

Blossom Federation

Daubeney, Sebright and Lauriston



Executive Head Teacher Update



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Dear Parents & Carers

Assessment season is upon us. This began just before half term with our Y6's all sitting their SATS (Standardised Assessment Tests). As usual, this was a slickly executed week, planned meticulously by our leaders to take into account the needs of our children. Subsequently, the children were confident, calm and well supported. Some of our Governors—Annwen Johnson, Katie Lewis and Katy Beale all attended to observe the process with the Heads of School. The Senior Leadership and Management Advisor for Hackney—Damien Parrott—also conducted a very positive monitoring visit at Sebright, describing the process as 'exemplary'. This week we have begun the Y4 Multiplication Checks and the Y1 Phonics Check. Other year groups are undertaking their own teacher assessment in preparation for your children's end of year reports.

I get the opportunity to visit many other schools as part of my role, but I am always so pleased that Daubeney, Sebright and Lauriston are the Blossom Schools. There is so many great things happening which put the children at the heart of the learning—recently, I have seen WOW days about Australia, art exhibitions, sporting tournaments, nature residentials, translation poetry and a range of visitors and trips. I am really proud of our schools and the learning they offer.

In other news, Sebright Children Centre had a registration visit from Ofsted, which is a fairly routine activity. This was a positive experience for the team and Suzanne, Juliet and I were very pleased. Some good learning for us too and excellent preparation for a formal inspection in the future. I also was part of the interview panel for the new batch of School Ambassadors....simply a joyful experience for me and the team to hear from our confident and articulate, well prepared children. Our 'Be Yourself Day' on 26th June is fast approaching and info has been shared with all schools. If any parent would like to hear more about the content of the day, please contact the Heads of Schools or PSHE Leaders.



Sebright

Construction of the additional resourced provision (ARP) is now complete. It looks stunning. The provision will open in September with six children who will be part of Sebright school. They will also receive specialist input from our newly formed ARP Team. This will be led by Miss Collins, Miss Tidey and our newly appointed lead teacher, Miss Silva. This will be called **The Meadow** and will have brand new facilities including two classrooms known as Ladybirds and Dragonflies, as well as therapy and group rooms spaces. I am very excited to show you all these spaces in due course with an official opening. Some magnificent art! Right now, we are busy furnishing and equipping the space ready for our children. Sebright have been the first of our schools to have their summer SIP visit—this went very well indeed. Well done team!



Daubeney.... had a Governors Day recently where there was a Governor Newsletter takeover....Mr Logan demonstrating his delegation skills! Check out the website. Daubeney were also moderated by some other Hackney school leaders for writing last week—this was a very pleasing experience for our Y6 Team. They were very impressed with the standard of our children's writing. Well done. I attended the presentation at The Tomlinson Centre from the children who went to Tenerife. This was lovely to see and Miss Alonso and I were very proud. Fingers crossed we receive the funding for a Blossom Trip next year! We have had a number of spelling bees this term—I loved a spelling bee as a child. It was this experience which made me want to be a teacher! Daubeney's *It Takes a Village* event takes place on 17th July. I'm pleased to tell you we've booked the on site swimming pool for Daubeney next year! This worked so brilliantly at Sebright last term—I have managed to secure a federation discount!! Coming up 'Marley in the Park'....a Federation music event. Watch this space.

Lauriston.....As you are aware, Lauriston has been selected to receive funded solar panels which will be installed in the summer. We are one of four London schools to receive this funding from the Mayor of London. It is exciting we have this as a focus for our work on the environment and will be interesting to see what benefits this brings to the school. You will have noticed we need to crowd fund £15k towards the costs. Our Y6 children have been on their residential trip and look like they've been having a blast. Mr Harris and Miss Panesar joined Miss Elliot (two weeks away!!!) for a visit and report much enjoyment. Our Y5 children have visited the British Film Institute as part of their Spanish curriculum. Across the school, the children's geography focus has been spectacular. Coming up Lauriston's Summer Fair, Hackney Music and Dance Festival and an end of term Y6 extravaganza! Lauriston will be moderated for their Y6 writing soon. We expect good things from them. I am pleased to tell you we've booked the on site swimming pool for Lauriston too!



Locally, our children contributed to some local planting to improve the green spaces around Sebright.

More news and highlights on our websites and the school Instagram sites.

Enjoy, Mr Warren