

Blossom Federation

Daubeney, Sebright and Lauriston

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Executive Head Teacher Update

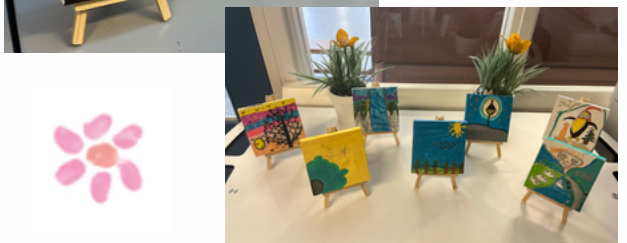
A Happy New Year to you all. *Can we still say that?* Of course we can, because we are **95** days into January! Despite the gloomy weather, things are nice and sunny within Blossom and across our schools. Phew!

It has been a great start to the year. The children who are going to Tenerife in March, all met for their first meet and greet at Lauriston this week. It was wonderful to see them practising their Spanish and getting to know each other. The children (and adults) are definitely very excited about this trip. One outcome for the afternoon was to design our logo for the 'merch'. It is lovely to see children (and adults) from across the schools mixing. This experience will help cement some lifelong friends I think.

My week in residence at Sebright last week was excellent. It is a rare thing for me these days to spend a longer period in any one place, which does make me nostalgic from the time I was a Head Teacher myself. Having that sense of daily continuity is hugely valuable. Miss Corpe and I spent some time looking at books and learning environments across the school which was very pleasing. Some lovely learning going on, not just at Sebright but across the schools.

The Heads of School and I have been part of setting up a leadership coaching offer for Hackney Head Teachers. We are now going to be delivering the training for this to a new batch of Head Teachers. This is a wonderful piece of continuing professional development, but also good for our Heads of School to recognise the very effective jobs they do!

Check out our Mini Art project at Sebright!





**Daubeney
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It has been busy few weeks at **Daubeney**. It is always heartening to see how busy and booming *Da Cafe* is. Our cafe workforce are doing such an amazing job. Thank you.

Recent highlights for the school include: Y6 Bikeability, Drawing Club, Y6 Arsenal Football Club Social Project, Whole School 'Book Fortnight' - Greta and the Giant, Y6 IntoUniversity Experience - graduated from Oxford University, Y6 Football team representing Hackney, Y4 student received Hackney Mayor's music award, Mental Health & Well-Being School of the Year award, Y5 Reading Champions visiting Hackney Town Hall and multiple places of worship class visits.

One lovely feature at Daubeney, is our weekly guest parent speakers in assembly. This allows the children to hear about difference jobs and experiences for the children to think about. Thank you to all who have given their time.

Last Term, Sarah, our wonderful cook was recognised by winning Hackney's Rising Star award. Last week she was interviewed for a local publication...she is quite the celebrity these days!

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News!!



Lauriston are as busy as ever. Mr Jones took the KS2 choir to perform with Vox Urbane Chamber Choir at St George's Cathedral. Wow! What astonishing performances. And what an incredible venue! There are some lovely things happening across the school:

- Curious Quest / Drawing Club Interventions in Yr1
- Into Film Project for Year 6
- D.T projects and outcomes across the school
- Whole School Reading Swaps each fortnight
- Sports Events / Tournaments
- Neurodiversity Parent Workshops & 1:1 sessions with our specialist teacher
- Reading Champions visiting Hackney Town Hall
- EYFS role play areas....check out the fire station!
- Parent Volunteers - impact throughout the school
- Range of Educational Trips / Places of worship visits
- Language Translation workshops
- Visit from Deputy Mayor of London RE our sustainability and climate change action plan / solar panel initiative / and we received a letter from Mayor of London too!

**Lauriston
School**



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Highlights

At **Sebright**, things are never quiet - just a few of our recent highlights....

- Jump into a book - parents workshop and meeting to raise parental engagement in reading with their children.
- Poetry Competitions for Reception - Y2 and KS2 - the winners will be published and their are prizes for the overall winner and the school.
- Displays show the learning across the curriculum and always get complimented by visitors.
- Stay & Play competition linked to healthy eating and language development. All children's work that was chosen to go into the books. *Food Friends* has been published and we are waiting for the next book.
- Y5 Flip the Script - film making workshops delivered by Rich Mix.
- Reading Buddies - Y5 and Reception Classes reading together once a week.
- ARP (The Meadow) - supporting children's learning across the school - sensory circuits to get children ready to learn, literacy groups to support language development and writing.
- Year 1 Curious Quest - the extension to Story Club; developing children's language for writing.

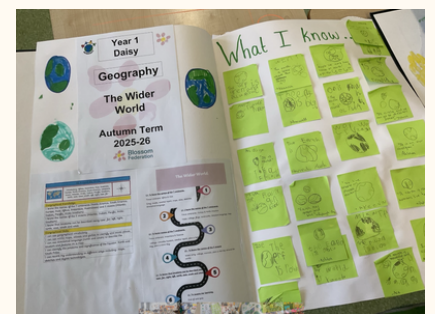


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Children Centre Display!



Other Highlights



This was the Heads and Deputies working at Daubeney working on some self evaluation. And yes, that is my Spiderman waterbottle

