

21st March 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

Today brings us to the conclusion of week 4 of our **Intrepid Explorers** half-term. As the term rapidly draws to a close, I have to ask, have you booked your **Parents' Evening Consultation** yet? If no, please book your consultation ASAP via the link below. These will take place next Tuesday (25th) and Wednesday (26th) from 3:30pm – 6pm. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/appointments/event?id=15>

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: **Stay safe and care for people and property**

Word of the Week: **Give**

Debate of the Week: **Is it better to live in countryside or in the city?**

Before recapping on the week, we'd like to ask you to take a few moments to complete a **Daubeney Village PCTA questionnaire**. Your input will support better parental engagement with the PCTA and improve communication for the Daubeney Village PCTA. Please take a few moments to answer eight questions and make our community an even better one than it is already!

<https://forms.office.com/e/nDl7dtARx4>

For those parents in our community who like to shape their environment, **Hackney Council** is looking for parents' opinions on the future of education in the borough, as part of the work on a new strategy highlighting the borough's top priorities for the next three years. The aim of the new strategy is to find ways to develop an education offer that is strong, fair, child-focused, anti-racist and inclusive. The Council is preparing a series of engagement events for headteachers, children, parents/carers, staff, and partner organisations to learn more about the priorities and have their say. The feedback will be taken into account when shaping the final draft version of the strategy, which will be published later this year.

Casting our minds all the way back to Monday our **Y5 Kiwis** visited **IntoUniversity**. This is an opportunity for our pupils to be informed of all the opportunities that are available within a university setting. This is a great experience for our children, but especially for those who have not had a member of their family attain a degree. To find out more about IntoUniversity access the link below.

<https://intouniversity.org/why-we-exist/>

However, the highlight for Monday was undoubtedly our **Science Boffins** workshop! Please speak with your child about their experience.

Tuesday saw **Y5 Robins** replicate the **IntoUniversity** experience that their peers enjoyed on Monday. We were also very much buoyed by receiving the news that our very own **Sarah Buckman**, our head chef, has been nominated as one of Hackney's Stars for the annual **Hackney Stars Award** event which

will be held this year on 1st May 2025. We will keep our fingers crossed and pray that Sarah is selected as the winner in her category. There was even more good news on Tuesday with **the return of Ms Gustave! Y4 Hornbills** were beside themselves and rated her return as one billion out of ten! 😊

As you will know we are very keen to work with our **parents as partners** and this certainly came through this week! On Tuesday our very own Daubeney Village member, **Dr Pandora Giles**, delivered a federation wide teachers' continual professional development (CPD) session on Tuesday around 'research'. As a school we Want to develop this branch of our practice so that what we do is 'evidence' informed and we can share best practice with other educational institutions in a reciprocal manner.

Wednesday saw more parents collaborate with us as partners, namely **Sam Ingleby** and **Will Emms** in their capacity as governors at our **Finance and Staff (F&S)** governor meeting on Wednesday morning. If you would like to know more about our governors and how they challenge and support us, please access the link below. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/about-us/governors>

After-school on Wednesday another of our parent partners, **Julika Niehaus**, in her capacity as a governor was present at our final **Stay & Play** session of the year. Julika is very passionate about play and is supporting us as a school to ensure that our pupils are able to access play as an integral part of their education, and not as a bolt on extra, as part of our **Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)** initiative. If you'd like to know more about this initiative, access the link below. <https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/>

Our **Big Draw** took place on Thursday this half-term, in which the children created self-portraits inspired by famous artists. These portraits will be showcased at our upcoming **Art Exhibition** in Summer 1, where you will have the opportunity to see all things art at Daubeney! In addition to enjoying a wonderful opportunity at IntoUniversity on Tuesday, **Y5 Robins** had the opportunity to visit **Cardinal Pole** and enjoy a lesson in their science department accessing Bunsen burners and conducting experiments on Thursday!

Today brings another wonderful week to a close here at Daubeney when we celebrate our pupils' achievements in our weekly **Golden Achievers'** assembly which puts a smile on everyone's face and is a fantastic way to bring the week to a conclusion.

Finally, for those considering what they will be doing during the break, we'd like to inform you of our **Easter Holiday Club**. As always, spaces are free for pupils eligible for FSM. This will run from Monday 7th – Thursday 10th April. To register, please access the link. <https://forms.gle/EuEligF8QN5iYxKR9>

Please enjoy a great weekend, whatever you do – have fun and be safe! 😊

Yours sincerely,



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