

7th March 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

Today brings a very sunny conclusion to week 2 of the Spring 2 half-term. As a reminder this half-term we are **intrepid explorers** for our **geography half-term**. If you missed the topic overview last week, please access the link below to see what topics each year group will be studying this half-term for geography, and what topics they can look forward to in the future, or reminisce on at home with the family. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/files/curriculum/curriculum-overviews/Curriculum%20Overview%20for%20Humanities%202024-25.pdf>

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. What's been your family's favourite debate topic of the week so far? Do let me know at the gates when our eyes meet.

Golden Expectation: **Learn Brilliantly**

Word of the Week: **Choice**

Debate of the Week: **Being a vegetarian is better than eating meat**

Before recapping on events of this week, we'd like to inform you that next week we will be having our **school photos** taken on Monday 10th (KS1) & Tuesday 11th (KS2). If you would like to have **sibling photos** taken, please be present at the main office between 8am and 9am.

So, to recap on events this week, on Monday we had a **whole school mapping skills day** as part of our 'Intrepid Explorer' geography half-term. We look forward to celebrating our learning on our geography WOW Day on 3rd April. Monday also saw the first day of our **Book Fair**. Thank you to all who supported as we do get a percentage of the proceeds; our families get to purchase books at their convenience and hopefully it imbues our children with a life-long love for reading. Our **Y6's** also found out on Monday which **secondary school** they were allocated. For those of you who may be disappointed please do come and speak with us. We can offer you some advice based on our experience over the years even though we have no influence over the final allocation. I am happy to say that the significant majority of our pupils were happy with their allocated school.

We also hosted a **Daubeney Village PCTA** meeting on Monday that was very productive, again thank you to all who attended, and as a consequence we will be sharing questionnaire in a separate communication to gather your thoughts and opinions on how we can improve our Daubeney Village PCTA even further! Finally for Monday, we also opened the booking system for **Parent Consultation Evenings**. Please book your consultation at your earliest convenience if you have not done so already via the link below. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/appointments/event?id=15>

Tuesday it was a relatively quiet standard teaching and learning day and allowed us time to recover from a very busy Monday 😊

Wednesday saw **Y4 Nightingales** visit the **Ministry of Stories**. The children returned to school super excited by their experience and very proud of their story booklets that they produced on the day in conjunction with an author and illustrator. If you'd like to know more about the Ministry of Stories access the link below. This was replicated by Y4 Hornbills on Thursday who were just as excited and proud of what they produced. <https://ministryofstories.org/>

Wednesday evening saw our **Blossom Federation governors** meet virtually for a **Curriculum & Standards** meeting. The federation's **Early Years & Foundation Stage (EYFS)** leads presented our EYFS Curriculum to our governors who were all thoroughly impressed by the quality of education provided to our EYFS pupils. This was followed up by an in-person governor gathering at the Hackney School of Food on Thursday evening which was a great opportunity to socialise as a group and come together, as well as develop some culinary skills! If you'd like to know more about our governors and how they challenge and support the school access the link below. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/about-us/governors>

We hosted our inaugural **Superdads' breakfast** facilitated by **Father2Father** one of our long-established community partners. For those who attended the feedback was phenomenal and we look forward to hosting more of these in the future, and we have already had a request for a supermums' breakfast! I'm not making any promises, but watch this space 😊 There was another visit to our Nurture provision on Thursday. This time it was a delegation from Nightingale Primary. Needless to say they were just as impressed as the Rushmore delegation were last week and are seeking to see how they can incorporate some of our practice into what they do in their settings. Well done and thank you to **Ms Bird**, Ms Toni and **Ms Clare** for leading on this very special provision.

Today saw us enjoy arguably the best day of the school year **World Book Day Dress-Up Day!** The characters are far too many to mention here but I do want to express my sincere gratitude to all of the parents who go above and beyond to ensure that their child(ren) is adorned in the most wonderful of costumes, the hand made one of a kind are my favourites – thank you all very much. These are the days that our children will remember long into their adulthood and will reminisce about today in many years to come.

We also had the **London School of Economics (LSE)** in working with our **Y5's** today. Perhaps not as exciting on the surface as WBD, but just as important. They will be back for three more sessions so I'll tell you more about this next week.

Do enjoy what promises to be a sunny weekend, have lots of fun but be safe!

Yours sincerely,



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