# Daubeney Primary School Development Newsletter





### What's this all about?

This is our final school development newsletter for this academic year. This edition will summarise our progress against our School Development Priorities (SDP's) set out in our 2021 School Development Plan (SDP) and will provide you with a summary of the progress on our school improvement journey over the year.

### Our School Development Priorities are:

- 1. Further improve teaching and learning in reading, writing and maths
- 2. Further develop the broad and balanced curriculum offer
- 3. Develop the Daubeney workforce to improve outcomes
- 4. To develop key educational provision to attract new families to the school
- 5. To develop the school community



# Leadership & Management

As we now draw the year to a close and reflect on our achievements and the progress we have made against our School Development Priorities (SDPs) set at the beginning of the year, I think there is much to celebrate!

As a school we had three One Day Reviews (ODR) conducted by Hackney Education (HE). ODRs are very akin to an Ofsted visit where 'deep dives' are conducted into specific subjects by meeting with the subject leader, visiting lessons, looking at pupils' books and speaking with pupils. This supported us to meet the first four of our five SDPs. At the conclusion of the final ODR which took place on 28th June we were graded B, which identified us as being on track to meet our end of year attainment outcomes. For those who have not seen the results of our statutory assessments, which are above national averages please see the letter sent on 6.7.22.

This year the introduction of a new appraisal model has ensured that all staff enhanced their professional practice. All members of teaching staff have had their appraisal targets reviewed, which as stated previously are all aligned to our 5 School Development Priorities.

The SLT concluded the year by appointing Miss Bibi to the post of acting Assistant Head Teacher and Miss Fergus to the post of Lead Practitioner. This reflects the hard work, dedication and pupil progress that both staff members have been integral to this year (and previously) being rewarded. We now look forward to Ofsted in 22-23!

### English

As always, there has been lots happening in literacy across the school this term. Phonics has continued to be a strength with 76% of Year 1s and 96% of Year 2s passing the phonics screener. We had our Whole School Book Fortnight in Summer 2



using the story 'lsh', which linked to our Art topic. The children were inspired by the story writing diary entries, letters and even having debates.

We had our Daubeney KS2 Spelling Bee, which was very exciting after a two year break. The competition was fierce and the contestants worked really hard to learn their spellings.

Daubeney has continued to work with Kathleen O'Connor, a representative from Hackney Education, who delivered CPD for LSAs on interventions, and supporting the lowest 20% through I to I reading. Staff also had training from Richard Boxall on assessment and benchmarking. This has been very beneficial in helping staff to improve their practice and as result, improve outcomes for the children.

Literacy at Daubeney has transformed significantly this year and it has been great to see the progress that the children have made in reading and writing. We are looking forward to more successes to come in the next academic year.

#### Maths

What a year it's been for maths at Daubeney! This year, maths has gone from strength to strength, and I am speaking on behalf of the school, but also for Mr Swarbrick as a maths leader. This year has seen the introduction of our federation wide maths policy which you can find on our website on the maths page. Mastery has also continued to improve and is now well embedded across all year groups. Three of our class teachers have completed their third year of training with the North East London Maths Hub and are



looking forward to continuing this training. The Maths Hub provides our teachers with the opportunity to go to other schools to see outstanding practise, they can then come back and disseminate that information out to the rest of the staff. Our Maths Hub Champions are Miss Krueziu, who will be taking her skills into year 6, Miss Patel, and Miss Alam. We were also pleased with our end of year assessment results across all year groups, but we want to say an extra special congratulations to our year 6 children and teachers, who made us all proud by achieving well in their maths examinations. In addition, our year 4 children became the first year group to officially take the Multiplication Tables Check, and we want to say a big well done to them and their teachers too. Finally, I would like to personally say congratulations to 3G for becoming our new Times Tables Rock Stars champions! Next year, we look forward to becoming even better. As the maths lead, Mr Swarbrick will spend some more time with EYFS and year I

as part of his own professional development. We will work to create 'maths bags' for every class so children have quicker access to maths resources. We will also have a stronger focus on how we can support our children working at a greater depth standard in order to ensure they are consistently challenged and continue to make progress.

# Science & Design Technology

At the beginning of summer term, teachers received continuing professional development for science. The focus of this was "working scientifically", a term used to describe the skills needed to work like a scientist. Some of the technicalities associated with this were discussed and good practice seen across the school was shared.

