



Governors Annual Update



Message from Will Emms

Hi folks,

I hope that you have all been able to keep cool in the recent heat. It feels like we have already had a bit of a summer, which we all know isn't always guaranteed. I really hope that it extends into the school holidays, but not too hot of course, so we can get the most out of the break.

I start to wonder if I sound like a broken record, but for me the end of the school year always seems to be so far away for most of the year, and then all of a sudden it is here. Even this long last half-term seems to have whizzed by in a flash.

Mr Warren and I thought a special governor update would be a great way to end the year. We hope you enjoy this edition.



In a difficult context, where we are seeing fewer children in Hackney and more proposals for the closing and amalgamating of local schools, it's been another great year for the Blossom Federation. Highlights include:

- Great key stage 2 assessment results for all three schools!
- Sebright having it's own swimming pool onsite just after Easter
- A really positive Ofsted inspection at Sebright - we await the final report, but are feeling optimistic
- The opening of Da Cafe at Daubeney - coffee and cake on the premises!
- Children from Daubeney went on a trip to Tenerife to practice their Spanish and sample the local culture.
- The completion of the Sebright ARP unit - The Meadow - ready for the first children to join in September. It looks so good! This is an exciting new provision to have as part of the federation
- Fantastic VE Day celebrations at each of the schools
- Great PTA supported summer fairs
- Approval to have solar panels at Lauriston, one of three London Schools
- The Daubeney Child and Family Hub, going from strength to strength, offering valuable services to the local community.
- Confirmation that Sebright Children's Centre will remain fully operational for the decision by Hackney to pause the closure of Children's centres while they investigate the impact those closures may cause.
- Plus being awarded a Turing grant to take children across the Federation to Spain next year!

We know that there is always more to do as we aim to make each school as good as they can possibly be, not only academically, but as safe and welcoming places for the children and the school community, real hubs that bring people together.

I'm very proud to work with such brilliant schools, all the wonderful staff, school communities and my fellow governors which make Blossom Federation what it is.



I also want to acknowledge that Lorraine Groom, our Federation Business Manager and Lauriston 'rock' is retiring this year. She threatened to retire a few years back, but we managed to persuade her to stay for a little longer. This time she means it.

I want to personally thank Lorraine for all her hard work in managing the Lauriston budgets and her incredible fund raising skills – if there was a grant to be had, Lorraine knew what needed to be done to get it. I'll miss her style and the Lea Stein fox brooches too. I hope you enjoy the freedom of your retirement. All the best.

And also, I want to wish all our Y6 children the best for their moves into secondary school. Take everything that you have learnt with us in primary and be confident and brilliant at your new schools. Do us proud!

And with that, I wish you all a wonderful summer break. Here's to a great year this year, and onwards into the next.

Will



Farewell Lorraine



Local Committee

Membership

Underneath the Federation Board sits each school's local school committee, chaired by a governor from the board.

The **Sebright LSC** is made up of five representatives:

Terry Corpe (Head of School & Associate Governor)

Katie Lewis (Chair & Parent Governor)

Suzanne Carmichael (Staff Governor)

Shane Franklin (Co-Opted Governor)

Alastair Wainright (Associate Governor)

Parent Governor Vacancy for September

The **Lauriston LSC** is made up of the following:

Louis Harris (Head of School & Associate Governor)

Katie Beck (Chair & Co-Opted Governor)

Thomas Rosmus (Parent Governor)

Chloe Way (Associate Governor)

Lowell Mason (Associate Governor)

Katy Beale (Associate Governor)

James Ross (Local Authority Governor)

The **Daubeney LSC** is made up of the following:

Gregory Logan (Head of School & Associate Governor)

Annwen Johnson BEM (Chair & Co-Opted Governor)

Ohemaa Peprah-Konadu (Co-Opted Governor)

Pandora Giles (Associate Governor)

Tom Smith (Associate Governor)

