

6th October 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

The autumn 1 half-term is moving at a rapid pace and today brings week 5 to a close.

I'd like to start this week's letter by saying well done to our sister school Colvestone, who received their Ofsted call on Tuesday and had their inspection conducted on Wednesday and Thursday this week. Obviously, the official report is yet to be written but initial feedback from Ms Lucey and Mr Warren is that it was a positive experience for them.

Here at Daubeney we are eagerly awaiting the call and the visit from Ofsted, we'll remain primed and 'good-to-go' when they call – which we anticipate will be at some point this term!

As a reminder our **School Development Priorities (SDPs)** for this year are:

- 1.) Continue to improve outcomes for our lowest attaining pupils (30%) across all core subjects.
- 2.) Embed & implement a consistent approach to Curriculum Floor Books which exemplify our quality offer.
- 3.) Continue the development of leadership at all levels.
- 4.) Continue the development of our playground and outdoor learning opportunities.
- 5.) Continue to develop parent partnerships especially for our lowest attaining pupils (30%) so outcomes improve.

Next week we will share with you our **School Development Newsletter** for the Autumn term. But in the meantime, feel free to reacquaint yourself with our last SDP newsletter shared in July!

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/748#sitelive-viewer/>

As part of our SDP4 (see above) you are invited to attend our **OPAL Award Ceremony** 12th October 3.30-4.30pm in the Hop Garden. This will be another great opportunity to stay and play in our school and to find out more about our plans for the future of our playground and outdoor learning opportunities.

To see some of the wonderful **teaching and learning (T&L)** that has happened this week please do visit our highlights tab to see examples of Y6 and their science learning; Y3 and their geography learning; Y4's recent trip to the Natural History Museum or Y2 at Forest School just to mention a few highlights!

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

In our usual fashion, please see below to see what each year group are studying this half-term as part of our **'Intrepid Explorers'** themed geography half-term, their science topics, their RE topics for this half-term and this

week we have added the books each year group are reading as part of their 'whole class reader'. Please use this to facilitate home learning discussions.

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? RE - How and why do people celebrate harvest? Reading – Repunzal
Year 2 	Hot & Cold – Why is the weather different? Living Things and Their Habitats. What do all habitats need? RE - What do Hindus believe? Reading – The Magic Bojabi Tree– Piet Grobler & Dianne Hofmeyr
Year 3 	Brazil & The Amazon Rain Forest - Should we worry about our rain forests? Plants – Do all plants need flowers? RE What is special about Guru Nanak? Reading – The Twits – Roald Dahl
Year 4 	Japan & Earthquakes – How would you survive an earthquake? Living Things and Their Habitats – What environmental impact have humans had on East London? RE How does the synagogue show what is important to Jews? Reading – I survived an Earthquake – Lauren Tarshis
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? RE What did the Buddha teach about living a better life? Reading – King of the Cloud Forests– Michael Morpurgo
Year 6 	The United Kingdom – Which region would you like to live in and why? Living Things and Their Habitats – Why is classification important? RE What do Jews believe are their responsibilities to God? Reading – Floodlands – Marcus Sedgwick

Finally, have you secured tickets for our historic and one-off show, **Windrush 75 in the Hall of Fame** to mark BHM at the Hackney Empire? Let's make it a day to remember for those performing in the show – get those tickets! <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/765#sitelive-viewer/>

Yours sincerely,

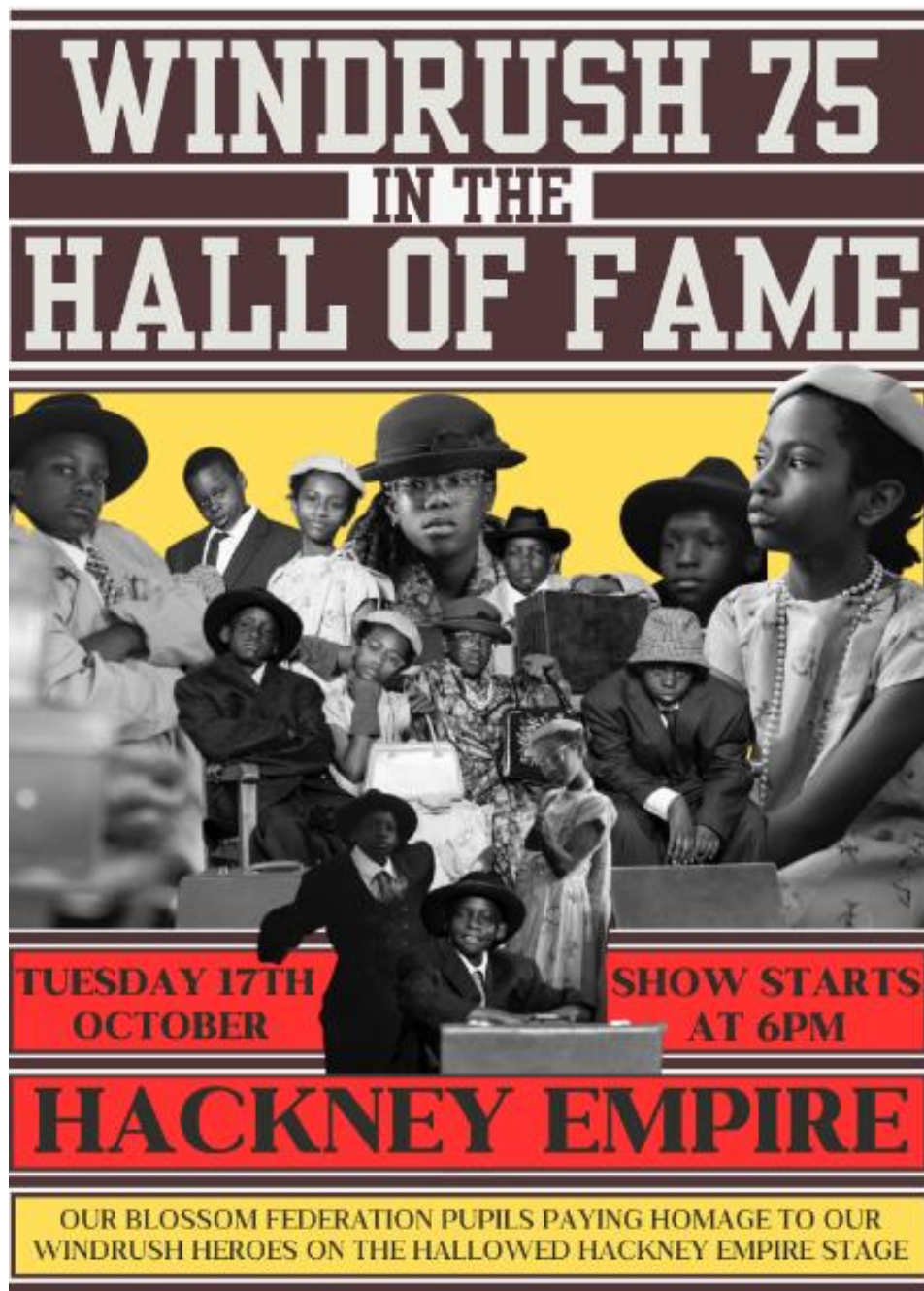




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WINDRUSH 75
IN THE
HALL OF FAME

TUESDAY 17TH
OCTOBER

SHOW STARTS
AT 6PM

HACKNEY EMPIRE

OUR BLOSSOM FEDERATION PUPILS PAYING HOMAGE TO OUR
WINDRUSH HEROES ON THE HALLOWED HACKNEY EMPIRE STAGE

