

25th October 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

We now find ourselves at the conclusion of week 8 of the autumn 1 half-term, and our geography themed, **Intrepid Explorers half-term**. Please do visit our highlights page, to see a snapshot of the wonderful teaching and learning that takes place here on a daily basis, including this week's **WOW day activities** that brought the half-term to a grand finale! <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/highlights>.

In our usual manner, please find below the Golden Expectation, Word of the Week and our debate topic of the week which we strongly encourage you to **discuss** with your child(ren) at home.

Golden Expectation: **Be honest and responsible**

Word of the Week: **Responsibility**

Debate of the Week: **Primary school children are too young for assessment**

I'd like to start the main body of my letter this week by reminding our Y6 parents and careers that the deadline for **secondary school applications** is on Thursday 31st October.

<https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/secondary-before-you-apply?guidebook=189>

If you would like help completing your secondary application form our community partners Apex Learning Hub (ALH) are happy to support you with this. <https://www.alh.org.uk/>

For our Y6 parents and carers, primarily, I'd like to remind you that there are age restrictions for many of the popular and well-known social media platforms. I say this as issues arise at school from children being members (or not!) of group chats and the comments made therein!

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/158#sitelive-viewer/>

At this critical time in their growth and development, I'd encourage you to have a look at the link below.

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

Moving onto a lighter and more positive aspect of school life here at Daubeney, today (3:30pm) we will be formally opening our community café. The ceremony will be led by the winner of our **café naming competition**. And that **winner is...Alisha (Y5 Robins)**, with the winning name of, '**Da Café**'.

As mentioned last week, in addition to the obvious provision of enjoying a hot beverage and accompanying snack, we are hoping that *Da Café* will serve as a location to deliver initiatives, in conjunction with our family hub partners, such as drop-in support sessions for parents; our junior eco-team sourcing produce from our Hop Garden to be prepared and sold from our café; parent cooking sessions and entrepreneurial opportunities for our pupils to sell items that they have created, and much more. Therefore, we ask you to complete a short four question survey so that *Da Café* can provide the beverages, products and services you truly desire.

On the topic of serving our community, our **Local School Committee (LSC) governors** met this week on Thursday. This was the first of three meetings for the year. On the agenda of our meeting was... A central feature of these meetings is the Head of School report where I update the governors on topics such as... Thank you to **Annwen Johnson BEM, Julika Niehaus** and **Tom Smith** (apologies were sent by those unable to attend, namely **Ohemma Peprah** and **Reece Lukeman**) for serving Daubeney primary, and exemplifying that we work with our parents as partners.

As we now look forward to the half-term, we'd like to remind our parent community that in the first week back we will be holding our now annual **Festival of Light** event on Friday 8th November at 3:30pm in our Hop Garden where there will be fun activities, refreshments, lights and theatre! This will be followed later (7pm) by our **Daubeney Village Quiz Night**.

For those children who utter that immortal childhood phrase, 'I'm bored' during the holiday, you may want to suggest that as an activity they enter the **BBC's 500 Words writing competition**. This might be a good time to ask them about their writing targets too 😊. The link below has lots of resources and inspiration to help them write a short story. www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words

Those more inclined to the visual arts may want to explore our '**Creative Hub**' on our website. A hub that will show off all things creative at Daubeney. We will be showing off our school displays, our WOW Days, The Big Draw, Art Newspaper, outdoor art, competitions and much more. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/creative-hub/autumn-displays-2024>

When we return after the break, the autumn 2 half-term will culminate with many events. To help you plan for that busy period, we encourage you to visit our **online calendar**. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/about-us/calendar>

Penultimately, for those who have not enjoyed Mr Warren's most recent letter, you can do so now by accessing the link below. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/934#sitelive-viewer/>

And finally, please enjoy a fun filled half-term, and get out and discover as many of Hackney's 10x10 activities as you can. <https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/10x10-programme>

Yours sincerely,



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