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Executive Head Teacher Update



There is always such a lot going on, but we are entering my favourite time of year. Our settings come alive with a wealth of seasonal activity. Who doesn't love a Christmas jumper?! It is all concerts and fairs and celebrations - a big shout out to all our staff who create utter stage magic with our children, as well as our parent helpers and volunteers who give up their valuable time to provide such a great experience for our communities. Even though there are a wealth of end of term events, the quality learning experiences across our schools continues. Check out our website Advent Calendars too!

As well as all of the above, we are reflecting on the financial situation in education and the challenges this brings. Our schools are doing well in terms of pupil numbers, which many other schools are struggling with, but we cannot be complacent. We know this is a competitive market and our schools have to continue to offer a really strong provision for our children and families. Hackney are not planning on closing any schools this year, but are looking at solutions to the falling roll issue from September 2026 onwards. At our Blossom Schools, by working creatively together to best maximise our finances, we are in a good position, although we do need to tighten and streamline where we can and some rationalisation has been taking place over the past twelve months. This will be challenging over the next few years. We are very well supported by our excellent Governing Body and the Local Authority themselves as well as our communities. We are optimistic about our future!





@daubeneyhackney News!!

It has been busy few weeks at **Daubeney**. Recently, Mr Logan, Miss Gustave and Mr Dharma hosted a fantastic SEND themed 'It Takes a Village,' which was very insightful in promoting our approach to inclusion. Mr Dharma has also been asked to support a few of the Jewish schools with their inclusive practice. Their session was followed up by a parent SEND Conference. Miss Gustave also hosted a large group of Chinese Masters students working with UCL. Hugely though.....Daubeney also were awarded **Mental health & Wellbeing School of the Year!** What an accolade. It is PR PR PR!

You may have also noticed, Da Cafe is now selling healthy breakfasts. Well done to all our Da Cafe staff.

The concerts and end of term events are well underway and we are delighted with the children's progress, participation and enthusiasm in these. A big well done to our PCTA for an amazing winter fair. The Daubeney family working together!



In the summer holidays, **Lauriston** had 144 solar panels installed on the roof as one of four London schools chosen by the Mayor of London. Last week, we officially launched this with a special assembly with visits from London's Deputy Mayor Mete Coburn, Deputy Mayor Bramble, MP Meg Hillier and other local counsellors and the team from *Stokey Energy* who have supported this initiative. The children were very knowledgeable about all things green and sustainable. We were fascinated to know that beavers have been brought back to London to help clean the rivers, pioneered by two called Justin and Sigourney :) Across the curriculum, we have seen children visiting the Churchill War Rooms, 'travel' to a Greek Taverna to experience being a travel writing as well as making amazing videos to show the development of vocabulary at the school. Check out the reading areas too! A big well done to the PTA for an outstanding winter fair! An example of excellent community work.



Highlights



@lauristonschool

At **Sebright**, things are never quiet! The Meadow, our new Additional Resourced Provision (ARP) is gathering momentum now. We have had a number of visitors from local schools to see the provision and it is looking awesome! Practice is being influenced across our school to further develop our language excellence.

Reception have a very lovely new outside area. This took a little while to complete but was well worth the wait. Having such large grounds is wonderful but can also be a challenge! We also have some new Reception toilets which look very fancy. We have also had a number of visitors from local schools to see our OPAL provision at Sebright. Well done to Ms Bird for promoting our Federation play!

Curriculum highlights include some Spanish Christmas cards, a kitchen disco and dissecting a heart! Wow!

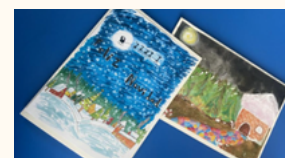
We also met Miss Robert's little chap Cameron this week.

Our festivities continue with the Winter Fair on Friday.



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Reading Corners



Strategic Thinking



This was the Heads and Deputies at LGFL working on some self evaluation



Look out for the annual Blossom Christmas Video....premiering next week!