

29th November 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

We now find ourselves saying goodbye to the month of November and to week 4 of our time travelling history themed half-term.

In what has been another busy week here at Daubeney we would like to thank all of the parents who took the time to attend our parents' consultations and our It Takes a Village event this week. The evidence is there for all to see that when parents engage with their child(ren)'s education there are many positive benefits. Please access the link if you'd like to learn more about these benefits. <https://www.learningladders.info/blog/positive-effects-of-parental-involvement-education/>

To facilitate **home learning conversations** and parental engagement with their child(ren)'s learning, please find below the Golden Expectation, Word of the Week and our debate topic of the week:

Golden Expectation: **Always be in control of your behaviour**

Word of the Week: **Mindful**

Debate of the Week: **Children shouldn't have chores**

As mentioned above it is our history themed half-term, below you can see what each year group is studying, as well as what their history topic will be in the summer 1 half-term:

Year group	Autumn 2	Summer 1
Year 1	Me and My World (local history)	History of Transport
Year 2	Explorers	Great Fire of London
Year 3	Stone Age to Iron Age	Romans
Year 4	Ancient Egyptians	Anglo Saxons vs Vikings
Year 5	Ancient Greeks	Windrush
Year 6	World War 2	Ancient Kingdom of Benin

Again, we hope this will help to facilitate family home learning discussions and perhaps give a focus to library visits or tv programme selection etc.

Recapping the week briefly, on Monday we hosted a visit from Hackney Education's Richard Boxall who came to see the wonderful **Ms Yasmin** deliver an intervention named **Project Reader**. Yasmin is an exceptional practitioner whom Mr Boxall often asks to model to those who will be taking on this programme in their own schools. It's great for me to know, and more importantly great for our pupils that we are developing leadership at all levels here at Daubeney that has a positive impact on our pupil outcomes.

As you well know our **parent consultations** were held on Monday and Tuesday, and were very well attended. There was a great atmosphere in the school on both evenings, with parents being able to visit our library, speak to representatives from the **University of East London (UEL)** about adult education, and our community **Apex** were also in attendance for those families that wanted to discuss either additional tuition or holiday camp provision. Feedback over the two evenings was overwhelmingly positive. Of the 102 parents who completed the feedback

survey we received an average rating of 4.97/5, with very few suggestions for what would make the event even better. We look forward to hosting you at our **next parents' consultations w/c 24.3.25**.

Wednesday saw us host a visit for a school from Sheffield at the request of another of our community partners, Natural Neighbours, to let them see our Hop Garden and all the wonderful work we do here related to our science curriculum, sustainability and/or Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL). This was followed by our annual virtual It takes a Village session, themed this year as, 'In it to win it!', which was well attended and included some very powerful moments from our key note speakers, Debra Robinson, Shade Ajigbede and Dr Pamela Hamilton. We hope to see all who attended on the night and many more at our summer celebratory event on 17th July 2025 (3:30pm – 6pm) – save the date!

It is said that we should not 'hide our light under a bushel' and as such I'd like to inform you that I recently qualified as an OLEVI coach, and as a result I will be coaching another head teacher in the borough this academic year. The OLEVI coaching session was followed by a heads' meeting with the Hackney Teachers School Alliance (HTSA) at Clapton Girls' Academy which is where I was for the majority of Wednesday and hence why you did not see me on the gates in my usual fashion on Wednesday.

We now look forward to the remaining three weeks of term when we focus in on our Christmas activities which includes:

- Our **Winter Auction** (which is now live!) can be accessed here - <https://www.32auctions.com/daubeney>.
- Our **Winter Fair** – 13.12.24 - <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/943#sitelive-viewer/>
- **Discounted (35%) Christmas tree orders**, which can be collected from school on Saturday 7th Dec. or delivered within a one mile radius for a fee of £5.
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/daubeneypta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=89789&isProductGroup=true>
- **International Dress Up Day** – 20.12.24
- **School closes at 1:30pm for Christmas** – 20.12.24

As a general reminder, for those who like to be ahead of the curve, you can visit our website calendar to check for events happening during the **festive period and beyond!**

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

Lastly, I'd like to echo my previous request seeking more **parent volunteers** to help in the cafe which could lead to formal barista training and qualifications. If this appealing to you, please let us know by emailing admin@daubeney.hackney.sch.uk

Have a great weekend, whatever you do!

Yours sincerely,



Mr Gregory Logan
Head of School



Robin Warren
Executive Head Teacher





Christmas at Daubeney Dates for your Diary

- **Year 1 Nativity:** 10th December @ 2.15pm
- **Nursery Christmas performance:** December 11th @ 10:30 am
- **Year 6 Christmas Carol Performance:** 11th December @ 2.15pm
- **Reception Nativity:** 12th December @ 10:30am & 2pm
- **Christmas lunch & Christmas Jumper Day:** December 13th
- **Winter Fair:** December 13th 3:30pm to 6pm
- **Years 2&3 Christmas Carol Performance:** 17th December @ 2.15pm
- **Years 4&5 Christmas Carol Performance:** 18th December 2.15pm
- **International Dress up Day:** 20th December

Season's Greetings to you all



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