

21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

What an eventful half-term it has been – the passing of Queen Elizabeth II and the resignation of two PMs – interesting times indeed!

That said, today brings us to the conclusion of our Autumn I half-term. **Pupils will resume school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.**

This week, our **Golden Expectation and Word of the Week** were, ‘Be kind helpful and gentle’ and ‘Support’.

We’ve also enjoyed our **Wow Day** this week bringing our Intrepid Explorers, geography half-term to a close. Below are the topics and overarching questions that you can discuss with your child(ren).

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| Year 1 | <b>Me and My World (Local Area) - What is in my local area?</b>                      |
| Year 2 | <b>Hot &amp; Cold – Why is the weather different?</b>                                |
| Year 3 | <b>Brazil &amp; The Amazon Rain Forest - Should we worry about our rain forests?</b> |
| Year 4 | <b>Japan &amp; Earthquakes – How would you survive an earthquake?</b>                |
| Year 5 | <b>Tanzania &amp; Mountains – How would you prepare to climb Mount Kilimanjaro?</b>  |
| Year 6 | <b>The United Kingdom – Which region would you like to live in and why?</b>          |

As we venture off into the half-term we strongly encourage you to support your child(ren) with **reading for pleasure**. Below is a link to various books should your child(ren) claim to have read all the books in your house! <https://ririro.com>. The link below will allow you to listen to some of the Daubeney adults reading a book <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/search?q=Story+Time>

Thank you to all those who attended our annual **BHM event** on Wednesday. As always it was well attended and the feedback has been wonderful, but most importantly it affords all of our pupils the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of those who hail from the African diaspora.

I must also say thank you to all the parents that attended yesterday’s **5C parents’ meeting**. We will send an update letter on the other side of the holiday informing you of where we are in terms of a timeline for Ms Cheung’s return to school.



The eagle eye among you may have noticed that I was not on site last Thursday and Friday as I was attending a **Heads' Conference** as part of my continual professional development, alongside my federation colleagues and Mr Warren. The focus was on how we maintain our well-being, or 'Containment for the Containers'. However, we did have some very productive conversations with schools that have recently had their Ofsted inspections.

During the half-term please note that there will be **road works** on Colne Road as the council seek to upgrade the existing footway. We have been informed that works will begin on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

We have had a productive half-term and a great start to the academic year with the addition of new PCTA members; successful SIPI and TAG I meetings; Mocksted interviews with subject leaders; a positive first Local School Committee meeting; etc etc. We will be sending out our **School Development Newsletter** at the start of the next half-term where you can read in much more detail the steps that we are making on our school development journey.

Upon our return we look forward to our **Time Travellers**, history themed half-term. As previously, we will share the topics being covered and their overarching questions to facilitate home learning discussions.

We will also be taking part in the national **Outdoor Classroom Day** on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, as well as holding a '**Festival of Light**' event in our Hop Garden (see flier below).

As always, we urge you to explore the highlights section of our website for a range of images that say so much more about the T&L than I can here! <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 half-term holiday, and we'll see you all on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 8:45!**

Yours sincerely,



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# FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

COME CELEBRATE DIWALI WITH US IN THE HOP GARDEN  
**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 3RD 3:30 PM**  
BRING A DISH TO SHARE  
WITH THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

