

7th February 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

Today brings the penultimate week of the Spring 1 half-term to a close. In our usual fashion, please find below our Golden Expectation, Word of the Week and our debate topic of the week to facilitate those home learning conversations.

Golden Expectation: **Be kind helpful and gentle**

Word of the Week: **Proud**

Debate of the Week: **Children should start school at 7 years old**

Let's start off by thanking everyone that attended our **Daubeney Village PCTA** meeting here on **Monday**. A special commendation must be made to Daniel Bower for chairing the event. Here at Daubeney we are of the opinion that, 'It Takes a Village...' to raise a child, so it is heart warming for me when I see the village come together for the benefit of all! I look forward to seeing the Daubeney Village PCTA going from strength to strength over the coming years.

Talking of the Daubeney Village, we'd like to remind you of our **KS2 Movie Night** happening here next week Thursday (13.2.25) tickets can be sourced via the link below, or via the QR codes included in the posters on display. <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/daubeneypta/>. If you are a technophobe don't worry, tickets will also be sold on the 'school gates' next Monday and Wednesday, at drop off and pick up times.

Wednesday was another busy day here at Daubeney with our **Y3** cohort visiting **Stepney Farm** as part of their science learning. Our **Y6** pupils on Wednesday, as part of their work with the **London Symphony Orchestra**, explored the unique sounds of Olivier Messiaen. They experimented with his special rhythms and birdsong ideas to create their own compositions. Mr O'Flynn informs me that it was wonderful to see their creativity come to life in such an exciting way! After the half term we can expect more visits from London Symphony Orchestra (LSO) members to shape our composition into a finished piece. Ms Kari and Mr O'Flynn will also be attending an evening LSO concert; Sea Symphony by Vaughan Williams.

Wednesday also saw us host a visit from the **Hackney Teachers School Alliance (HTSA)**. As the host school we made a presentation on the work we do to support the Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) of our pupils. I think it would be fair to say that everyone was in awe of our Oasis and Nurture provision. I must confess, I did feel very proud when our colleagues were scanning the rooms from floor to ceiling with their jaws agape! If you would like to know ore about the HTSA please access the link below. <https://www.hackneytsa.org.uk/>

On Thursday we held our **Local School Committee (LSC)**. It is always a great opportunity to review the progress that has been made against our School Development Priorities (SDP's) alongside our governors, and also to be challenged by our governors to achieve even more! If you would like to know

more about our LSC governors and what they do, please access the ink below.

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

However, the absolute highlight of my week has to be our half-termly **Head of School Tea Party** that we had on Thursday. I was joined by Ms Kepha and several guests of honour namely; Ella & Sol (YR); Prosper & Ruwaida (Y1); Hayat & Ada (Y2); Fatimah & Yamin (Y3); Phoebe & Max (Y4); Poppy & Hafi (Y5) and Beatrice & Sholto (Y6). Good conversation, good company and good times were had by all, especially me as it served as a reminder as to why I chose this profession, for the 'humanity' and people centred aspect of the job 😊 I went home yesterday feeling very warm and fuzzy all over!

RE Day was also held on Thursday. Please see the various topics covered this half-term, which in our usual fashion we encourage you to discuss with your child(ren) s part of home learning conversations.

Nursery	The gift of friendship (Stories) Muhammed and the kitten (Stories)
Reception	My Muslim Faith (Aspects) The Donkey in the Tiger Skin (Aspects)
Year 1	What does it mean to belong to Sikhi?
Year 2	What can stories teach us about forgiveness?
Year 3	How do Jews celebrate their beliefs at home and in the synagogue?
Year 4	What makes me the person I am?
Year 5	Why is Muhammad and the Qur'an important to
Year 6	What similarities and differences do people with different beliefs share?

If you would like to have a look at our RE annual overview, access the link below

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/files/curriculum/curriculum-overviews/Whole%20School%20Overview.pdf>

Final item for this week, as we approach the half-term, we would like to usher you in the direction of The Badu February Half Term Camp;

Badu Multi Sports Camp & Football Camp are taking place at:

Address: City Academy, Homerton Row , London E9 6EA

Dates: Monday 17th February 2025 - Friday 21st February 2025

Time: 9.00am- 4.30pm **no late pick-ups, no early start**

Price: £100 per week or £25 per day

Siblings discount 10%

To Book a space click [here](#) If you have any questions about our camps, please contact Althea on 07852726907 or email camps@thebaduway.com

Yours sincerely,



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