Julika Niehaus (Associate Governor)

Reece Lukeman (Co-Opted Governor)

The Federation Board

Will Emms (Chair)

Robin Warren (HT Governor)

Sam Ingleby (Vice Chair & Chair of the Finance & Staffing Committee)

Katie Beck (Co-Opted)

Annwen Johnson BEM (Co-Opted)

Katie Lewis (Parent)

Thomas Rozmus (Parent)

Suzanne Carmichael (Staff)

Ohemaa Peprah-Konadu (Co-Opted)

James Ross (Co-Opted)

Reece Lukeman (Co-Opted)

Jessie Goodison Burgess (Associate)

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LAURISTON

Message from Katie Beck

The roles and responsibilities of the Local School Committee is threefold: First, to provide a strategic view of the school, looking ahead to the future, developing objectives and a framework to help the school achieve those objectives. Second, to be a 'critical friend' to the school by offering constructive support and challenging questions. Finally, to ensure accountability by ensuring the school delivers high quality education to all students, monitoring school performance and making sure the school complies with legal responsibilities.

We were very pleased to welcome Katy Beale as a new Associate Governor this year and were struck by the level of interest the open post garnered across the school community, showing a high level of engagement and interest from parents in the school.



This year, the Lauriston Local School Committee has seen how the school is working towards its School Development Priorities through termly meetings where we hear updates from the head of school and executive head of the federation, by reviewing policies, hearing directly from students, and by attending school community events. Governors are also invited into the school on three occasions each year for governor day visits focusing on specific school development priorities.

In October governors were invited into the school to observe a new approach to teaching, assessments and outcomes in science, history and geography, using collaborative group floor books that involve creative input from all students. With the new model, children are encouraged to learn like scientists and geographers working in groups to produce art pieces, experiments and experiences with the aim of deepening each child's knowledge and strengthening the subject knowledge of all teachers.



In January we were invited to hear how Lauriston is enhancing and sustaining its practice of quality first teaching of writing. Focusing on having a robust baseline measurement of student's writing skills and outcomes, offering career progression development opportunities for staff to improve their pedagogical practices around writing, and by creating more opportunities for writing through embedding writing tasks across subjects and collaboration between subject leads.

In May governors were invited to observe how the school is developing its performing arts curriculum. We heard how our new music teacher Mr. Jones is settling into the role and heard about the new Lauriston choirs offered for both Key stage one and key stage two students.



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Other highlights this year included listening to a presentation from the school council about a cross-federation event hosted at Lauriston where students worked together to create artwork depicting the future. The student councillors reported making new friends with students from the other federation schools and a real sense of pride in seeing their collaborative artwork displayed in the school.

Observing the school community come together for a number of events made possible by the hard work and creativity of the PTA, parent and school staff volunteers across the year was another high point this year.

Looking ahead to the new school year, the governors will continue working with school leadership to support creating and maintaining a school environment where uniqueness is celebrated, and where all students feel welcome, safe, happy and ready to learn.

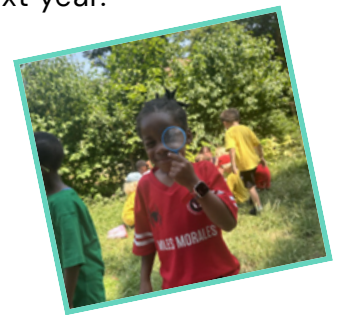


We know parents and carers engagement has a crucial impact on student's academic outcomes and wellbeing and we value your input. If you have questions, feedback or want to be more involved with the school, please do reach out to me via the office.

A heartfelt thanks to Lauriston's wonderful students, staff, parents, carers and community for all of your hard work this year. Have a restful break and we will see you next year.



DAUBENEY



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Message from Annwen Johnson BEM



Dear Parents, Carers, and School Community,

As we reach the end of another academic year, the Local School Committee (LSC) would like to extend heartfelt thanks to everyone—students, staff, and the Daubeney Village for your continued support and commitment.

