

6th December 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

Today we bid farewell to week 5 of our time travelling history themed half-term, and find ourselves with only 10 days to go before the end of the autumn term. We now look forward to all of the wonderful events that will be happening in those 10 days (see timetable at end of this letter).

In our usual fashion, 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: **Be honest, kind and responsible**

Word of the Week: **Compassion**

Debate of the Week: **Football should be banned at break times and lunch times**

This week as part of our religious education (RE) curriculum we celebrated **RE day** on Thursday. Please find the various topics being covered by each year group in the grid below:

Year group	Autumn 2 RE
Year Nursery	What happens at Diwali? & What happens at Christmas?
Year Reception	What happens at Diwali? & What happens at Christmas?
Year 1	How do Christians celebrate Christmas?
Year 2	Why are different books special for different people?
Year 3	What is the significance of light?
Year 4	Why is the Bible special for Christians?
Year 5	How is Christmas celebrated around the world?
Year 6	What do people believe about life and death?

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

For those with a very keen interest in our curriculum, you can have a look at our various **curriculum maps** via the link below. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/curriculum/curriculum-overviews>

An aspect of our curriculum that our pupils take much pleasure in is art. At Daubeney we are working towards our next **Artsmark award**. Please help us to identify our next steps by filling out this short survey. It would be greatly appreciated. <https://forms.office.com/e/N3a08Vcdqj>

As we always say, it's been another busy and exciting week here at Daubeney so let's have a quick recap of the week. We had a relatively quiet standard teaching and learning (T&L) day on Monday. Tuesday was

somewhat busier with our parents having the opportunity to access our **Launchpad for Language Sock Puppet workshop**; our **Junior Art team** had a visiting the Young V&A; our **Y4 Nightingales** visiting Hackney School of Food and our **school choir** assisting with the formal opening of our Daubeney Family Hub. All of which exemplify our ethos of providing experiential learning for our pupils.

Wednesday was slightly less busy with our **school choir** venturing of to Homerton Hospital to bring some festive cheer to those in attendance or those visiting the hospital.

Wednesday also saw us do something we've never done before, namely host a **Quidditch tournament** which was enjoyed by all of our pupils in KS1, our KS2 pupils were able to enjoy their tournaments on Thursday. Thursday also saw our **Reception pupils** visit St Barnabas Church on Homerton High Road as part of our RE curriculum, and to reiterate to provide our pupils with experiential learning.

Today we conclude the week with a **non-uniform day** (thank you to everyone who contributed a donation) and our **Golden Achievers of the Term!**

We now look forward to the remaining 10 days of term when we focus 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/>
- **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

Do enjoy a wonderful weekend!

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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