

Monday 8th July 2024

'It Takes a Village' event: *Reach for the Stars* at Daubeney

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to invite you to attend our upcoming '*It Takes a Village*' event, celebrating both its fifth anniversary, and the 140th anniversary of Daubeney Primary School.

Daubeney's annual celebratory '*It Takes a Village...*' event, will take place on **Wednesday 17th July 2024** between **3:30-6:30pm**. The event will be held in our Hop Garden. Food and refreshments will be available. There will also be books and arts & crafts on sale, so have your wallets and purses at the ready!

For those who are unfamiliar, '*It Takes a Village...*' is an initiative initiated here at Daubeney Primary in 2019. The focus of this initiative is to improve outcomes for young Black children, for whom statistics show are the most disadvantaged group in our society.

'*It Takes a Village...*' sits under the umbrella of Hackney Education's Improving Outcomes for Young Black Children, previously known as Improving outcomes for Young Black Men (YBM), which you can learn more about via the following link: <https://hackney.gov.uk/young-black-men>

The focus for this year's '*It Takes a Village*' is 'Reach for the Stars' and how we as a community/school can improve the academic and personal development outcomes for the young Black children in our 'village', and provide them with the best possible springboard into the next phase of their formal education.

Our key note speakers will include **Lauren Mills** and **Jules Kirby** who will be speaking about an initiative entitled, '**Natural Neighbours**'. This initiative is to not only improve the fauna and flora in our Daubeney Village, but also to encourage greater engagement with greening projects among the global majority populations who live locally, to assist with a sense of belonging and to help improve well-being by being engaged in greening activities.

We are very pleased to let you know that **Julius Monero, owner of Rainbow Bakery**, who has been a volunteer reader with us, working with a small group of Y2 boys to develop their reading skills will be attending as a guest speaker and letting you know more about him, his business and the support he offers pupils at the school.

In addition, we are fortunate to have **Nicole Martin** as one of our guest speakers. Nicole's mother went to Daubeney and her grandfather was a caretaker here. Nicole has produced the most wonderful family album which charts her family's association with Daubeney Primary since 1917! In addition to having a



discussion with Nicole she is willing to offer advice to anyone who is thinking of creating their own family tree.

We will also be opening up the discussion to hear from former students (and teachers) about their experiences of Daubeney Primary and their thoughts on the importance of a strong, positive and inclusive school community, with a sense of belonging at its heart. You too, will be invited to share your experiences and views on the above.

We warmly invite all parents and carers to attend this event – drop in for a short period or attend for the entire session, but please do come to collaborate with us on this important project.

To reiterate, there will be refreshments available, as well as books and arts & crafts on sale at the event.

A separate letter will be sent to parents of pupils partaking in the event.

We hope you will be able to attend this celebratory event and look forward to exploring the theme of *Reach for the Stars* with you, our whole school community/**Daubeney Village**.

Yours sincerely,



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