

8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

Today brings us to the close of another action-packed week here at Daubeney, as usual 😊 And to our annual **Winter Fair** after school today– I hope to see you all there (3:30 -5:30)!

On Monday, our **Y3's** enjoyed a trip to the **Hackney school of Food**, which all of our pupils always enjoy. Our mantra of working with parents as partners was exemplified by the **Natural Neighbours steering group** meeting which also took place on Monday. In attendance we had **Jules Kirby** and **Pandora Giles** working alongside **Trisha McDonald** and **Clare Young**. Keep your eyes peeled for changes to our playground and Hop garden that align with our SDP4 (continue the development of our playground and outdoor learning opportunities) in the coming months.

We held our **Full Governing Board** (FGB) meeting after school on Tuesday, again this is another example of us working with our parents as partners, in attendance at the meeting we had **Will Emms**, chair of the FGB, and **Annwen Johnson BEM** who is chair of our Local School Committee (LSC). If you'd like to know about our governors and what they do to support the leadership team, and hold us to account, please access the link below.  
<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/about-us/governors>

Wednesday, by Daubeney standards, was a relatively quiet day with just the standard **teaching and learning** of our **'broad and exciting curriculum'** (quote from Ofsted) happening!

However, on Thursday we returned to usual modus operandi, when our **Nurture pupils** spent time at **Hackney Marsh adventure playground**, our **Duckling class** visited **Homerton library** (which is now a weekly feature of their learning) and our **choir** visited **Homerton hospital** to spread some festive joy, as we do every year.

Thursday was also our **RE Day**. In a world where so much war and conflict is fought in the name of religion, I am proud that we educate our children about the world's major religions which I hope brings about greater understanding, respect and 'tolerance' between those who observe various faiths, or none, here in our Daubeney village.

To conclude the week, our **Y2 Bluethroats** class enjoyed their **Forest school** session and the whole school enjoyed our **BIG Draw Day**.

Friday also saw us celebrate our **Golden Achievers of the Term** who were: **Gil** (Ducklings); **Aleysha** (Parrots); **Lola** (Peacocks); **Rekayla** (Bluethroats); **Duchess** (Parakeets); **Omari** (Kingfishers); **Aiden** (Toucans); **Giovanni** (Hornbills); **Addison** (Nightingales); **Tayden** (Robins); **Scarlett** (Kiwis); **Abigail & Karolina** (Falcons); **Melike & Bridget** (Hawks) and last but not least, **Gabriella** (Eagles).

Unfortunately, it has not been all positive news this week as there have been two confirmed cases of **Scarlet Fever** here at Daubeney since Monday. We did share a dedicated letter with you on Wednesday about this. If you did not read the letter, we strongly encourage you to do so at your earliest convenience via the link below.

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/806#sitelive-viewer/>

We are now entering the final nine days of the Autumn term, have you accessed our **advent calendar** on our website? <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/advent-calendar/> and many of you are eagerly looking forward to all of the events happening in the final weeks of term, please access our **online calendar** so that you are fully informed and aware of timings for the remaining events this year. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/785#sitelive-viewer/>

For those who would like to do something different this weekend, one of our community partners, **Hidden Planet**, will be hosting a **free Santa's grotto** (giving away free books and other similar materials) free face painting and mini hot chocolates for kids. Access the link for more info. <https://www.instagram.com/p/C0hHyVslnmh/>

For anyone who is still thinking of where to purchase their **Christmas tree**, we usher you in the direction of **Pines and Needles** as they generously donated two trees to us and are kindly offering our parents a discount on Christmas trees in their pop-up stores if you use the **DISCOUNT CODE: DAUBENEY10**. Please visit [www.pinesandneedles.com](http://www.pinesandneedles.com) for more details.

Again, we'd like to thank all of the parents who have been supporting us to create a promotional newsletter for the school, especially **Rob Bryant**. Please encourage your friends and neighbours to visit us for a tour, they can bring their children too! And **keeping spreading the word about our Daubeney offer**, the best promotion in the world has always been, word of mouth.

In our usual fashion, as we draw this letter to a close, we usher you towards our **highlights page** to see a snapshot of the great teaching & learning here at Daubeney. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/highlights>

Yours sincerely,



Mr Gregory Logan  
Head of School  
Twitter: @OneMrLogan1



Robin Warren  
Executive Head Teacher  
Twitter: @BlossomExecH



