

Blossom Federation

Daubeney, Sebright and Lauriston



Executive Head Teacher Update



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Dear Parents & Carers

Wow January was LONG! I am so pleased it is February as this now means Spring is on the way. With a few more weeks till Half Term, we have already achieved a great deal to start 2025.

We received confirmation last week that development of the **Sebright** Additional Resourced Provision (ARP) will commence in Half Term. This is a relatively simple, 12 week programme, converting the rooms around the Learning Space (to the left of the main offices) into a new provision for children with language and communication needs. When it eventually opens in the Autumn Term, this will celebrate nearly three years of work getting to this point. It will be a wonderful addition to our inclusive provision. Terry and I are excited to begin development of *The Meadow*, as it will be known. The team have been clearing and organising....with a little help from Nova.



It has been a week of connections. I have met with the Chairs of each Local School Committee and this week have our individual school local committee governor meetings. We were able to share updates from each school, reflect on any learning and next steps for us in strengthening leadership across the schools. I have always felt very fortunate to have Will Emms as our Chair of Governors, but I also hugely value Katie Beck, Annwen Johnson BEM and Katie Lewis who provide such calm and steady leadership and guidance to our schools. Thank you.

Furthering the theme of connections, this week I am meeting with my Vancouver colleagues to share our updates on all things storytelling. You know that we have lots planned including promoting this at the forthcoming Hackney Head Teacher's Conference in March. Myself and another Vancouver buddy have been asked to speak at an equality conference in June. Exciting stuff!

Blossom Updates

Last week, all of our Senior Leadership Team members across the Federation came together for our termly meeting. These are always valuable events which celebrate good practice sharing, undertaking some training and discussing the impact and implementation of any local, national or contextual changes. As well as looking at **Lauriston's** work on medium term planning and the implementation of floor books, **Daubeney's** portfolio of personal development tools and **Sebright's** work to further develop learning behaviour, we pursued our storytelling focus. Our Business Team (Jatin and Lorraine) shared their Hackney tales, and we heard from Mrs Bird about her journey from attending a local Hackney Primary School to her outstanding role as Pastoral Care Manager across Blossom. It was wonderful.



Coming up soon is a Federation School Council event at **Lauriston**, where there will be a focus on creating art work inspired by the children's own story telling. It will be lovely to bring our councillors together to share experiences and build even better links.

At **Daubeney**, one of our children received a music scholarship which was presented at the Hackney Music Festival last week. We are super proud of this young man. Not only that, Mr O'Flynn received his award for Excellent in Music Education Practice. Some high achievements here! **Daubeney** also hosted lunch for some of our Reception parents....they were very complementary about the food and the children's manners. We held the termly Hackney Schools Teaching Alliance Meeting at **Daubeney** this week too.

Last week, one of the Hackney Human Resources Team was on a bus, and she spotted a class from **Sebright** out on a trip. This must have been important because she emailed immediately to say how impressed she was with the children's behaviour and manners. It is always wonderful to receive such feedback. A big well done. Last week it was The World of Work week, and Sebright were busy experiencing fire fighting, food servicing and textile making to name a few professions. In addition, each year group has had a visit from someone from the community who has explained their job. This included someone from City Farm, the post office, a theatre, the fire station and Cyber Security. This is all excellent preparation for the world ahead.



At **Lauriston**, it has been a few weeks of visitors. One of my Southend Schools came to **Lauriston** for the day and spent some time looking at our EYFS and Nursery, Y1 as well as the introduction of Floorbooks and the development of the curriculum. They were very impressed and the **Lauriston** Team were magnificent in sharing excellent practice.

I am delighted to say our indicative Reception numbers look promising. We look forward to welcoming new children and families in September.

Check out our fancy new living fence at Sebright Children's Centre too!

Check out the highlights section of each site. A reminder about our Instagram sites **@BlossomExecHT** **@DaubeneyHackney** **@SebrightPrimaryBlossom** and **@LauristonSchool**. Plus our sites **@daubeneycfhub** and **@sebrightcentre**

Don't forget our Instagram sites too, to find out more about the work and learning we do.....

Mr Warren