

13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Today brings the penultimate week of the half-term to a close, and it has been another great week of T&L here at Daubeney in what is our Intrepid Explorer, geography themed half-term. I am certain that you would have noticed that our **educational trips** have made a prominent return this year as part of our ethos, and I must say a massive thank you to all the parents who have given up their time to support with our trips. Please do access the link below to see some of the T&L highlights this week, and this half-term. [Highlights - Daubeney Primary School](#)

As promised last week, after sharing our School Development Priorities here is our **School Development Newsletter**. Our [SDP Newsletter Autumn 1 2023 - Daubeney Primary School](#) provides updates from all of our subject leads on our continual school improvement journey. Please do take the time to read this newsletter and you will find out from **Ms McDonald** as to why we have been awarded **Eco-School status**, and all of our subject leaders including **Mr Dharma** in his capacity as SENDCo and progress made within their sphere of leadership. Do note that our SDP3 is Continue the development of leadership at all levels.

For those who were here for our **Stay and Play** Award ceremony after school this week, you will know that this is not the only accolade Daubeney has received this half term. On Thursday, Ms Cath Prisk from Outdoor Play & Learning (OPAL) visited us to award our Junior OPAL team alongside Ms Amrika and Ms Bibi the **OPAL Platinum Award**, of which we are very proud (round of applause please 😊). For those who read our weekly update letters you will know that our SDP4 is focused on continuing the development of our playground and outdoor learning opportunities. So, we see this as part of our continual development journey, and we look forward to seeing Cath Prisk again in two years with a desire of attaining Double Platinum!

At this juncture, allow me to usher you towards Mr Warren's Executive Head Teacher update letter, if you have not read it already for more news about Daubeney, the Blossom Federation and his development as a leader! [EHT Update Letter - 11th October 2023 - Daubeney Primary School](#)

Talking of development, the first dress rehearsal for our historic and one-off show, **Windrush 75 in the Hall of Fame**, with all four schools coming together was very positive. I think that we are in for a wonderful event next Tuesday evening that will go down in local history! Tickets are practically sold out now (at the last count there were a handful of upper circle seats allocated to Daubeney remaining) – thank you for your support!

For the final time this half-term, please see below to see what each year group are studying in Autumn 1 in their science topics, their RE topics for this half-term and what book each year group are reading as part of their 'whole class reader'. As always, please use this to facilitate home learning discussions.

<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Me and My World (Local Area) - What is in my local area?</b>  <b>Plants – Taking care of plants – What does a plant need to grow?</b>
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	<p><b>RE - How and why do people celebrate harvest?</b></p> <p><b>Reading – Repunzal</b></p>
<p><b>Year 2</b></p> 	<p><b>Hot &amp; Cold – Why is the weather different?</b></p> <p><b>Living Things and Their Habitats. What do all habitats need?</b></p> <p><b>RE - What do Hindus believe?</b></p> <p><b>Reading – The Magic Bojabi Tree– Piet Grobler &amp; Dianne Hofmeyr</b></p>
<p><b>Year 3</b></p> 	<p><b>Brazil &amp; The Amazon Rain Forest - Should we worry about our rain forests?</b></p> <p><b>Plants – Do all plants need flowers?</b></p> <p><b>RE What is special about Guru Nanak?</b></p> <p><b>Reading – The Twits – Roald Dahl</b></p>
<p><b>Year 4</b></p> 	<p><b>Japan &amp; Earthquakes – How would you survive an earthquake?</b></p> <p><b>Living Things and Their Habitats – What environmental impact have humans had on East London?</b></p> <p><b>RE How does the synagogue show what is important to Jews?</b></p> <p><b>Reading – I survived an Earthquake – Lauren Tarshis</b></p>
<p><b>Year 5</b></p> 	<p><b>Tanzania &amp; Mountains – How would you prepare to climb Mount Kilimanjaro?</b></p> <p><b>Living Things and Their Habitats – What is similar and different about a butterfly's and a frog's life cycle?</b></p> <p><b>RE What did the Buddha teach about living a better life?</b></p> <p><b>Reading – King of the Cloud Forests– Michael Morpurgo</b></p>
<p><b>Year 6</b></p> 	<p><b>The United Kingdom – Which region would you like to live in and why?</b></p> <p><b>Living Things and Their Habitats – Why is classification important?</b></p> <p><b>RE What do Jews believe are their responsibilities to God?</b></p> <p><b>Reading – Floodlands – Marcus Sedgwick</b></p>

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



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