

Are you coming to Strawberry Fayre?

Lauriston School Garden is open as part of the Chelsea Fringe

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FOR ONE DAY ONLY

MAKE a mini SCARE CROW



MAKE a Botanical Print to TAKE HOME

Cream TEAS & ICES

STROLL in the APPLE ORCHARD



STRAWBERRY Plants FOR SALE

Saturday 16th May 12-5pm

LAURISTON SCHOOL CONNOR STREET ENTRANCE NEAR VICTORIA PARK E9 7JS

CALENDAR

May 11th-14th	Y6 SATs week	
May 15th	Y6 SATs Treat (during school time)	
May 18th	Homework due in	
May 18th-22nd	Class assemblies	
May 18th- 22nd	Travelling Book Fair	After school
May 22nd	Last day of half-term	
May 25th- 29th	Half-term	
June 9th	Sports Day	
June 16th	Reserve Sports Day	
June 19th	Class photos	
June 22nd-26th	Y6 at PGL	
June 26th	End of Year Reports out to parents	
30th June and 1st July	Parent report 'drop in'	3:45 – 7:00pm
July 1st	Update Meeting for parents	6pm-7pm
tbc	Writing open morning	
July 2nd	Hackney Y6 Transition Day	
July 6th-10th	Lauriston Transition Week	
July 14th	Leavers Assembly	2:00pm
July 17th	Clubs finish	
July 21st	Last day of term	
September 7th	Autumn Term begins	First day for children

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and had a great long weekend. Talking to the children it seems that many of you made the most of it by going to the park, seeing friends, attending parties and even going on a 'city break'. Talking of breaks, I'm sure you will be pleased to hear that it's only two more weeks before half term (25th – 29th May), but before that we have our SATs week. So next week is the chance for Year 6 to shine. I know that they and their teachers have all been working so hard. I want to wish them lots of luck and I sincerely hope it goes really well for them. We have organised a breakfast for them which will start at 8:45 on Monday and I understand a treat has also been planned for Friday.

I'd also like to remind you that homework for Years 1-4 is due in on Monday 18th May, which is also the date for Year 4s assembly (9:30 start): Year 1 is on Tuesday 19th (9:30 am), Year 3 is also on Tuesday 19th May (10:30am) and Year 5 on 20th May (9:30am). Year 2 are in the middle of their SATs and so will do their assembly after half-term.

Have a great weekend.
James

Scouting and Cycling

We have had several minor accidents involving scooters or cycles in the playground. Could you remind your children that scooting and cycling are **not allowed in the playground or building at any time**. Many thanks for your understanding.

School Orchard

Right now the apple and plum trees are blossoming. In the past two weeks we have had a couple of incidents of children snapping off branches and picking blossoms. In order to ensure a harvest we need to make sure that before children go into the orchard they understand they must not do this. Once in the orchard all children must be properly supervised. If the blossoms are picked or the small fruits snapped off we will have no fruits. It would be wonderful if all of you could help make children understand that they absolutely must not pick or snap off fruits or blossoms. The flowers are beautiful and tempting and the children need help to understand why they shouldn't pick them.

I am appealing to all to help foster a spirit of guardianship towards the trees we have planted, that way we can all enjoy the fruits come September.

The gate will be installed next week and with everyone's help the orchard can be a place we all enjoy.

Best wishes
Jojo on behalf of the garden

LSA News

LSA meeting: Tuesday 12 May at 7pm in the parents' room

Would your child like to learn to build their own computer game?

If your child is interested in computers and loves playing computer games, why not bring them along to the fourth Barclays and Hays CoderDojo in London where they will learn to code their own game in Scratch and anything else our kids and mentors might come up with on the day! CoderDojo is an event designed to engage young people in Technology. It's a worldwide network of young programmers with over 500 dojos all over the world. CoderDojo makes development and learning to code a fun and sociable experience; it puts a strong emphasis on open source and free software, and has a strong network of members and volunteers globally.

Date: Saturday 16th May, 10:00 – 14:00

Venue: Presentation Suite 1, Level 2, 1 Churchill Place, London

What you need to bring: A child (you will also need to attend for the duration of the event), packed lunch and laptop with scratch downloaded ([can be downloaded free here](#)). Entry is free but we have only ten places which will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

To book contact neil.allgood@gmail.com

We'll send out further details on what you need to do before the day. In the meantime if you have any questions please contact Neil as above.

How else can you get involved? We are still looking for people to mentor on the day so if you have some hours to spare your support would be appreciated.

Cob in the Community

For the Lauriston Waste Bench project, mud building educational specialists, Cob in the Community has been working with year 3 Birch and Hazel class. We collected plastic bottles and used these to make 'bottle bricks' – i.e. plastic bottles made really hard by cramming them full of plastic waste and crisp packets. Children were next asked to be designers and make 3d clay models of how they wanted their bench to look. A design was selected and work began. The children learnt how to make the next set of building materials from waste - this time using a traditional building technique called cob. Cob is clay mixed with straw and sand. The clay was recycled from a local art studio in Hackney and from 200m below Tottenham Court Road - thanks to the Cross Rail excavations!

Our junior mud builders have been having a great time making cob and then building their bench. One mother wrote to say, "Just wanted to tell you how much Bea (who is 8) is loving making the bottle and cob bench at Lauriston School. It's a great project. Thanks for bringing it to us."

We are hoping to have the bench completed in time for the school summer fair and need your help. We need to collect 100 large plastic bottles, ideally smooth-sided with their tops and bottoms cut off to make recycled plastic roof tiles.

We are proud to be the first in the UK to initiate such a pioneering, inspiring and heart-lifting project. The children have learnt so much about working with 45 million year old clay and 21c waste to make their own bench.

Want to help out?

www.cobinthecommunity.org

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Subject Spotlight

The Modern World at Lauriston

This half term our whole school topic is The Modern World, which has presented the perfect opportunity for the whole school to explore modern technology and computing. Computer Science, Information Technology and Digital Literacy are taught creatively across the school as part of the Computing curriculum. In Year 1 children have been using the Internet to research modern housing and make Powerpoint Presentations to share. Coding is being taught in lots of exciting ways, including using Bee-bots and Pro-bots in Early Years and KS1. In Year 3, they have been learning to use Scratch, and understand algorithms through instructing someone to make a jam sandwich; there was jam and butter everywhere, demonstrating how important it is to give clear instructions! In Year 5, children have been game developers, designing and developing their own computer games. You can see their games in progress on their class blog: <http://padlet.com/Tolu/1q3ji4oce911> Code Club is also continuing weekly at Lauriston, run by our fantastic volunteer Richard.

Kerri Sellens, Computing Lead

Certificates (Last week and this week)

Larch – Wendy, Aoife, Barbary, Kai

Fir – Mae, Michael, Olivia

Beech – Arjun, Alice, Hannah, Bella

Lime – Leonardo, Georgia, Jake, Mia

Poplar – Lily, Altay, Casper, Amourey, Fin

Hawthorn – Leon, Ali, Gael, Jason

Hazel – Navar, Jethro, Jace, Savannah, Olivia

Birch – Harrison, Anjali, Fin

Maple – Hannah, Daniel P, Ruby, Tyrese, Isla

Spruce – Amber, Sibella, Frida, Rosabella, Callum B, Jake B

Chestnut – Lara, Alice, Leon, Sam

Plane – Shegun, Layyah, Liliana, Daisy

Oak – Elise, Lily, Ashley, Elijah

Best Attendance: Larch Class
Oak Class

week beginning 27/04/2015

week beginning 04/05/2015