In Summer 2, the year has been rounded up through a combination of revision topics and scientists and inventors linked to the topics studied. The federation science leads met at the end of Spring 2 and sought to include a more diverse group of scientists for the children to learn about.

Once again, there was very positive feedback from the One Day Review with Hackney Education. Visitors had the opportunity to look through books, speak with children and saw lessons taking place. From the comments made by the Deputy Director for Education (Stephen Hall), it is clear that science continues to be a strength at Daubeney!



# Physical Education

There been exciting events in the last term of summer for sports. Tennis sessions was provided for afterschool club, to improve children co-ordination skills. 12 children were pick for Young Hackney event due to having a excellent fitness at their age. The girls football team were so close of winning their football competition of getting in 2nd place, which shown so much improvement in the academic year. Blossom Federation has hosted lots of sport competition to give opportunities for children who doesn't any clubs to attend. Sport day for KSI & KS2 will be on the 18th and 19th of July, which will include new sport activities on the day. Last update from the sport department. Two pupils for Year 6 will be receiving two trophy and engrave name on the shield for great contribution in the 7 years of P.E.

### Pupil Voice

It has been a wonderful year for our student leaders. They have shown commitment maturity and dedication to their respective roles and duties. School Councillors have worked extremely hard. The four committees met punctually every week on their respective day during their lunch break to explore ideas on being an effective voice and contributing to the development of the school. They

have held a 'Movie Night' and 'Used Book Sale' to raise money for the end of year seaside trip. Some of our year 6 councillors came up with the idea of creating a mini garden in the KS2 playground. They worked tirelessly through their break and lunch times planning the garden and writing letters to SLT and local business for support. Friends of the Earth have agreed to support their project and work began a few weeks back with the councillors painting the decking. Peer Mediators have shown excellent maturity throughout the year when challenged with mediating problems within their own peer group and amongst the other year groups. They have successfully helped children deal with minor problems and talk things out in a respectful and mature way.

The Playground Friends have really engaged with our year Is and 2s during break times and lunch times, supporting them in their play and being a friend to the younger children.

Our Student Leaders would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer.



#### Music

It was a great year of skateboards, ukuleles, djembes, recorders with lots more in between and to top it all off we had several big events. Firstly we had our interschool concert with guest bands from Ickburgh, a local special needs school and also a band from Rushmore. Then we had two trips to the Round Chapel for the Hackney Music Service Festival. Next, the City Year talent show did a great job of bringing light to new music stars at Daubeney. Finally, we had our heart warming and inspiring "It takes a village" concert where alongside excellent guest speakers, the school rock band played a medley of songs and we also had our choir sing with gusto and passion, led by Kari Stewart.





### Sustainability

It has been a busy year for Sustainability! We began working with Hackney Forest School to ensure that the children had informative and memorable outdoor lessons. It has been enjoyable to watch these lessons happen as well as see many pictures of outdoor learning on the Daubeney website. We have also managed to collect over 2,653 batteries for the Duracell Battery Hunt (with one child in 5SM bringing in over 400 batteries!). Unfortunately we did not win, but it has been great to see our school community come together to recycle

batteries and keep them out of landfill sites. Please continue to recycle your batteries at local collection points and let us know of the amount!

### Integrated Learning

Year I have made great progress this year and part of this success is due to our Integrated Learning model. The teachers have commented that having this style of teaching, children receive quality first teaching where they all have opportunities to work closely with a teacher on a daily basis. Children were able to learn through play and have the opportunity to be challenged through quality scaffolding and questioning. Our Sebright and Lauriston Year I teachers had the opportunity to visit our year I classes and the year

I team were able to 'show off' their fantastic provision. The team commented on the beautiful child led displays, role play areas that were chosen and made by the children and they observed our fabulous phonics intervention. All three classes had their first ever sharing assembly. The children were amazing and confidently performed to children and parents. The children have loved using IT in their learning and have had the opportunity to use Chromebooks and Beebots. They have also enjoyed learning about different artists and creative some spectacular sculptures in the style of Alberto Giacometti.



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# Religious Education

As the end of the academic year rolls around, let's have a look at how RE has taken place this term. Rather than a typical RE day in Summer I, teachers planned a RE Trip to a place of worship instead. Year Is went to our local St Barnabas Church, Year 5s went to a Gurdwara in Bow and the Year 2s had a special talk by our own Mr Matvad. RE Day will took place again on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022 for the last time before the end of the year. The federation anthropology and curriculum leads are looking forwards to reviewing our RE curriculum and

making any necessary changes to ensure our children are receiving the highest quality RE teaching and learning possible.

