

12th July 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the conclusion of week 6 of the summer 2 half-term, and another wonderful week here at Daubeney!

To facilitate **home learning conversations**, please find our expectation, word and breathing technique of the week below. We did not host our usual *Debate of the Week* on Wednesday due to our KS2 seaside trips. As we know, children are not the most forthcoming about their learning at school when asked at home, so we hope these conversation 'starters' help in that regard. We also hope that you have had the opportunity to discuss your child(ren)'s end of year (EoY) report with them.

Expectation of the Week – Be honest and responsible

Word of the Week – Experience

Breathing technique of the Week – Flower breath

Monday and Tuesday were relatively standard school days for everyone, bar Y4, who embarked on their final week of swimming lessons at Kings Hall. Today brings those lessons to a conclusion. We strongly encourage all of our families to supplement this fortnight of lessons by accessing the free swimming lessons provided by the London Borough of Hackney for residents under the age of 16 (or over 60!). Access the link for more information on this <https://www.better.org.uk/london/hackney/hackney-free-swimming>

Wednesday saw our **school choir** bring much joy to those who either passed by, or entered the Town Hall at the launch of the London Borough of Hackney's (LBH) 10x10 initiative. I was filled with pride not only when approaching the town hall and seeing and hearing our children, but also by the many subsequent emails from LBH employees complimenting the choir. A massive thank you to **Mr O'Flynn, Ms Kari Stewart** and the many parents and family members who supported on the day. <https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/10x10-programme>

Wednesday also Mr Warren and I attend a meeting with the newly appointed Director of Education (DoE) for Hackney, Jason Marantz, and our School Improvement Partner (SIP) Laleh Laverick for our fourth 'TAG' meeting of the year. As a result of our 2019 Ofsted report the local authority offered support and challenge to us as a school with a desire to improve our Ofsted grading at our next inspection. As you are all very aware we had a successful Ofsted inspection in October 2023. However, the local authority were awaiting the publication of our KS2 results, along with other statutory test results both locally and nationally to see how we compare against our own predicted outcomes and the outcomes of our local and national peers before deciding if they should withdraw their support and challenge. I am very happy to say that the local authority no longer feel that we need their additional support nor challenge! I will share those statutory test results with you next Friday.

Significantly more important to our Y3&4 pupils on Wednesday, they visited Frinton-on-Sea. We were blessed with warm and dry weather which made the day, 'The best day ever!' for many of our children 😊 To add a little



adventure to the day, one of the coaches broke down which led to a 30 minute delay, but all's well that ends well. Thank you to all of the staff who made the day a special one, and thank you to the parents who supported too.

For our Y5&6's they enjoyed all for the fun of the amusement park as well as the beach when they visited Southend-on-Sea yesterday. Again, another fantastic day was had by all, with many magical memories made. To echo previous sentiments, thank you to all the teaching staff who made the day magical and to the parents who attended too. As our beach trips are a bi-annual feature we will be going again in the 2025-2026 academic year, so start getting the children to put some of their pocket money aside now 😊

The statutory test results I made mention of earlier, were sent via email to the parents of our **Reception** cohort, our **Y1 parents**, **Y4 parents** and our **Y6 parents** on Thursday. I trust that they made for pleasant reading, and many children will be getting some extra pocket or a special treat as a reward for their academic endeavours I suspect.

As we bring the week to a close today, we host our annual **Pride Day** event after school. Thank you to **Ms Cheung** and the **Pride Ambassadors** for their hard work in putting on this celebratory and very colourful event which included a non-uniform day and the opportunity to design an outfit promoting what our children are proud of. Thank you also to all the parents who supported their children adorn themselves in a cacophony of colours and outfits!

Looking ahead to next week, **Wednesday 17th July** (3:30pm – 6:30pm), we will be holding our annual **It Takes a Village...** event. This year we will also be celebrating **140 years of Daubeney Primary!** We shared a dedicated letter with you earlier this week which you can access below if you didn't read first time round.

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/902#sitelive-viewer/>

We also sent to you earlier this week a **parent survey** which we implore you to complete to support us become even better at what we do and provide an even better provision for your child(ren).

<https://forms.office.com/e/eU68JTprZX>

As the summer holiday quickly approaches, do note that **Apex** will be running our **Summer Camp** for the first two weeks of the holiday Please note this **provision is free** to those families in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM). Access the link below to register your child. See flier below. <https://forms.gle/C8ugLXvrKBkFT94HA> I must state that at the time of writing we have now secured over 160 applications, and spaces are limited, so do access the link above at your earliest convenience. Next week, I'll include several links to various summer activities to assist you with you childcare planning for the summer holiday. Also see the fliers at the end of our weekly video update.

As a gentle reminder, please note that Nursery will close at 1:15pm for the **final day of term** (Wednesday 24th July), and the main school (YR-Y6) closes at 1:30pm on– promptly!

Please enjoy a great weekend, and perhaps a very historic European Cup final.

Yours sincerely,



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