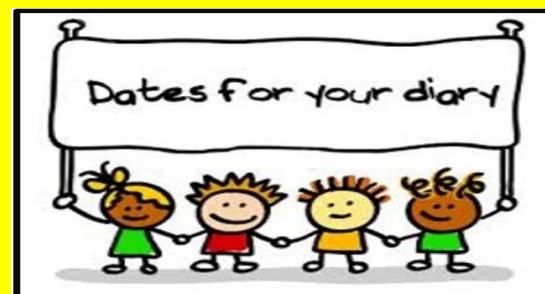




Spotlight on **DYSLEXIA**

1. Dyslexia is the most common learning disability. Individuals with this medical condition have difficulty in the areas of language processing.
2. **1 in 5 people suffer from dyslexia.**
3. Dyslexia does not reflect an overall defect in language, but a localised weakness within the phonologic module of the brain (where sounds of language are put together to form words or break words down into sounds).
4. **People with dyslexia are usually more creative and have a higher level of intelligence.**
5. Those with dyslexia use only the right side of the brain to process language, while non-dyslexics use three areas on the left side of the brain to process language.
6. **Children have a 50% chance of having dyslexia if one parent has it. And a 100% chance if both parents have it.**
7. Dyslexia ranges from mild to severe. Around 40% of people with dyslexia also have ADHD. And those with dyslexia use about 5 times more energy to complete mental tasks.
8. **Dyslexia is not a disease so there is no cure. It's a learning disability that includes difficulty in the use/ processing of linguistic and symbolic codes, alphabetic letters representing speech sounds or number and quantities.**
9. Dyslexics do not "see" words backwards. The "b-d" letter reversal, for example, is mainly caused by deficits in interpreting left and right.

The U.K. Government estimates that 10% of the population has dyslexia, with 1 in 6 adults having a reading level of an 11-year-old.



SEND Yoga sessions at Daubeney, w/c 27th September 2021 - see Mr Dharma for more info

Dyslexia and Dyspraxia Awareness Weeks, w/c 04th Oct and 11th Oct 2021.

World Mental Health Day - Sunday 10th October 2021

Resources and Support

If you haven't done so already, check out the Hackney Local Offer for general support for SEND and information on what the local authority can provide:

<https://www.hackneylocaloffer.co.uk/kb5/hackney/localoffer/home.page>

Also, see below the link to our federation SEND Policy:

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/policies/special-educational-needs-disability-send>

Look out for the next issue of SENDfriend in November 2021

If you would like to contribute to this newsletter, kindly speak with Mr Dharma.

Finally, if you are worried about your child's progress, please speak to their class teacher or to Mr Dharma.