

30th September 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been another busy week here at Daubeney!

Let's start by commending our **PCTA** for holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday. It was pleasing to see so many of our new Reception parents in attendance and showing such enthusiasm to support the school. A big shout out must go to Sarah and Kirste (as Chair and Vice-Chair) for their leadership of the PCTA in recent times. You will hear more of plans to develop the leadership of the PCTA in due course. But for now, well done to Hannah who will be leading on the Halloween Dress-Up Day (1.11.22).

We'd also like to express our gratitude to the **parents who have volunteered to read** with our pupils, this is a wonderful example of, 'It Takes a Village...' to raise a child - thank you. If you would like to volunteer your time at the school in any capacity please send us an email or speak to a member of SLT at the gates about this.

At this point, I'd like to put out a **request for parents and carers to volunteer** to support us with our upcoming **African (Black) History Month** event scheduled for 19.10.22. We hope we can make it even better than last year's event, which will be some feat! If you would like to volunteer your services in any capacity, please email an expression of interest FAO Mr Logan to admin@daubeney.hackney.sch.uk

On Wednesday, as well as the AGM mentioned above, we had our first **School Improvement Partner** (SIP) visit for the year. Our SIP advisor this year is Laleh Laverick. The visit was a very positive one with reference being made to our very detailed School Development Plan. A **TAG** meeting, attended by Mr Warren, Will Emms (Chair of Governors) and me with Hackney Education (HE) followed on Thursday to discuss our key foci for the year ahead as well as our targets for our KS2 SATs and other statutory assessments. Again, the TAG meeting was a positive one following on from the progressive school improvement journey of 2021-22. As an SLT, we are now very keen to have our OFSTED visit and the reinstatement of our 'Good' grading which we strongly believe we are.

At this point, I'd like to commend **Miss Smith** for gaining the prestigious '**Artsmark Silver Award**' for the content and delivery of our Creative Curriculum here at Daubeney. You will read more of this in future communications.

In a similar manner, we'd like to commend the Y6 teacher team of 2021-2022, alongside our Blossom colleagues, for winning the **Show and Tell #myphotomyfeeling** exhibition. This is not be underestimated as the organisation received a staggering 34,531 entries and the Blossom Federation came out winners! Well done Team Blossom 😊.



FYI - this week, our **Golden Expectation and Word of the Week** are, 'Always be in control of your own behaviour.' and 'Choices'.

Please find below the **science topics** for each year group below in addition to our **geography topics** for this half-term and the book(s) that your child(ren) reads in their year group(s) as part of our **whole class reading** approach, again this is to facilitate home learning discussions. We hope you find this feature useful.

Year 1 	Me and My World (Local Area) - What is in my local area? Plants – Taking care of plants – What does a plant need to grow? Literacy = Jack and the Beanstalk
Year 2 	Hot & Cold – Why is the weather different? Living Things and Their Habitats. What do all habitats need? Literacy = The Magic Bojabi Tree by Dianne Hofmeyr.
Year 3 	Brazil & The Amazon Rain Forest - Should we worry about our rain forests? Plants – Do all plants need flowers? Literacy = The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry.
Year 4 	Japan & Earthquakes – How would you survive an earthquake? Living Things and Their Habitats – What environmental impact have humans had on East London? Literacy = I survived the Japan Earthquake, 1906 by Lauren Tershis
Year 5 	Tanzania & Mountains – How would you prepare to climb Mount Kilimanjaro? Living Things and Their Habitats – What is similar and different about a butterfly's and a frog's life cycle? Literacy = King of the Cloud Forests by Michael Mopurgo
Year 6 	The United Kingdom – Which region would you like to live in and why? Living Things and Their Habitats – Why is classification important? Literacy = Floodland by Marcus Sedgwick

For those parents who would like to know what else our curriculum entails for their child(ren) this year please access the link to our curriculum overviews

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/curriculum/curriculum-overviews>



As I bring the letter to a close, I encourage you to explore the highlights section of our website for a plethora of images that say so much more about the T&L than I can in my weekly letter!

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/highlights>

Also, please do visit the news and letters section of our website on a regular basis as well as our calendar to stay abreast of all things Daubeney.

Please enjoy a great weekend, and don't forget to have those home learning discussions!

Yours sincerely,



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