Here are some of our amazing Highlights of the Year:

- The opening of Da Cafe
- It Takes A Village (ITAV) Virtual and Live Events especially with our special guest The Mother of the House – Dianne Abbott
- The creation of the Black and Global Majority Parent Group (BGMPPG)
- The wonderful PCTA events – The Winter Fair, The Movie Nights, The Quiz and The Summer Fair.
- Greening Daubeney Village Event
- The visit from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to see our amazing Hop Garden

This year has been filled with growth, achievement, and resilience. We've seen significant progress across the curriculum, with strong academic results which show real integration of our school development priorities.

Our pupils have taken part in enriching school trips, performances, and sporting events that showcase their talents and dedication in many events this year.

This year, we've also continued to celebrate and embrace the rich culture and diversity within our school community. Through themed events, curriculum enrichment, and inclusive practices, we are proud to foster an environment where every student feels valued, represented, and respected.

Looking Ahead:



The year ahead holds great promise. We remain committed to high standards, inclusivity, and continual improvement. With your support, we will further strengthen our curriculum, invest in teacher development with leadership at all levels, and continue listening to student voices in shaping their school experience and increase parents communication, confidence and connection through continued parent partnership.

On behalf of the LSC thank you for being an essential part of our school's journey. Together, we will continue to be our best for the entire Daubeney Village.

Wishing you a restful and enjoyable summer.



SEBRIGHT



Message from Katie Lewis

It's been a busy and exciting year at Sebright, and I wanted to share an update on what the Local School Committee (LSC) has been working on!

Our role is to oversee the school's strategic direction, ensure high-quality outcomes for children, hold leadership to account, review and approve policies, and reflect the voices of parents, staff, and the wider community. We meet termly and take part in regular school visits and learning walks. I also meet with Terry every two weeks to stay up to date.

Changes to the LSC

- We said farewell to two dedicated governors and Sebright staff alumni, Laura Stacey and Ian Mullaney, who stepped down this year. Thank you both for your unwavering support—you'll be greatly missed, and your contributions will have a lasting impact.
- We welcomed Shane and Alastair, both Sebright parents, to the team. We're thrilled to have more parent voices represented—thank you both for your time and energy!



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Highlights from 2024/25

- SEND Learning Walk (October)
- We met with SENDCo Salma Ali to see Sebright's approach to supporting children with SEND. Highlights included:
 - A strong, child-centered program tailored to individual needs
 - Emphasis on parental involvement
 - A range of support methods such as additional staff, precision teaching, art and Lego therapy, physical therapy, and visual aids
- Student Council Visit (February)
- The newly formed Student Council presented their visit to Parliament and outlined goals for the year, including a federation-wide art project. It was inspiring to see their confidence and leadership!
- Sebright Pool Visit (May)
- We toured the new on-site pool and saw firsthand how quickly children are progressing in their swimming. The student feedback was overwhelmingly positive—they love having it so close!
- Pupil Progress Meetings
- Throughout the year, we also observed how the school tracks student progress and implements support plans to ensure all children thrive.



Ofsted Inspection



During the inspection, I met with Ofsted to discuss governance and parent engagement. The final feedback reflected what many of us already feel—that Sebright is a truly special place. Key points included:

- Children are happy, safe, and eager to learn
- Teaching is strong, and outcomes are high
- Behaviour is positive, bullying is rare, and peer support is strong
- Leadership is united and effective
- Parents are supportive and engaged
- Governors are active and committed



Looking Ahead

Over the coming weeks, we'll work with school leadership to set the 2025/26 School Development Priorities, and the LSC will continue to support their successful delivery.

Before I wrap up, I wanted to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to the Friends of Sebright. This year they've led our incredible Winter and Summer fairs, run food sharing events after school, contributed to our OPAL program, and so much more. In addition to provide exceptional experience and memories for our children, they help fundraise so we can drive improvements that can be enjoyed for years to come. Thank you to everyone involved!



