

4th April 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

Today brings our **Intrepid Explorers** half-term to a close, Autism Awareness Week to a grand finale and concludes the Spring term for the 2024-2025 academic year. There have been many successes and lots of highlights to reflect upon this term which we'd encourage you read about in the Spring edition of our **School Development Newsletter** <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/993#sitelive-viewer/>

Before I recap on some of the successes and highlights of this week, I have to thank those of who have completed our **Daubeney Village PCTA questionnaire**, for those who haven't yet, we'd like to ask you to take a few moments to complete the short questionnaire at your convenience. Your input will support better parental engagement with the PCTA and improve communication for the Daubeney Village PCTA. <https://forms.office.com/e/nDl7dtARx4>

As our parent partners we need your support in another capacity, voting is now OPEN for our **Year 5 ArtBytes competition!** Visit the Daubeney Art Bytes page ([Daubeney Primary School | Schools | Art Bytes](#)) to vote for your favourite art piece. We can strive to achieve a 'Community Engagement Award' if we get the highest number of votes. This award also provides the school with more art resources so the more votes, the better chance we have! Your votes are very much appreciated!

A very popular feature of the academic year is the **Hackney School Challenge**, if you would like your KS2 child(ren) to take part please read the dedicated letter to register (see link below). Please note that you will need to complete the form by Friday 25th April. **There are only 50 spaces which will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.** <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/992#sitelive-viewer/>

As usual, please find below our **Golden Expectation** and **Word of the Week** to facilitate those home learning conversations. There was no debate topic of the week as we enjoyed a very informative and enlightening assembly on Autism delivered by **Mr Dharma** and the **Junior SEND Team**. As always, we encourage you to discuss these as part of your 'home learning conversations'.

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

Word of the Week: **Acceptance**

To recap on the week, on Monday we started with many of our and students and staff celebrating **Eid** with their families at home. For those of us at school we had a relatively quiet standard teaching and learning (T&L) day. A highlight for the day was seeing a former student Josh Reeves return for his work placement, working alongside our specialist **PE Team**.

It certainly wasn't a 'standard' T&L day on Tuesday! Our **Y1** cohort visited Hackney City Farm; our **Y2** classes went across to Hackney Marshes; our **Reception** classes hosted a *Supporting with Writing* parent workshop, and we held two **Y6** SATs parents' meetings after-school.

Wednesday was another day of magical moments! We saw our **Y3's** venture off to South Kensington to visit the Natural History Museum and for those in **Nursery, Reception and KSI** there was the Daubeney Village Easter Bonnet Parade to enjoy! 😊 I was fortunate to attend and 'MC' the outdoor event which was very well attended by parents, carers and extended family. Goldilocks weather shone down on all in attendance as the parade took place. There were some magnificent examples of homemade bonnets that I must commend our parents for taking the time, energy and resources for making. The judges on the day, Ms Prisca, Mrs Johnson BEM and Mr O'Flynn had a very hard time selecting the following winners on the day:

King, Eli, Sador and Nyah-Leigh (YN) **Roma & Stella** (YR); **Coco** (Y1); **Laxmi & Otis** (Y2)

We brought our **Intrepid Explorers** themed geography half-term to a close with our **WOW Day** on Thursday. This is where our children can demonstrate the knowledge and skills acquired over the last six weeks (and previous learning) to answer their overarching question and celebrate their learning. Please access our highlights page to see some examples of this. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/highlights>

Another highlight of the week was certainly our **Eid Party** in the Hop Garden after-school on Thursday. A massive thank you to **Rukeya, Sara and Jo** for leading on this event as our parent partners along with many others in the background! Thank you to everyone who made a food contribution, the tables were a kaleidoscope of colour with food which tasted as good as it looked! The event was very well attended with queues for food almost going out of the gate!

We conclude the week with **Dress to Express** as part of our **Autism Awareness Week** activities. Please ask your child(ren) to share with you what they know/have learnt about autism this week. One of the many benefits of themed weeks like this is that it affords everyone to develop their understanding of neurodivergence and SEND.

Penultimately, for those who have not read Mr Warren's most recent Executive Head Teacher update letter please do so by accessing the link below. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/991#sitelive-viewer/>

Do enjoy a fantastic Easter holiday, whatever you do and wherever you go, and we look forward to seeing you returning to school, 'bright eyed and bushy tailed' on **Wednesday 23rd April**.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Gregory Logan
Head of School



Mr Robin Warren
Executive Head Teacher

