

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we look forward to the long bank holiday weekend, today brings week 3 of summer 1 to a close.

As you know, this term we will be **'Time Travelling' historians**. Below you can find what topic each year group is studying and what each year group are studying for their **science** topic this half-term. As always, we encourage you to ask your child(ren) about the topics below to facilitate home learning discussions, in addition to our expectation, word and breathing technique of the week.

Expectation of the Week – **Always be in control of your own behaviour**

Word of the Week – **Honest**

Breathing technique of the Week – **Hand Breath**

Year 1	<p>History – <b>Transport</b> – <i>What is the best way to travel?</i></p> <p>Science – <b>Seasonal Changes</b> (Summer &amp; Spring)</p>
Year 2	<p>History – <b>Great Fire of London</b> – <i>Can a disaster ever change things for the better?</i></p> <p>Science – <b>Animals</b> (Including humans)</p>
Year 3	<p>History – <b>Romans</b> – <i>What did the Romans do for us?</i></p> <p>Science – <b>Rocks</b></p>
Year 4	<p>History – <b>Anglo-Saxons &amp; Vikings</b> – <i>What did the Vikings ever do for us?</i></p> <p>Science – <b>Animals</b> (Including humans)</p>
Year 5	<p>History – <b>Windrush</b> – <i>How was The Windrush a turning point in British history?</i></p> <p>Science – <b>Animals</b> (Including humans)</p>
Year 6	<p>History – <b>Benin</b> – <i>Are all historical resources reliable?</i></p> <p>Science – <b>Electricity</b></p>

Before recapping the highlights of the week, we'd like to usher you in the direction of our **beach letters**. If you have not secured your child's place for the beach trip please do so at your earliest convenience. We must secure your permission to take your child, and we do not want any child missing out on our biannual voyage to the seaside!



Years **1&2** visit **Margate** <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/858#sitelive-viewer/>

Years **3&4** visit **Frinton-on-Sea** <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/851#sitelive-viewer/>

Years **5&6** visit **Southend-on-Sea** <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/861#sitelive-viewer/>

This week we held our Y5 **Pupil Progress Review** (PPR) on Monday and our **Y1** PPR on Wednesday. Our Y5 PPR was attended by **Annwen Johnson BEM**, who as chair of our Local School Committee (LSC) is certainly contributing to our school improvement journey. As with our PPR's last week, I am very pleased with the academic progress our pupils are making!

On Tuesday we held a **Y6 practise SATs morning** which was attended, and observed, by **Pandora Giles**, another of our LSC governors. By chance, Mrs Johnson was on site when we received our KS2 SATs papers on Monday and was able to observe our practice of storing the papers securely. There is an expectation that school governors are knowledgeable about the administration process for Y6 SATs, and as such our governors are doing a fantastic job which aligns with our **SDP3**, '**Continue the development of leadership at all levels**'. In addition to the above, this was an opportunity for our pupils to have a 'test run' so that they could experience what a SATs day would look and feel like to reduce some of the anxiety that naturally arises when you have to sit formal examinations/tests. The focus on Y6 SATs on Tuesday was mitigated against as a school by our Y3 and Y5 pupils, who had the opportunity to visit **Hackney Marsh Adventure Playground** on Tuesday. As a school, we are very cognizant of, and value, the learning opportunities that play presents. This is why another of our school development priorities (**SDP4**) is to, '**Continue to develop our playground and outdoor learning opportunities**'.

We mentioned last week that we have introduced a new feature to our assemblies, **Debate of the Week**. This Wednesday our KS2 pupils voted on the proposal that '**Children must wear school uniform**'. Please speak to your KS2 child(ren) and ask them how did they vote and what is their opinion on this topic. We look forward to seeing this going from strength to strength and becoming integral to the culture here, and taking a Daubeney debating team out for competitions in due course. Wednesday also included a federation **Finance and Staffing (F&S) governors** meeting, chaired by our very own **Sam Ingleby**. We are very pleased that our finances, as monitored by **Jatin Shamji** our Federation Business Manager, are on a good footing as we approach a challenging period for schools in Hackney, and across London with falling pupil numbers.

Thursday saw Y5 Robins deliver, arguably, the best ever sharing assembly I've seen during my time at Daubeney! The parents of Y5 Robins, and our KS2 pupils, were treated to a wonderful performance on what Y5 Robins have been learning this year. A magnificent well done to Mr Shikdar and Y5 Robins – WOW!

Today brings the week to a conclusion and, as always, we enjoyed celebrating the achievements of our star pupils at our Golden Achievers assembly. We now look forward to a long weekend!

As always, we strongly encourage you to visit our **online calendar** and our **highlights page**

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/about-us/calendar> <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/highlights>

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