### Site & Premises

We have a number of projects planned over the summer, including redecoration and new flooring in the school office and redecoration of multiple internal areas of the KSI building. This includes building 'The Nest', our new expanded Nurture Room, by refurbishing our existing YI class to house a new mezzanine level. As part of this project, the existing 'Music



Building' will be demolished and the music and PE teams will move in to the current nurture/learning mentors building. We can't wait for you to see all the new positive changes in September!



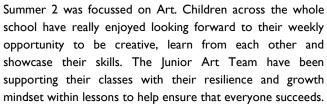
Physical, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE

As part of our curriculum, all children received lessons in Relationship and Health Education. We consulted with you about this in Summer I and we thank parents for their feedback. We want all our children to grow up healthy, happy, safe, and able to manage the challenges and opportunities of modern Britain and maintain healthy and strong relationships now and into adult life. Children across the school enjoyed watching the Pantasaurus video. This led to important discussions about keeping our bodies safe and speaking out if we feel worried about this. Each class thought who they would speak to if they needed to have a conversation with a trusted adult. To find out more information and how to support at home, please click on the link below <a href="https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-">https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-</a>

safe/support-for-parents/

# Creativity

The Summer Term has been an exciting term for Creativity at Daubeney as Summer I was focussed on Design and Technology and



During Design and Technology, children focussed on different aspects of making and inventing. They researched different inventors and how to make their products. They used both paper and computers to design their products so that they could be more successful during the making process. Following the making of their products, the children evaluated their products: celebrating the ways in which they were successful and how they could become even more successful!

In Art, children across the whole school have been learning about and creating sculptures! Using a range of diverse artists for inspiration, children have researched and evaluated existing art and used it to influence and inspire their own art. They will complete their sculptures on Wow Day on 21st July, which we all anticipate to be an exciting day full of creative children sharing their artistic skills and knowledge.

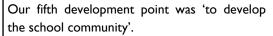
In addition to this, children on the Junior Art Team went on a trip to Hackney Town Hall to celebrate the unveiling of Windrush sculptures. They were the first school group ever to have their photo taken with the sculpture. They also got to meet the artist and ask him lots of questions about how the sculpture was created, We all felt very inspired by his work and are really looking forward to using the visit to inspire our own art.

The Art Team Newspaper has been a great success this year with many children submitting their artwork to be showcased. 5 issues have been emailed throughout the year, which many children have been enjoying and using to enhance their creativity at home.

#### Inclusion

As this academic years draws to a close, the SEND Team would like to thank each and every one of you for your ongoing support and partnership work in developing SEND provision at Daubeney. We look forward to a new year of working together, even more, to deliver the very best in terms of adjusted provision and working closely with external professionals supporting your child. We will continue to build on some of our great successes throughout this year, such as: the implementation of a new and bespoke intervention space - Rainbow Room; raising awareness of and celebrating Developmental Language Disorder, Autism Acceptance Week; SEND newsletter SENDFriend and not to forget our inaugural termly SEND Parent Forum thank you to all those who attended - making the event so positive and meaningful. Finally, as the government's new SEND Green Paper brings its consultation period to a close, we look forward to an era of much needed and improved SEND provision across the country. Thank you again and, as always, please do speak to us about any concerns you may have or further information that you may need. Do also look out for our leaflet of all the amazing opportunities to engage with, in Hackney, during the summer.

### Community



This year has allowed us to re-introduce our coffee mornings, and there were a range of these especially at the beginning of the year that many of you would of attended. We look forward to carrying this on next year. As always our PCTA, as led by Sarah Dean and Kirste Bevan were magnificent in their support of the school with the events that they hosted this year e.g. the table top sale, the quiz night, the Eid Party and the Saturday Fun Day. There'll be exciting things happening with the PCTA next year—watch this space!

As always we had our Meet the Teacher and parents' consultation evenings, but newly introduced this year was our SEND Parent Forum which will continue next year too. We also introduced 'Stay and Play' and held a Pride Day Party.

Finally our flagship community event, 'It Takes a Village...' went from strength to strength this year. And we look forward to building upon all of the above successes in the 2022-2023 academic year!

### Thank you for reading

