

23rd June 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

It's been another action-packed week here at Daubeney!

The week started by bidding our **residential pupils** and staff farewell on Monday morning as they ventured off to Danbury for a week of adventure! A massive thank you must go to the staff who forsake their creature comforts of home (and a week of sleep!) to facilitate the residential visit – thank you to Mr Ricardo, Ms Prisca, Ms Lester, Ms Payne, Ms Phillips, Ms McDonald, Ms Cheung and coordinating it all, Mr Swarbrick. If you'd like to look at over 3000 photos of their adventures, please access the link below.

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/events/residential-day-1>

To less upbeat news, but important none the less, we anticipate that **school will be closed to pupils** on the NEU's forthcoming **strike days** on **Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July**.

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/731#sitelive-viewer/>

On Tuesday, due to the rain, we had to postpone our **KSI Sports Day**. Fortunately, we were able to hold the event on Thursday, and as always it was a wonderful event that was very well attended by parents, carers, grandparents, extended family and even pets! Thank you to all who attended.

On Wednesday we hosted our **Stay and Play session**, again thank you to all who attended and we hope you can see the continual progress of our playground provision linked to our OPAL initiative. This provision will be even better soon with the development of a pond in our Hop Garden that we are seeking your support with.

Our desire is to work as a community (It Takes a Village...) to build a **new pond** and make further nature and wellbeing boosting improvements to the school grounds over the coming year.

Key dates coming up are: **Wednesday 28th June 3:30pm-6pm and Saturday 1st July 11a.m - 4pm**.

Please help! We desire your presence to help with the work needed to make the pond, and as we all know, 'many hands make light work'. Please email julian@naturalneighbours.org to register which dates you will help on.

No experience or tools necessary! We will be working closely with Natural Neighbours, as one of our community partners, going forward on our playground and our environmental work. To find out more about Natural Neighbours, to donate and/or to get involved visit their website or email hello@naturalneighbours.org.uk

Natural Neighbours is a local charity helping us to improve our outdoor space so that we can host more wildlife. Research increasingly shows a very clear relationship between how much we experience nature in our day-to-day lives and how well we thrive in our work, studies and play. Our first project is building a wildlife pond in the Hop Garden and **you're very much invited to come along and help** dig the hole, lay the liner, plant the plants and be a part of welcoming nature into our community not just here at the school but where you live and work too. What you'll also gain from the experience is free plants donated by Natural Neighbours, some tasty snacks and a new set of connections in our community. We have strong bonds with Natural Neighbours, not least through several of their leadership team being Daubeney parents, so I'm really happy to be working with them and would

encourage you to get involved too. Please access the link below for a short video about Natural Neighbours where you'll recognise some familiar faces. <https://youtu.be/tAuJMjzOjdo>

If creating a pond is not your thing you may want to attend our **SEND Parent Forum** on **Wednesday 28th June** at 3:45pm in the KS1 hall. Please speak with Mr Dharma for more information about this. At this session there will be discussions relating to our work with **PremAware**.

Today marks our last call for you to please take a few moments to complete our **parent questionnaire** so we can incorporate your thoughts into our continual school improvement journey. The deadline for the survey is **Friday 23rd June @ midnight**.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/DesignPageV2.aspx?subpage=design&FormId=LlxmTx-HUSzG_wmDgudxu6zsvbZytJNnTnY7abEf15UQIE5NUtYMjBPOU40UUI2SUVRQ0tJSEdOMS4u

As mentioned previously, if you are able to support our **PCTA led Carnival**, please contact your PCTA class rep. As Daubeney is committed to supporting our community, inclusive of local and/or sustainable businesses we are accepting applications from stallholders to showcase their businesses. Please no food or drink stalls. The cost to secure a stall for the event will be a very reasonable £10 per table. If you would like to secure a stall please access the link below.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzgVveVUYmS0gSrOgGinrng7S0t644a8NQ9yPa73lZ-hlaVw/viewform>

Again, as mentioned previously **yoga sessions** are being delivered to all children as part of their PE lessons this half-term. To support us with this endeavour we implore you to make a contribution to help fund this provision by accessing the link below.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/yoga-club-2023>

Due to a number of staff being on residential, we will inform you of the **2023-2024 class allocation** next Friday (30.6.23). Apologies to those who were eagerly awaiting this news.

As a reminder, for those who are considering what will they be doing with their children in the holiday, we will be hosting our **Apex Summer Holiday Club** for the first two weeks of the holiday. If you'd like to register or find out more info, access the link. <https://forms.gle/gpF4VAhpaKdKemVA7>

As I prepare to close the letter, we would like to share some staffing news, we would like to inform you that **Mrs Hussain** will not be returning to Daubeney due to personal circumstances. We are sad to see Mrs Hussain go and we thank her for her commitment to the school for so many years. We wish her well in her future plans. Once again, a big thank you and well done to the Y2 Team for managing the transition into two classes so well.

Finally, please see below for the topics we are studying in our **'Beautiful or Useful?'** art themed half-term and posters for upcoming events.

Please have a great weekend 😊



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Year 1	<p>1970's Art - Use a range of skills from across different art forms (printing, drawing, painting, collage) using different tools.</p> <p>Science: Revision/Scientists and Inventors</p>
Year 2	<p>1980's Art - Use a range of skills from across different art forms (printing, drawing, painting, collage) using different tools</p> <p>Science: Revision/Scientists and Inventors</p>
Year 3	<p>1990's Art - Use a range of skills from across different art forms (printing, drawing, painting, collage) using different tools.</p> <p>Science: Revision/Scientists and Inventors</p>
Year 4	<p>1950's Art - Use a range of skills from across different art forms (printing, drawing, painting, collage) using different tools.</p> <p>Science: Revision/Scientists and Inventors</p>
Year 5	<p>1960's Art - Use a range of skills from across different art forms (printing, drawing, painting, collage) using different tools.</p> <p>Science: Revision/Scientists and Inventors</p>
Year 6	<p>1930's Art - Use a range of skills from across different art forms (printing, drawing, painting, collage) using different tools.</p> <p>Science: Revision/Scientists and Inventors</p>



