

Blossom Federation

Daubeney, Sebright and Lauriston



Executive Head Teacher Update



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Dear Parents & Carers

I hope our families enjoyed a lovely Eid Celebration over the weekend.

The Spring Term is almost finished and we are looking forward to the Easter Break.

This term, I have been proud to see our schools host a number of professional visits for other school leaders who want to see our provision. This has included a several Hackney Schools visiting *The Nest* at Daubeney, Southend Schools coming to see Daubeney and Lauriston, Islington Leaders wanting to explore our inclusive provision and even Head Teacher's from an educational trust in Cambridgeshire who were very impressed with our OPAL and Early Years at Sebright. This makes me very happy and is a wonderful thing for our schools to be able to showcase what they do best; this provides a little boost for the staff to receive excellent feedback from the outside. Keep up the good work all. Our Governors had a session at Hackney School of Food doing what the children do when they visit. It was brilliant.



Excitingly, some of our Daubeney children have been whisked off to Tenerife with Miss Alonso for a visit to a school to immerse themselves in Spanish. What an amazing opportunity for them. We hope to build on this next year, because as a Federation, we have put in a bid for some funding to take children from all our schools to Gran Canaria fingers crossed we are successful.

I was asked to be part of the Hackney Head Teacher's Conference planning group; the theme was Beating the Odds: Belonging, Leadership and Change. As part of this, I presented we were able to continue our focus on storytelling and hear from a number of influential people, both in Hackney and outside about their educational journeys. Myself and another Hackney Executive Head have been asked to speak at a conference in June about how storytelling has influence our school practice. This is exciting. Lots going on!

And finally, a shout out to Jatin Shamji, a very key person in my life. He has been busy beavering himself away to organise the budgets of our five Blossom establishments plus the budgets at another Hackney Federation. Setting one budget is tricky....he has multiple! He's worked very hard as always to ensure the Blossom Federation continues to grow and strengthen. Thank you. We are lucky to have you.



Blossom News

Daubeney

Apart from some sunny Spanish adventures, Daubeney has been a hive of activity—multiple trips and visitors—IntoUniversity, Cardinal Pole, London Symphony Orchestra, London School of Economics and the Science Museum to mention just a few. The quality of learning at Daubeney is beautifully illustrated on their highlights website page. Such creative learning opportunities and smiling faces. I want to say a big thank you to Trisha MacDonald and Fataima Ahmed who are leaving Daubeney School at the end of this term. A big thank you to you and all the best for your exciting futures.



Sebright

We are still awaiting our Ofsted call so it is all systems go at Sebright. Things are looking good! Sebright have been gallery Extraordinaires this term—a fabulous art exhibition led by Miss Miah and a space exhibition from Early Years - all in just a few weeks. An artist called Sophie Tea came to do a workshop with the children for Comic Relief. The finished art work is incredible! Miss Roberts is off on Maternity Leave after the holidays. We wish Miss Burrow all the best in her new post as the new Acting Assistant Head Teacher.



Lauriston

More exciting enrichment opportunities at the school this term—Queens Collage Translation Exchange, Big Foot Arts Education and an exciting continuing Inter Film project, as well as a variety of activities for neurodiversity week. The Nursery have had some chicks visit.....a good experience for them to learn that they don't feed on plastic dinosaurs! And check out Lauriston's very beautiful and visual new playground mural—wow! Next term we welcome back Miss Jassal-Okuro. She tried working at another school but realized Lauriston was better and wanted to return!



Have a brilliant Easter break whatever you are up to. Enjoy the rest, activity and hopefully sunshine!

Mr Warren