

14th February 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

Let me start this week's letter by informing you that we return to school on **Monday 24th February at 8:45am.**

With that said, welcome to the conclusion of the Spring 1 half-term, and the half-way point in the academic year. We have enjoyed a wonderful **'Beautiful or Useful?'** Design & Technology (DT) half-term, and we now break for the holiday and look forward to returning as 'Intrepid Explorers'! In our usual fashion, and for the final time in Spring 1, 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: **Always be in control of your own behaviour**

Word of the Week: **Growing Together**

Debate of the Week: **Ronaldo is a better footballer than Messi**

Monday started off to a grand start with four of our **Y5 pupils**, Wyn, Jeremy, Rumaisa and Cason making their way to the prestigious **Guildhall in the City of London** to take part in a Y5 maths challenge. Whilst they were away pitting their mathematical knowledge and skills against their peers from other schools, the remainder of us hosted the spring visit from our Hackney Education **School Improvement Partner (SIP)**. The foci of the visit were: **SDP1** – continue to improve outcomes for the lowest attaining pupils (30%) across all core subjects; **SDP3** – the development of leadership at all levels and **SDP5** – to further improve writing outcomes. The initial verbal feedback we received was very positive, with our SIP recognising the quality first teaching that is having a positive impact on our SDP1 target. The consistency of our writing model, and the very impressive handwriting in Y2 and he complimented Ms Lester's leadership of literacy. This was all very pleasing and impressive to me, and nearly as impressive as the goodie bag the pupils brought back from their exploits at the Guildhall.

Tuesday saw us deliver our **Safer Internet Day**, which made me smile as I entered a class and heard a Y4 pupil explain what a 'scam' is. For me, this was both pleasing and saddening at the same time, for what I hope is obvious reasons. If you would like some ideas on how to keep your child(ren) safe online during the half-term holiday access the links below <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/>
<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>

Wednesday had our **Y6** pupils engage with **Young Hackney's Personal Best** project. They completed a variety of fitness activities. Their performances were timed with the desire that they improve their personal best times over the duration of the coming weeks. This affords our pupils to learn about healthy lifestyles but also serves to keep our curriculum broad and balanced for Y6 and not exclusively focussed on all things SATs.

Our **Daubeney Village** came to the fore on Thursday, delivering a **KS2 Movie Night** to a packed house. We are very grateful for the £217 pounds raised on the night after deductions for popcorn, juice and a sandwich. In addition to the money, it was a time for the village to spend some together and enjoy a shared experience, which is the basis of all relationships! A massive thank you to **Pandora, Mary, Candida, Bethan, Camilla and Vicky** for pulling this together. All of whom are upstanding members of our Daubeney Village 😊

While commending upstanding members of the community, I must highlight Mr Mat Quine-Smith for donating a bike to the school so that we could give this to a parent whose bike was stolen from the school site on Monday night/Tuesday morning. **Mr Mat Quine-Smith you are a Daubeney legend!**

On Thursday we also enjoyed our **Design & Technology (DT) WOW Day**. Please check out our highlights page for some examples of our inspiring DT Teaching and learning.
<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/highlights>

And we concluded the week/half-term with our non-uniform day, **Dress to Express** as part of **Children's Mental Health Week!**

As we bring the half-term to a close, if you're struggling with what to do with the children in the holiday, 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

Please have a great holiday, be safe and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 24th February.

Yours sincerely,



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