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Dear Parents & Carers,

We find ourselves bringing the Spring I 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 YI** 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 0





As we prepare for the break, we'd like to invite you to support us with our Hop Garden revamp (see poster below) this weekend. Please pop along and give of your time, it could be as little as half-an hour, many hands make light work! Be the change you want to see in the world ⁽²⁾ This initiative is being led by **Ms McDonald** in conjunction with Natural Neighbours, one of our community partners. If you would like to know more about Natural Neighbours and the long-term goals of this project do access the link below Here's the link

As mentioned previously, our very own Ms Meehan will be running a half-marathon for charity! Please support Ms Meehan and her exciting endeavour. https://llhm.tommys.org/fundraising/Jacinta-Anne-Meehan

Finally, allow me to usher you towards our news and letters tab which is a very useful source of information should you be unsure of events at school in addition to visiting our online calendar. https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/news

As always, we'd like to usher you in the direction of our online calendar so that you can look ahead and plan accordingly. Please note our upcoming parent consultations happening next half-term on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th March. Our booking system went live last Friday on our website and will close on the morning of Tuesday 5th March at 9:00 am. https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/about-us/calendar

Enjoy a great half-term, have lots and be safe! We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 19th February at 8:45, getting those brains alive!

Yours sincerely,

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