

19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Today, Odd Sock Day, brings our 'Anti-Bullying Week' to a conclusion. There have been a range of workshops in addition to the usual PSHE T&L, as led by Miss Lucey, which takes place here at Daubeney with the focus being on, 'One Kind Word'. As always we encourage you to have discussions with your child about their learning, and on this occasion we encourage conversation around the phrase, one kind word, and what it means to them.

The week started for us with our One Day Review (ODR) that went very well and us being upgraded from a grade C to a grade B with some of our highlighted strengths being:

- Evidence from lessons visited, books and conversations with pupils indicate that pupils are being taught skills in a systematic fashion. Pupils are able to discuss their reading skills and the related sentence stems that they are learning. They know when they need to use them.
- A consistent approach to the implementation of the mathematics curriculum is evident across the school. Children are tackling mathematics at an age appropriate level. Problem solving is embedded in the approach.
- Pupils can recall key learning, they enjoy discussing it and typically speak with confidence using scientific terminology.
- Pupil books indicate good coverage of knowledge and concepts. Stand-alone skills days and 'Wow' days help pupils to deepen their understanding of mapping skills and key disciplinary knowledge. Timelines used in books help pupils develop their chronological understanding of historical events.

As always there are areas for development, as perfection is elusive, such as:

- Develop handwriting and presentation in writing books in KS1 to match the standard in KS2
- Develop a quicker pace with arithmetic starters to develop automaticity and allow more time for the subsequent key learning focus.
- Ensure the high expectations of pupil outcomes in books are the same in all year groups.
- Further develop pupils' chronological understanding by displaying and referring to historical timelines in classrooms (that match those used in books) to further deepen chronological understanding.

We will continue to keep you updated on our school improvement journey so keep your eyes peeled for our School Development Newsletter that we will share with you before we break for Christmas.



We would like to thank everyone that attended our 'It Takes a Village...' session on Wednesday. There were positive actions as an outcome of the meeting e.g. new recruits for the PCTA! There were powerful testimonies on the night as per usual but the highlight had to be a former student talking about his time at Daubeney and now preparing to begin his pilot training after Christmas. We look forward to the remaining three sessions in the year and we'll share dates etc in the New Year.

On Monday you will be able to book your parents' evening slot (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December) with the option of a face to face visit or a phone call to accommodate the ever changing landscape of infection rates.

As we approach the month of December and the festive season we implore you to visit our calendar and news and letters sections of our websites to keep abreast of the many events happening over the next four weeks here at Daubeney. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/about-us/calendar>  
<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/news>

As such our PCTA are launching an online auction that launches next Wednesday (24.11.21) at 12 pm ends at 9 pm on 8.12.21. All funds raised go back to the school and there are some very exciting lots!  
<https://www.32auctions.com/DaubeneyPCTA2021>


As it is the season of giving we are seeking from you as parents and partners, donations of small world toys, lego, costumes, etc that will enhance the playtime experience for our pupils. If you would like to make a donation you can do so by leaving items in one of the blue OPAL donation boxes that will be located at the main gate.

We cordially invite you to our OPAL Stay and Play session on 1.12.21 where you will be able to discuss this with key members of staff. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/443>

We are also seeking your support to brighten up our playground with a mural! We have some fantastic designs from our Daubeney pupils and need some artists to bring them to life! If you are interested or would like to find out more about being involved, please contact Mr Logan / Miss Smith.

Finally, and as always, for those who have not read Mr Warren's newsletter, please do so as this will provide you with additional information regarding our school improvement journey, and that of the Blossom Federation. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/446>

Have a great weekend everyone 😊



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