

31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

What an eventful week (and term) it has been!

Today we bring the term to a close by dressing up as **'Superheroes'** to celebrate **Autism Awareness Week**. For those of you who have a vested interest in SEND, please do read the Spring issue of our SENDFriend newsletter. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/682#sitelive-viewer/>

Yesterday afternoon, our Nursery, Reception and Y1 pupils had the opportunity to take part in an **Easter Bonnet Parade**. What a feast of colour and beautiful bonnets it was! Thank you to everyone who could make the time to attend and provide the encouragement to develop our pupils' confidence and celebrate their art skills. I must take time to commend the parents who tapped into their creative side and helped to create some outstanding bonnets. Everyone was a winner and everyone went home with an egg. The joint 1<sup>st</sup> place winners 😊 were: SJ (Nursery), Jagjeewan (Blue Class), Thea (Yellow Class), Buster (1A) and Isabela (1S). It was very hard for the judges, Mr Dharma, Ms Prisca and Ms Groves to narrow it down to a top 5! Thank you to Ms Bibi for leading on this, and the **PCTA** for the donation of the eggs.

Some parents had a busy afternoon as prior to the Easter Bonnet parade there were two **class assemblies**, classes 2S and 4L had the opportunity to share their learning for this half-term, and again to develop their confidence as well as their public speaking skills. Again, we thank the parents and carers in attendance, assemblies would not be the same without you.

Our ethos of working with parents as partners was very evident on Wednesday evening when the children had the opportunity to enjoy the fabled **school disco**. The KS1 hall was bedecked and adorned with tinsel, colour, bright lights, luminous stars and giant lettering that was only possible with the support of the **PCTA** members who gave their time, resources and skills for free for the benefit of all – thank you. Thank you also to the staff who gave of their time to make this possible for the children. A great evening was had by all, and what happens at the school disco stays at the disco 😊

Not as exciting as the school disco (in my opinion!), our **Full Governing Board (FGB)** met on Wednesday morning. Again, our ethos of working with parents is evident with the representation of parents on the governing board in various roles. To learn more about our governors, and what they do, please access the link below. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/about-us/governors>

If you think that all our children have been doing this week is parading in bonnets and prancing about at discos 😊 please access the link below to see the highlights section of our website <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/highlights>

In all seriousness, please do take the time to read **Mr Warren's update letter** as it contains some very important information about our partnership with Colvestone Primary, as well as other news about the federation in general. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/684#sitelive-viewer/>

Please note, we **return to school on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 8:45am** (getting those brains alive!). Extended Day Care/Wrap Around Care **will be** operational from that date. After-School Clubs will commence as of Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

For the final time in the Spring 2 half-term and to facilitate those home learning conversations, please see our **CC topics, Science topics, Whole Class Reader** and our **RE foci** for this half-term.

<p><b>Year 1</b></p> 	<p><b>All Around the World – How can I find where I am in the world?</b></p> <p><b>Physics – Everyday Materials:</b> Can all materials keep you dry?</p> <p><b>Anansi and the Tug O' War – Traditional Tale</b></p> <p><b>RE – What does Diwali teach Hindus about good and evil?</b></p>
<p><b>Year 2</b></p> 	<p><b>Australia – Why should we visit Australia?</b></p> <p><b>Biology – Animals including Humans:</b> How do you keep a plant alive?</p> <p><b>Where the Forest Meets the Sea – Jeannie Baker</b></p> <p><b>RE – Why do Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection at Easter?</b></p>
<p><b>Year 3</b></p> 	<p><b>Volcanoes – Are volcanoes dangerous?</b></p> <p><b>Physics – Light &amp; Understanding Shadows:</b> Does everything create a shadow?</p> <p><b>Escape From Pompeii – Christina Balit</b></p> <p><b>RE – How do features of a mosque help Muslims pray?</b></p>
<p><b>Year 4</b></p> 	<p><b>Rivers – Why are rivers important?</b></p> <p><b>Physics – Sound:</b> If you couldn't hear, would you know there is sound?</p> <p><b>The River Singers – Tom Moorhouse</b></p> <p><b>RE – Why is the Qu'ran special for Muslims?</b></p>
<p><b>Year 5</b></p> 	<p><b>Europe – What would a holiday in Turkey be like?</b></p> <p><b>Physics – Earth and Space:</b> What would happen if the earth didn't rotate?</p> <p><b>Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone – JK Rowling</b></p> <p><b>RE – What can we learn from the past</b></p>
<p><b>Year 6</b></p> 	<p><b>The Globe – How is the north different to the south?</b></p> <p><b>Physics – Electricity:</b> How can you make a light bulb brighter?</p> <p><b>Journey to the River Sea – Eva Ibbotson</b></p> <p><b>RE – Lent and Easter</b></p>

Have a great and well-deserved break everyone ☺





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