

9th February 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

We find ourselves bringing the Spring 1 half-term to a close today. Everyone must have been having a fantastic 'teaching and learning time' as the half-term has absolutely flown by! **What was your personal highlight of the half-term?** If you need help making up your mind why not visit the highlights page on our website to prompt your memory. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/highlights>

This week our word, expectation and breathing technique of the week are:

Expectation of the Week – **Be kind helpful and gentle**

Word of the Week – **Proud**

Breathing technique of the Week – **Shape Breath**

Please discuss the above with your child(ren) and ask what these words and phrases mean to them.

On Monday another of our Y6 classes (**Y6 Falcons**) ventured off site for their **IntoUniversity experience**. This has been integral to our practice here at Daubeney since 2013. As mentioned last week we are very much of the opinion that we want our Y6 curriculum to be broad and balanced. Hence why we continue with our educational trips in Y6 and working with our community partners such as IntoUniveristy. Today the children will be graduating from the prestigious Goldsmiths University. If you'd like to learn more about IntoUniverity please access the link at your convenience. <https://intouniversity.org/what-we-do/>

Tuesday saw our **EYFS and Y1** pupils enjoying a wonderful **Wild West drama workshop**. We also had some **Reception parents** visit us on Tuesday (and Wednesday) to enjoy lunch with their children. I was very pleased to see that the parents' plates were all very clean when I passed the dining hall, which infers to me that they enjoyed the lunch. One parent said to me that our lunches are much better than when she was at school!

Wednesday saw some of our Y6 pupils enjoying a session of ice skating, echoing my previous sentiments of providing a **broad and balanced curriculum** to our Y6 pupils. Our sporting activities continued yesterday with a group of Y4, 5 & 6 pupils enjoying a cycling event. Thank you to our PE coaches, **Mr Simon and Mr Simeon** for providing these opportunities for our pupils in addition to our standard PE lessons.

Thursday saw our pupils enjoy their **DT Wow Day** which included a **Y4 Dragons' Den** style event with SLT being the dragons, amongst many other wonderful activities!

Today bring us to the close of the week, and our **Reception Class** are closing in style with a **Valentine's party**