As always, we value your input. If you have feedback or want to get more involved, feel free to stop me at the gates or email me via the school office.

Thank you to the children, staff, parents and community for a wonderful school year. Wishing you and your families a wonderful summer break!



AND LASTLY FROM MR WARREN

The Blossom Governors do a magnificent job and I feel hugely supported in my role. They are present, active, interested and hard working. We are lucky to have them. A big thank you for the work you do for our children, staff and families.



The table below shows our end of Key Stage 2 outcomes across the Federation and I am delighted with the progress our children have made, especially those with additional needs. Our staff team prepare the children well for Y6 and the children gave their all. A big well done to everyone.

**We hope you
have an amazing
summer. See you
in September!**

KS2 EXS+	Daubeney	Sebright	Lauriston	Hackney	National
Reading	85%	84%	88%	83%	75%
Writing	87%	80%	77%	82%	72%
Maths	85%	79%	77%	82%	74%
Combined	83%	75%	75%	75%	62%



DAUBENEY CHILD & FAMILY HUB



The Hub is doing well with a range of professionals who are co-located in the space. Among those are Baby Steps Psychology Services, Speech and Language Therapists, Domestic Abuse Advisors, Shelter, Young Hackney, Solace Refugee and Citizen Advice Bureau and we are in the process of working with Children's Social Team Family Support Unity to co-locate the team manager one day a week.

The Hub will be moving to a new phase of the Children & Family Hub framework model, which will look at the 1001 days and beyond age group. This first year of the Children & Family Hub delivery model focused on support services and programmes targeted at children of 0-2 years of age. From April 2026 we hope Hackney will be exploring a much wider delivery model with longer extended opening and closing hours and weekend access. This is to allow services that cater to the older age group of children to access the Hub from other children's centers and link into Young Hackney, primary and secondary aged children.

The Hub parent panel is doing well. A trip has been organised a trip for families to Walton on the Naze in August using the funding allocated by Hackney through the Hub budget. We currently have 9 parents represented on this from across the neighborhood. They are primarily set up to represent the parents' voice

The Governing Board are proud to oversee Daubeney's Child & Family Hub. It does incredible work and the team are instrumental in support our local families. A big well done to Suzanne and the team.



SEBRIGHT CHILDREN CENTRE

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The Centre is in a good place with a secure budget and many children on roll!

From 1st September Hackney is no longer offer subsidised childcare places to working parents in high income bands (over 60K), and as a result we have moved from a 5 banding fee structure to a 3 banding fee structure. This will have some teething issues but we are committed to working with our families to support this change.

From 1st September 2025: Eligible working parents of children aged 9 months and above will be able to access up to 30 hours of free childcare per week. This expansion aims to make childcare more accessible for working parents, enabling them to balance employment and family life more effectively.

We are hoping that we start seeing a significant increase in the take-up of these places for our baby room, which has always been the most popular room that parents want. By April 2026 we should have a clear indication whether the Centre will need to explore expanding our 0-2 childcare facility by opening an additional baby room. This will form part of the ongoing discussion with Hackney.

On Monday 23rd Hackney leaders met with the center staff team to go through the Lesson Learnt report that has been published and shared with all Hackney staff in Early Years. This report was produced following Hackney decision to put a hold on closures of centers in Hackney. Hackney have confirmed that we be fully operational for the academic year 2025-2026. Hackney want to look at the impact of how the additional childcare funding for 0-2 and reduction of subsidy for high income families will impact on the deficit that Hackney is facing. They also informed staff that if by next August Hackney still finds that they must make closures, this will go out to consultation again. This hopefully will give the center another year of operation.

Governors are supportive of the work the centre provides for its community. They recognise there have been some uncertain times but are determined that it is business as usual and the quality of provision continues.