

6th May 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been another fantastic, if short, week with lots of wonderful T&L learning here at Daubeney, as always!

Below you will find our DT and science topics for this half-term and our **'Word of the Week'** and **'Golden Expectation of the Week'**, which this week were: 'Honest' & 'Always be in control of your own behaviour'. As mentioned previously, please ask your child(ren) what this word and phrase means to them and why they are important both at school, and home!

Year 1	<p>DT = How do you make a structure strong? – A chair for a bear</p> <p>Science = Seasonal Changes (Spring & Summer) - How do some trees change throughout the seasons?</p>
Year 2	<p>DT = How can I make things move? – Moving Cars</p> <p>Science = Everyday Materials - How Have Humans Changed Our Planet?</p>
Year 3	<p>DT = How can you make parts of a picture move? – Linkages and Levers</p> <p>Science = Forces & Magnets - How can I move objects without touching them?</p>
Year 4	<p>DT = Function or appearance – what is more important? – Simple circuits and switches</p> <p>Science = Electricity - What is the best way to build a circuit?</p>
Year 5	<p>DT = How can a mechanism solve a problem? – Pulleys & Gears</p> <p>Science = Forces - What would life be like without forces?</p>
Year 6	<p>DT = What makes an effective shelter? Frame Structures</p> <p>Science = Light - Why can't we see in the dark?</p>

We now find ourselves in the midst of the formal assessment cycle and as such, our Y2's began their **SATs** this week. For those of you that could not attend our recent Y2 parents' SATs meeting please find the power point presentation below. However, do feel free to speak with your child's class teacher for more details should you desire. I am certain many of you will be glad to know that this will be the final year of SATs for Y2 and going forward schools will be held to account regarding the progress pupils make from their time in Reception to when they leave us in Y6.

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/534>

Next week our Y6's will sit their **KS2 SATs**. Last week we took the opportunity to have a practise SATs day and this week we held a meeting for the y6 pupils with Olivia a member of our CWIS team to discuss any worries they may have and more importantly how to overcome these worries. As parents, you too may be concerned about your child's well-being at this time. As such, we refer you to Mr Swarbrick's letter emailed to you earlier in the week with tips and ideas on how to maintain a balanced and healthy approach to SATs week. That said post SATs there will be a celebratory trip on Friday and the residential in the final week of the half-term.

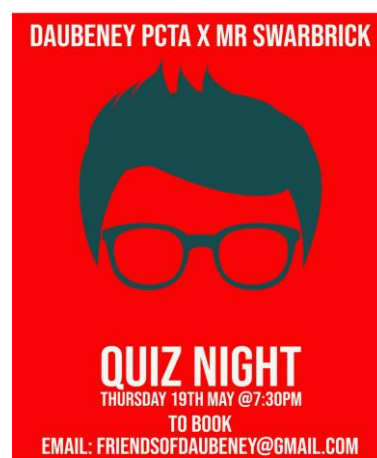
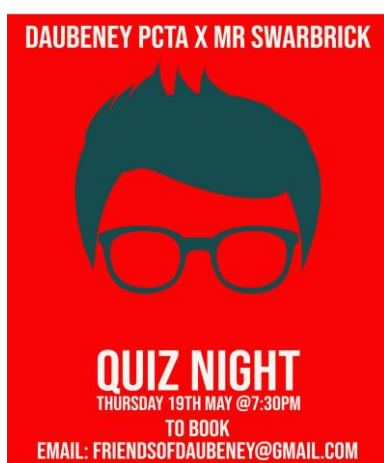
For those that attended our **Stay and Play** session on Wednesday, I hope you saw the improved playtime (and Extended Day Care) provision as part of our ongoing school improvement journey to improve not only our academic provision but also all aspects of our practice.

We look forward to just as many, if not even more, parents attending our **Eid party** after school today.

Before closing this week's letter, we'd like to clarify our decision regarding the upcoming bank holiday. As this extra day officially falls within the school holidays, the Department for Education has allowed schools to close for an additional day in term time and to choose their own date for the extra bank holiday. We have chosen to do this on Friday 27th - before the half term break. We hope this clarifies any potential misunderstanding.

Finally, to reiterate what was said previously, this will be a very busy term with lots of events including the one's identified below. We strongly encourage you to check the **News and Letters** section of our website on a regular basis <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/news> you may also want to access our **calendar** in a similar manner <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/about-us/calendar>

Enjoy a wonderful weekend ☺



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