

11th November 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are now getting into our stride for the autumn term!

So let's start off this week's letter by celebrating our Y6 Girls' Football team who on Wednesday won the Young Hackney Girls' Football tournament. They played a series of ten games, won nine and drew one – well done girls, Mr Simeon, Mr Jackson and Mr Simon.

As you are all well aware, this will be a very busy half-term, and I encourage you to become familiar with the **calendar** on our website, as well as the **news and letters** section of our website, to keep on top of all the events that will be happening over the next six weeks.

For those who are not aware, this half-term is our '**Time Travellers**' history themed half-term. Below are all the history topics being covered as well the overarching questions to facilitate home learning discussions when you ask your child(ren) about their day at school.

Year 1	Me and My World – Local History: Who and what is in my world?
Year 2	Explorers: What makes a great explorer?
Year 3	Stone Age to Iron Age: How does the Stone Age influence our lives?
Year 4	Ancient Egyptians: Were Pharaohs fair?
Year 5	Ancient Greeks: What influence did the Ancient Greeks have on our modern society?
Year 6	World War II: Was evacuation a good idea?

This week our **Golden Expectation and Word of the Week** were '**Listen respectfully and follow instructions**' and '**Inclusive**'. As a reminder, our Jigsaw theme this half-term is 'Celebrating Differences'.

Our upcoming **Parents' evening** is scheduled for Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th November (3:30pm – 6pm). You will be able to reserve your preferred slot as of 3:45pm today via our website.

As parents, you may be interested to know more about the official launch of, **The Family Coach Service**, which will take place next week (17.11.22) at a coffee morning – see link below.

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/622#sitelive-viewer/>

We will also be seeking your engagement as parents at our upcoming **SEND Parent Forum**: 5pm – 6pm, Wednesday 23rd November 2022, KSI Hall. We look forward to seeing you there and letting you know more about this initiative!

Another resource for parents that might be of interest to you is a monthly **online safety** newsletter provided by the **NSPCC** which you can access here <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-newsletter/>

We'd also like to remind you of our upcoming **book fair** which is a great opportunity to buy some amazing books - some of which are discounted! This also helps the school to earn rewards to spend on books for the school. The book fair will be cashless. Parents can pay by scanning the QR code on their phone and paying online by card. This will take place on **Monday 14th - Wednesday 16th November 3:30-4:30pm** in the KSI Hall.

As a school, we now look forward to our **One Day Review (ODR)** from the local authority on Thursday 17th November. As always, I will feedback on the day in next week's update letter. For those who have not seen it please peruse our school development newsletter for more detailed information re: the continual improvement of the school. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/620#sitelive-viewer/>

Don't be surprised if you see me looking a little odd on Friday (18.11.22) as it will be **Odd Socks Day**. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/623#sitelive-viewer/>

Coming up at the end of the month (30.11.22) will be our first **OPAL Stay & Play** session of the year. We hope to see you and your child(ren) there! However, to assist us in maintaining the ever-improving playtime provision we would appreciate any toy and clothes donations. Donations can be dropped-off at the main gate by the OPAL information board.

As I draw this letter to a close, I'd like to commend all of the parents, carers and local community members that attended our virtual **It Takes A Village...** (ITAV) meeting on Wednesday. It was another fantastic event, which I will feedback on in due course in a dedicated letter – big thanks to all involved.

Have you heard about Blue, our therapy dog, yet? Watch this space and I'll let you know more next week.

Please 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, especially this half-term!

Please enjoy a great weekend,



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